

What's Recyclable Now

PLEASE PLACE IN YOUR MDRR RECYCLE CART

Recycling has evolved and so have the markets for recyclable materials. Overseas companies, mainly in China, have recently announced a ban on certain types of recyclables and **will no longer accept recyclables that are not properly cleaned**. Mt. Diablo Resource Recovery (MDRR), and nearly every recycler throughout the United States, is now burdened with these new restrictions that limit specific items accepted as recyclable and requiring only clean recyclables be exported overseas to be recycled. This challenge has left our company and the recycling industry as a whole with the task of re-educating the public on recycling, while at the same time, looking for new markets for the processing of recyclable materials.

How To Tell If Your Plastic Product is Recyclable

While there are many types of plastic, only a few are currently recyclable. So before you place a plastic product in your recycling cart, it's pertinent to know if it can in fact be recycled. Luckily, the average plastic product is able to tell you if it's recyclable or not.

Take a nearby water or soft drink bottle, and look at the bottom of it. You should be able to see, though faintly, an embedded or printed mark that looks like a triangle (or a recycling icon with three arrows, shaped roughly like a triangle) with a number in the middle. This mark is usually molded into the plastic, so if you don't see it right away, try tipping the bottle to catch the light in a way that makes the mark easier to see. The number inside the triangle will be somewhere between 1 and 7. For now, the only plastic products that are recyclable will be labeled with either a "1" or a "2" here. The rest of your plastic waste is NOT recyclable and should be placed in your waste cart. If you don't see this symbol at all – which can be the case with items like children's toys and other non-disposable items – then assume that the item is not recyclable, and place it in your waste cart.

A good rule to follow would be to thoroughly clean any container you want to recycle, both glass and plastic. **Here is a list of popular items that are recyclable:**

Clean Plastic (We only take plastics 1 and 2)



TUPPERWARE



#1 PLASTIC



#2 PLASTIC SIPPY CUPS



BLEACH CONTAINERS



MILK JUGS



#1 PLASTIC BOTTLES



DETERGENT CONTAINERS



#2 PLASTIC BUBBLE BOTTLE



#2 DRINK BOTTLES



#1 SNACK CONTAINERS



#1 PASTRY CONTAINERS

Containers **MUST** be free of ALL food residue and liquid.

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Clean Paper



CARDBOARD



PAPER BAGS



NEWSPAPERS



PHONE BOOKS



MANILA FOLDERS



WHITE AND COLOR PAPER



WINDOWLESS ENVELOPES



**SHREDDED PAPER
(IN PAPER BAGS)**



PAPER TOWEL TUBES

Clean Metal



CANS



FOIL



ALUMINUM CANS



PIE TINS



STEEL CANS



TIN CANS

Clean Glass



GLASS BOTTLES



GLASS JARS



BABY FOOD JARS



PICKLE JARS

What's Non-Recyclable Now

DO NOT PUT IN YOUR MDRR RECYCLE CART

Non-Recyclable Items



COFFEE CUPS



PLASTIC PLATES



ZIPLOC BAGS



WINDOWED PACKAGES



FOAM PRODUCTS



WOOD



BATTERIES**



EGG CARTONS



SOILED PIZZA BOXES



WIRES



HAZARDOUS WASTE**



DIAPERS



**OIL CONTAINERS *
(OLIVE, VEGETABLE, ETC.)**



**PEANUT BUTTER AND
HONEY CONTAINERS ***



**ITEMS WITH
FOOD RESIDUE**



PLASTIC BAGS



CIGARETTES

* It is exceedingly difficult to completely clean these items without residue being left behind, making them non-recyclable.

** Item must be disposed of properly. Do not put in recycle or garbage cart. Please see mdresrec.com for information.

Non-Recyclable / Reusable Items

Before you decide to place an item in the landfill, consider trying to reuse it. Many items can be reused for containing leftovers, or used as organizers for household items. You can also use items as creative craft projects, or as containers.



PLASTIC BAGS



PLASTIC UTENSILS



PLASTIC TOYS



HEAVY PLASTIC BOWLS



**MIXED MATERIAL ITEMS
SOME ARE RECYCLABLE (SEPARATE)**



#6 PLASTIC CUPS



#7 PLASTIC CUPS



#5 PLASTIC CONTAINERS