Recycling Guide

Paper

- Mail, office and school papers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Phone books
- Shredded paper in closed paper bags

Boxes:

- Cardboard
- Cereal and cracker boxes
- Shoe boxes, gift boxes and electronics boxes
- Toothpaste, medication and other toiletry boxes

Cartons

- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soup, broth and wine cartons

Glass

- Food and beverage bottles and jars

Plastic

Bottles & jugs:

- Water, soda and juice bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Ketchup and salad dressing bottles
- Dishwashing liquid bottles and detergent jugs
- Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles

Cups and containers:

- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Disposable cups and bowls
- Margarine, cottage cheese, and other containers
- Produce, deli and take out containers

Packaging:

- Clear packaging from toys and electronics

Metal

- Food and beverage cans

Don't recycle: Styrofoam™, plastic wrap, microwaveable food trays, paper soiled with food, paper plates and towels, drinking glasses, dishes, mirrors and containers that held hazardous products.

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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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