



COMMINGLED RECYCLABLES AND MIXED RESIDENTIAL PAPER SPECIFICATIONS

Commingled Recyclables, consisting of recyclable glass, aluminum, cans and plastics:

Materials Accepted:

Aluminum food and beverage containers
Glass food and beverage containers – brown, clear, or green
Ferrous (Iron) cans
PET plastic containers with the symbol #1 – narrow neck containers only
HDPE natural plastic containers with the symbol #2 – narrow neck containers only (milk and water bottles)
HDPE pigmented plastic containers with the symbol #2 – narrow neck containers only (detergent, shampoo, bleach bottles, etc. without caps)
Plastics with symbols #3, #4, #5, #6, #7-narrow and screw top containers

Materials Not Accepted:

Lead acid batteries
Dry cell batteries
Microwave trays
Mirrors
Window or auto glass
Light Bulbs
Ceramics
Porcelain
Plastics unnumbered
Plastic bags
Coat hangers
Glass cookware/bakeware
Household items such as cooking pots, toasters, etc.

All glass containers must be empty and free of metal caps and rings and contain less than 5% food debris.

All tin cans, bi-metal cans, and aluminum cans must be empty and contain less than 5% food debris.

All aerosol cans must be empty with less than 5% content

All plastic containers must be empty, caps removed; less than 5% food debris.

Mixed Residential Paper – Mixed Residential Paper consists of a mixture of various qualities of paper not limited as to type of fiber content, with less than 2% of prohibited materials and 10% of outthrows.

Acceptable Fibers Includes:

Newsprint
Old corrugated cardboard
Magazines
Catalogs
Cereal boxes
Telephone books
Printer paper
Copier paper
Mail
All other office paper without wax liners

All Fiber must be dry and free of food debris and other contaminating material. Tissues, paper towels or other paper that has been in contact with food is not acceptable.

“Outthrows” shall mean all papers that are so manufactured or treated or are in such a form as to be unsuitable for consumption as the grade specified”.

“Prohibited Materials” shall mean (a) Any materials which by their presence in a packing of paper stock, in excess of the amount allowed, will make the packaging unsafely in the grade specified, or (b) any materials that may be damaging to the equipment.”

The maximum quantity of Outthrows is the total of Outthrows and Prohibited Materials.

In addition to the standards set forth above, Recyclables must be of such a quality and nature as not to:

1. Materially impair the strength or the durability of the WMRA's structures or equipment; or
2. Create flammable or explosive conditions in WMRA's facilities, no dry cell batteries or lead acid batteries accepted; or
3. Contain chemical or other properties which are deleterious or capable of causing material damage to any part of WMRA's property, its personnel or the public; or
4. Include any hazardous or toxic substance as defined by applicable Federal or State regulations, or any medical waste, including syringes.

Loads not meeting the specifications may be rejected in whole or in part by WMRA