WHAT TO Recycle IN
YOUR BIN OR CART

PLASTIC RULE:

RECYCLE PLASTIC CONTAINERS,
UP TO 5 GALLONS IN SIZE ONLY. DISREGARD NUMBERS & TRIANGLE.

EXCEPTIONS? No foam containers, plastic bags, “empty” motor oil or antifreeze bottles, “compostable” cups, containers that crinkle (e.g. seedling plug trays), or shatter (e.g. CD cases).

EMPTY + RINSE • DON’T CRUSH CONTAINERS FLAT
GENTLY REPLACE PLASTIC CAPS + LIDS • NO STRAWS

GLASS RULE:

RECYCLE GLASS BOTTLES + JARS ONLY.

EXCEPTIONS? No broken bottles or jars.

EMPTY + RINSE • REMOVE METAL LIDS + RECYCLE SEPARATELY

METAL RULE:

RECYCLE METAL CANS, FOIL + LIDS ONLY.

EXCEPTIONS? No foil-plastic hybrids (e.g. yogurt lids, juice pouches, chip + candy wrappers)

EMPTY + RINSE • DON’T CRUSH CANS FLAT • DO BUNCH UP FOIL

PAPER + CARDBOARD RULE:

RECYCLE PAPER + CARDBOARD THAT IS MOSTLY CLEAN + DRY ONLY.

EXCEPTIONS? No sanitary paper (e.g. napkins, tissues, paper towels) and no waterproof cardboard (e.g. fridge/freezer boxes, coffee cups) EXCEPT cartons (e.g. juice, milk, broth).

TAPE, LABELS, STAPLES OK • FLATTEN CARDBOARD
DOUBLE-BAG SHREDDED PAPER IN CLEAR BAGS

ONLY shredded paper is accepted in plastic bags. Do not set out any other recyclables in plastic bags.
### Do Not Recycle in Your Bin or Cart

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<td>You can compost leaf + yard debris at home: rirrc.org/compost. For pick-up, check on your city/town’s collection schedule. Leaf + yard debris can be set out in paper lawn bags, but never in plastic bags.</td>
<td>You can compost food scraps (but no meat, dairy, or processed foods) at home too: rirrc.org/compost. If you do not compost at home, all food waste goes in the trash.</td>
<td>Take plastic bags + film that are clean, dry, at least somewhat see-through and at least somewhat stretchable to any large grocery, pharmacy or big-box store in RI. Clingy food wrap is trash.</td>
<td>Take any dry, odorless textile (even torn, stained, or non-apparel items like sheets) to any “clothing” bin in RI. There is a bin at RIRRC too. No rugs, carpeting, or rugs covered in hazardous waste (e.g. motor oil).</td>
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<td>Look for words like hazardous, poisonous, toxic, flammable, combustable, etc. Make an appointment to drop these items off at an Eco-Depot event: rirrc.org/ecodepot or 942-1430 x 241.</td>
<td>Place needles &amp; lancets in a hard plastic container, seal, and label as “SHARPS,” then either schedule an appointment for dropping the container off at an Eco-Depot event, or place the container in the trash.</td>
<td>Check rirrc.org/meds for a local drop-off or separate medication from its bottle and ruin it by crushing pills and/or mixing pills + liquids with something like coffee grounds before placing in the trash.</td>
<td>Check with your city/town for a local collection, RIRRC accepts TVs, computers, and computer plug-ins (e.g. mouse) in the state program: rirrc.org/ewaste. Your local program may take “anything with a plug.”</td>
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<td>Save scrap metal for an occasional trip to a drop-off center. Check with your city/town for a local option. You can also bring it to a private metal recycler where you may be paid for it: goo.gl/maps/5d7qo.</td>
<td>Check with a local UPS or FedEx store to see if they accept peanuts. For other clean, dry foam check with your city or town or bring to RIRRC for free rirrc.org/dropoff. Spongy foam goes in the trash.</td>
<td>Take donatable books, CDs, DVDs, and VHS tapes to any “book” donation bin in the state, such as Discover Books. There is a bin at RIRRC too: rirrc.org/dropoff.</td>
<td>Fats, oils, and grease should never go down the drain. Cooking oil (vegetable, corn, olive) can be dropped off for conversion into biofuel. Check with your city/town or take to RIRRC: rirrc.org/dropoff.</td>
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<td>Check with your city/town for a local collection of bulky plastics, tires, mattresses, appliances, etc. You can also take these to RIRRC (fees may apply): rirrc.org/dropoff</td>
<td>Check with your city/town for a local collection, or hire a waste removal company. You can also bring it to RIRRC directly, for a fee: rirrc.org/dropoff.</td>
<td>Items made up of equal amounts of different materials or 3+ different materials cannot be recycled. Find special programs at terracycle.net or place in the trash.</td>
<td>If you are unsure about an item or want to find out if it is eligible for recycling through another special program not listed here, please visit our A-Z list at atoz.rirrc.org.</td>
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### A-Z

- **A**: A-Z list at atoz.rirrc.org.
- **B**: Bulky waste.
- **C**: Check with your city/town for a local collection of bulky plastics, tires, mattresses, appliances, etc. You can also take these to RIRRC (fees may apply): rirrc.org/dropoff.
- **D**: Donatable books, CDs, DVDs, and VHS tapes to any “book” donation bin in the state, such as Discover Books. There is a bin at RIRRC too: rirrc.org/dropoff.
- **E**: E-waste.
- **F**: Fats, oils, and grease should never go down the drain. Cooking oil (vegetable, corn, olive) can be dropped off for conversion into biofuel. Check with your city/town or take to RIRRC: rirrc.org/dropoff.
- **G**: Glass, but no bottles, beverage cans, or food cans. |
- **H**: Hybrids.
- **I**: Items made up of equal amounts of different materials or 3+ different materials cannot be recycled. Find special programs at terracycle.net or place in the trash.
- **J**: Jewelry.
- **K**: Knives, scissors, etc. |
- **L**: Leaves and yard waste. |
- **M**: Medications.
- **N**: Needles & lancets in a hard plastic container, seal, and label as “SHARPS,” then either schedule an appointment for dropping the container off at an Eco-Depot event, or place the container in the trash.
- **O**: Office supplies (pens, paper, etc.). |
- **P**: Paints, varnishes, adhesives.
- **Q**: Quilts, blankets, and pillows.
- **R**: Rags, carpeting, or rugs covered in hazardous waste (e.g. motor oil).
- **S**: Scrape metal for an occasional trip to a drop-off center. Check with your city/town for a local option. You can also bring it to a private metal recycler where you may be paid for it: goo.gl/maps/5d7qo.
- **T**: Tires.
- **U**: Upcycled materials.
- **V**: Vehicles.
- **W**: Waxes, cleansers.
- **X**: X-ray film.
- **Y**: Yarn, thread, lace, etc.
- **Z**: Zero waste.