

# RECYCLING GUIDELINES

# YES!

## Clean & Empty

Replace lids & caps

## Put material in loose - Not in bags



## METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



## PAPER

Cardboard (flattened),  
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines



## GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



## PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs,  
and Jars Only



## CARTONS

# NO!



**No Plastic Bags**  
**No Plastic Wrap**  
(return clean to retailer)



**No Big Items** (Electronics, Wood,  
Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam –  
see [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling) for other recycling options)



**No Tangles** (Hangers, Hoses,  
Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



**No Clothing**  
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



**No Food, Liquid, Diapers,**  
**Batteries or Needles**



**No Shredded Paper**  
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for other recycling options)

These Guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois. For greater detail on specific items or programmatic variations, reach out to your local authority.

To find out more detail, including recycling and reuse programs beyond the bin, visit [countyofkane.org/recycling](http://countyofkane.org/recycling), or contact [recycle@countyofkane.org](mailto:recycle@countyofkane.org) or 630-208-3841.

Also see the EPA online resource at

<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/Pages/recycling.aspx>

