

Thank you for recycling!

Below is a list of acceptable items to be placed in your recycling bin, and a list of non-acceptable items that should be placed in your garbage. Only the items listed below are accepted in the program. Placing trash or other non-acceptable items in your recycling container may contaminate the entire container or recyclables. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Rumpke at 1-877-786-7537 or visit www.rumpkerecycling.com



Place in your bin!

Plastic Bottles

- Soda, milk, detergent, shampoos and small mouth bottles that are made of #1 or #2 plastics
- Labels don't need to be removed
- Please rinse and flatten

Glass

- Clear, brown, green and blue glass bottles and jars from food products
- Labels do not need to be removed
- Please rinse

Paper

- Office paper/computer paper
- Folders
- Mail: letters, brochures, advertisements and magazines
- Correspondence: legal pad paper, colored paper and message sheets, self adhesive notes, index cards and fax paper.
- Envelopes: with or with out windows, colored and coated allowed, labels allowed
- Brown papers: brown envelopes, cardboard boxes, brown grocery bags and cereal boxes
- News quality papers: newspaper, phonebooks, wide-lined news print

Cans

- Aluminum beverage cans, steel food/tin cans and empty aerosol cans
- Labels don't need to be removed
- Please rinse and flatten

Place in your trash can!

- Caps
- #3-7 plastics
- Bowls, buckets or tubs, oil jugs
- Film or plastic bags

- Lids
- Window or drinking glass
- Light bulbs
- Broken glass

- Pizza boxes
- Milk cartons
- Text books
- Candy wrappers
- Dirty plates, cups and napkins
- Facial tissue

- Paint cans
- Coat hangers
- Steel scrap

Why Can't I Recycle Certain Items?

We strive to accept as many items as possible. However, we cannot collect certain items because of contamination issues or lack of market availability. For electronics or household hazardous material recycling, please contact your county's solid waste district.



Plastic

Caps

Caps are not made of the same plastic as the bottle so they end up becoming a contaminant in the system.

#3, 4, 5, 6 & 7

Markets for these types of plastics are limited. Even if the label says the bottle is recyclable, we currently have no market for them. You may want to call the manufacturer of the product and suggest using different packaging or look for products in plastic #1 and #2 bottles.

Bowls, buckets, tubs or #1 food trays and containers

Although many of these containers are marked #1 or #2 plastic, these containers are different. They have a chemical additive that makes them act negatively in the recycling process.

Oil jugs or antifreeze

Oil is a contaminant to a recycler's cleaning process. Even if the bottle has been washed, our markets still identify it as an oil jug.

Film or plastic bags

There are many different types of plastic bags, making it impossible for us to separate. Additionally, the company's ask that these items be kept clean and dry, a task almost impossible in the recycling process. Your local grocer may recycle their own bags.

Glass

Lids

Lids contaminate the glass.

Window glass, drinking glass or light bulbs

These types of glass are chemically different than the glass in bottles and jars, making them contaminants.

Broken glass

Broken glass presents a safety issue.

Paper

Pizza boxes and milk cartons

Pizza boxes contain food waste, which is a contaminant. The milk carton is also lined with plastic film, which is a contaminant.

Cans

Paint cans

Paint is a special waste and not compatible with the recycling process.

Coat hangers and steel scrap

These are recyclable products, but Rumpke doesn't accept them in curbside collection due to such a small volume. To recycle, try calling your local scrap dealer.

What are your recyclables made into after leaving Rumpke Recycling?

Plastic:

New bottles, carpet fibers, drainage pipes, park furniture

Glass:

Fiberglass insulation components

Newspaper:

More newsprint, paperboard, construction paper

Steel cans:

New tin, steel products

Aluminum cans:

New cans, rain gutters, window frames