

## Curbside Recycling Program – Single Stream

**Nearly all single-stream\* recycling programs in Delaware accept the following items:**

- Aluminum cans
- Plastic containers that are rigid, such as bottles, jugs, crates, and tubs.
  - PET (#1)
  - HDPE (#2)
  - LDPE (#4)
  - PP (#5)
- Mixed Resins (#7)
- Glass bottles/jars
- Steel/Tin cans
- Aseptic containers and cartons
- Papers
  - Magazines, catalogues, telephone books
  - Junk Mail
  - Envelopes
  - Newspapers
  - Corrugated Cardboard
  - Boxboard (cereal boxes)
  - Clean paper bags
  - Colored Paper
  - Paperback books
  - White Office Paper

**\*Single-stream refers to recycling systems where recyclables are commingled. Items such as cans, bottles, and papers can all be mixed together. This makes it very easy, and convenient for people to recycle. It also saves transportation in the collection process. The single-stream recyclables are processed at Material Recovery Facilities (a.k.a. MRFs – pronounced “murfs”) where very sophisticated machinery separates the materials.**

Plastic containers are usually labeled with a symbol and a number. The symbol does NOT mean that the container is acceptable in your recycling program. The number actually identifies the type of plastic resin that the container is made from. Containers labeled with a 1 or a 2 are almost always accepted because they are the highest value resins. Resins 4, 5 and 7 are now accepted in most programs in Delaware.

**All items must be bagged in clear or white trash bags only.  
We can not accept any items bagged in black bags.**

## **Examples of what is NOT acceptable in most programs:**

- Anything with food residue or liquids
  - Pizza boxes free of cheese, sauce, and crust are OK for recycling
- Used aluminum foil or trays
- Styrofoam
- Waxed paper
- Plastic shell packaging
- Electronics
  - Rechargeable batteries
  - Cell phones
- Ink cartridges
- Building materials
- Organics, Compostables, and Yard Waste

Being "not acceptable" does not necessarily mean that it is not recyclable. It means that your recycling collector does not want it.

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