

RECYCLING GUIDE

Sorted material is baled by large machines at the PG Material Recycling Facility. Each unique bale is identified as to the type of recycled material which tends to portend the value of that particular item. The bales can be classified as: polypropylene, hdpe color, hdpe clear, PET, aluminum, tin and steel, mixed paper, rigid plastic.

What cannot be sorted and recycled ends up in the trash.

You can help the process by recycling properly. Know the list of items that can be recycled and those that cannot. Some stuff simply needs to be put in the trash directly by us as residents. This reduces the sorting necessary and potential contamination of recycled product. If in doubt, throw it in the trash.

THROW OUT:

- bottle caps of all types, these small items are not easily handled by the sorting equipment. OK to recycle if secured to bottle.
- Aluminum foil (foil pans are OK).
- Red Solo Cups – Love that song, but they are brittle and not useful in recycling.
- Medical equipment, plastic needles.
- Remove the spray cap/plunger from plastic spray bottles, throw in the trash.
- Shredded paper, it simply won't make it through the rough and tumble of the journey. Likewise small pieces of paper may jam the machinery.
- Plastic bags - take to the grocery store for recycling.

DO RECYCLE:

- Empty metal spray cans (no paint spray cans).
- Foil containers.
- Large plastic items like laundry baskets can be recycled even if no code

A word on pizza boxes. The clean parts of a box may be recycled and the soiled part may be composted. Any doubts, throw it in the trash.