



Top 5 confusing recyclables

Understanding which materials you can and can't recycle can be confusing, especially as programs change and new materials are added. Below is a list of the top 5 most confusing items that are, in fact, recyclable in your curbside program.

- 1. Cartons**, including milk, juice, soup and broth cartons, were recently added to recycling programs. There are several layers of valuable materials such as paper, aluminum and plastic inside cartons that can be recovered and recycled into new materials.
- 2. Plastic cups and containers** such as yogurt cups or sour cream tubs are now accepted in curbside recycling programs.
- 3. Clear plastic produce and deli containers** or take-out containers that are clean are also now accepted in curbside recycling programs. Styrofoam goes in the trash.
- 4. Laundry room items** such as plastic detergent jugs and boxes from dryer sheets are often overlooked. Remember to recycle beyond the kitchen!
- 5. Bathroom items** such as plastic shampoo and lotion bottles or boxes from toothpaste and medications are all recyclable.

Plastic shopping bags and wrap can't be recycled curbside, but you can bring them back to the store for recycling. Many grocery and retail stores accept plastic bags.

Recycle your food scraps with Blue Bag organics recycling!

Are you interested in reducing the amount of trash that goes to landfills? More than 30 percent of our trash is organic material that can be composted. You can sign up for the Randy's Blue Bag Organics program and put all your food scraps, food-soiled and non-recyclable paper into a blue bag that goes into your regular garbage cart. After collection, the compostable bags are separated from the trash and taken to a compost facility.

This program is voluntary – residents who would like to sign up for the program should contact City Hall at 763-479-4305. The cost of the program can be offset by reducing the size of your garbage cart.

For more information, visit www.ci.loretto.mn.us and click on Recycling.



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