



# SPARTA TOWNSHIP

## DO'S AND DON'TS OF RECYCLING

When it comes to recycling, it seems simple enough, but sometimes it can be difficult to know what goes in the recycling bin and what goes in the trash. Please review the list of curbside recycling do's and don'ts to help with the confusion.

### **DO:**

- be sure to flatten cardboard as much as possible. (Or use a large box as a "container" for other recyclable items.)
- rinse all containers until they are clean – e.g., plastic juice/milk jugs, yogurt containers, sour cream containers.
- throw out the small lids on plastic bottles.
- recycle plastics numbered one, two, four or five – these are the most commonly accepted plastics (bottles, tubs and jugs are usually made with these types of plastic).
- keep the lid of metal cans attached, folding them inside the can to cover the sharp edge left from the can opener.
- recycle aluminum foil, trays and pie plates – foil is easy to wipe clean, you can use it as much as possible; when it's time to go in the bin, be sure to clean it!
- Do Recycle:
  - Food and beverage containers, such as milk, soda, water, salad dressing.
  - Jars and containers used for peanut butter, soap, and aspirin bottles.
  - Mail, junk and otherwise, including brochures, fliers, white/light envelopes.
  - Aluminum, tin and steel cans, such as soda, beer, tuna, and vegetable – including empty aerosol cans.
  - Printed paper such as newspaper, magazines, phone books, legal pads.

### **DON'T:**

- put recyclables to the curb in plastic bags – see through or otherwise; the hauler will not pick up recyclables that are in plastic bags.
- throw plastic shopping bags in with recycling – plastic bags can be reused, and if they are clean, can be recycled at local grocery stores. (A better option is reusable cloth bags.)
- toss every plastic container in the recycling bin. Not all plastics are recyclable - look for the recycle triangle.
- put used pizza boxes in the recycling bin. Although clean cardboard is recyclable, if the box is contaminated with grease, it cannot be recycled.
  - **Don't Recycle:** Mirrors, Lids from glass containers, Paint cans, Wax paper, Window glass, Ceramics, Light bulbs (Regular bulbs can be placed in the trash, fluorescent and LED bulbs should be properly recycled at the Sussex County MUA), Styrofoam peanuts (however, large packing Styrofoam can be properly recycled at the Sussex County MUA)

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