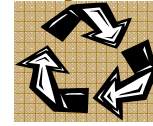


# Thanks for Recycling with

# City of St. Bernard Recycling



Thank you for recycling? Below is a list of acceptable items to be placed in your recycling bin. Only the items 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 questions or concerns, please call the City Garage at 242-0086.

## Acceptable

## Not Acceptable

### Plastic

- Soda, milk, detergent, shampoo, & small-mouth bottles with a #1 or 2 on the bottom
- Labels do not need to be removed
  - Please rinse and flatten

- Caps  
#3,4,5,6,7  
Bowls, buckets or tubs; oil jugs  
Film or Plastic bags

### Glass

- Clear, brown, green & blue glass bottles and jars in which food products are packaged
- Labels do not need to be removed
  - Please Rinse

- Lids  
Window or drinking glass  
Light bulbs  
Broken glass

### Paper

- White ledger paper:** personal computer, copy machine and typewriter paper; white ledger pads, adding machine tape  
**Folders:** manila, colored and coated folders  
**Mail:** letters, brochures, advertisements, magazines.  
**Correspondence:** legal pad paper, colored paper and message sheets, self-adhesive notes, index cards, fax and telex paper  
**Envelopes:** with windows, with labels, colored and coated  
**Computer paper:** continuous form or ground wood  
**Brown Paper:** brown envelopes, cardboard boxes, gray cartons, brown grocery bags, and cereal boxes  
**News Quality Papers:** newspaper, phonebooks, wide-lined news print

- Pizza boxes  
Milk Cartons  
Text Books  
Candy Wrappers  
Dirty plates, cups and napkins  
Facial tissue

### Cans

- Aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans  
steel food/tin cans  
Empty aerosol cans
- Labels do not need to be removed
  - Please rinse and flatten steel scraps

- Paint cans  
Coat hangers



## Why Not?

### Plastic

- Caps? The 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. Look for products in recyclable containers.
- Bowls, buckets, tubs or #1 food trays and containers? Although they 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 has been antifreeze? Oil is a contaminant to a recycler's cleaning process. Even if the bottle washed, our markets still identify it as oil
- Film or plastic bag? There are many different types of plastic bags, which make it impossible for us to separate them. Your local grocer may recycle their own bags.

### Glass

- Lids? Lids contaminate the glass.
- Window glass, drinking glass, or light bulb? These types of glass are chemically different than glass in bottles and jars, therefore, they are contaminants.
- Broken glass? The potential for glass to fall on the street or for you and the driver to be cut is too high.

### Paper

- Pizza boxes? May contain food waste, which is a contaminant. The grease is also a contaminant.
- Milk Cartons? May contain food waste, which is a contaminant. The carton is lined with plastic film.

### Cans

- Paint cans? Paint is a special waste and not compatible with the recycling process.
- Coat hangers & steel These are recyclable products but the City of St. Bernard accepts only as a special pickup. Call the City of St. Bernard to make pickup arrangements.

## What are your Recyclables Made into After They Leave St. Bernard Recycling?

- Plastic:** New bottles, carpet fibers, drainage pipes, park furniture.
- Glass:** New glass containers, road bed aggregate, fiberglass components
- Newspaper:** More newsprint, paperboard, construction paper, animal bedding
- Steel Cans:** New tin, steel products
- Alum. Cans:** New cans, rain gutters, window frames