



KNOW IT BEFORE YOU THROW IT.

The Recycling Raccoon Squad is here to help Michigan reclaim its title as the greatest recycling state in the country. These rules for **curbside recyclers** will help you up your game, but take **note** – the rules in every town are a little bit different. Check with your local recycler to be sure you know it before you throw it.



PRECIOUS METALE

✓ YES

METAL

- Tin, steel and aluminum cans and lids
- Clean aluminum foil

? MAYBE (Check with your local recycler)

- Empty aerosol cans without hazardous materials

→ TO DO

- Rinse and empty before recycling
- Labels are OK to leave on

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- Wire hangers
- Scrap metal
- Screws and nails
- Needles and syringes



PAPER MACKAY

PAPER

- Paper with staples/clips
- Magazines and newspapers
- Envelopes with plastic windows
- Wrapping paper without glitter or foil

- Paper coffee cups

- Paper should be clean
- Cannot have any food residue or grease stains

- Used paper towels, tissues or napkins
- Cash register receipts



GLADYS GLASS

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- Clear glass food jars are accepted (e.g., pasta sauce, pickles, etc.)

- Brown, green and blue glass bottles
- Nonfood clear glass (e.g., health and beauty products, etc.)

- Rinse and empty before recycling
- Labels are OK to leave on

- Glass used for cooking – like Pyrex
- Lightbulbs



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PLASTIC

- Plastic pop, water and other drink bottles
- Plastic food and household bottles/jars (e.g., ketchup, laundry detergent, shampoo, cleaning products, etc.)
- Plastic tubs and lids (e.g., yogurt, margarine, etc.)

- Plastic produce, deli and bakery containers (e.g., cookie trays, party cups, clear egg cartons, etc.)
- Plastic nonfood containers and packaging (e.g., CD cases, clear formed plastic packaging, etc.)
- Plastic bulky items (e.g., lawn furniture, large storage bins, etc.)
- Plastic bags, wraps and film

- Rinse and empty before recycling
- Labels are OK to leave on
- Drop off non-curbside-recyclable plastic bags and wraps at local retail stores

SQUAD TIP:
Plastics have a number printed somewhere on the item. The general rule is that 1s and 2s are accepted everywhere. Check with your local recycler on 3s-7s.



CARLOS CARDBOARD

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- Nonrefrigerated paperboard or boxboard (e.g., tissue boxes, cereal boxes, etc.)

- Paperboard for refrigerated and frozen items (e.g., frozen dinner boxes, pop cases, etc.)
- Paper cartons (e.g., juice, milk, etc.)

- Flatten cardboard
- Cannot have any food residue or grease stains
- Tape, staples and labels are OK

SQUAD TIP:
If it doesn't go in the refrigerator or freezer, it is recyclable curbside even if it seems shiny.



FRANK

OTHER

SQUAD TIP:
Check with your local recycler for drop-off locations or events for items not recyclable curbside (e.g., batteries, clothes, electronics, hazardous materials, etc.).

- Batteries: Drop-off locations and mail-in opportunities are available
- Household materials (e.g., paint, clothes and mattresses): Drop-off locations and community events are available
- Drop-off locations are available for clean, non-food-contaminated Styrofoam™

SQUAD TIP:
Use this website to find a convenient drop-off location:
michigan.gov/recyclingdirectory

- Rope, twine, hoses and wire
- Items with food residue

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