

RECYCLING is happening in western Mass.

Yes, please recycle these papers & containers:*



Clean papers, cardboard, empty pizza boxes, paperboard, magazines/catalogs, paperback books, gift wrap/bags/tissue paper and greeting cards
(no metallic inks, foil, glitter, batteries).
Paper clips, staples and metal spirals are ok.



Metal cans, foil, milk and juice cartons, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles/jars/tubs/jugs, clear plastic hinged containers (clamshells), clear plastic egg cartons, clear plastic cups.
Labels and caps on bottles are ok.

No, thanks:*



*Lists are not all-inclusive

Please check www.springfieldmrf.org
or call the recycling hotline: 413-755-2239.



THE "YES AND NO" OF RECYCLING IN WESTERN MASS



YES - emptied, rinsed and unbagged:

Aluminum

- cans
- aluminum foil
- pie pans, "disposable" aluminum trays

Steel / tin

Labels do not need to be removed.

- cans: food, pet food, beverage (metal lids OK)
- tin containers (decorative, popcorn, etc.)

Glass

Empty and rinse. Put metal caps back on jars.

Labels do not need to be removed.

- food and beverage bottles and jars, any color

Plastics

Empty and rinse. Put plastic caps back on containers.

ONLY containers smaller than 2.5 gallons are recyclable.

- food bottles, tubs, jars: yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter, margarine, hummus
- beverage bottles and jugs: water, juice, soda, milk (empty, rinse if possible, put caps back ON)
- soap bottles: dish soap, detergent, hand sanitizer
- personal care bottles: hair products, soaps
- clear plastic clamshells (no black or Styrofoam™)
- clear plastic cups, clear plastic egg cartons

Cartons

Recycle w/containers, not w/paper. Straws go in trash.

- milk and juice cartons (plastic spout OK)
- soymilk, soup, wine, drink boxes (no straws)

Paper and Cardboard

Clean paper only. Flatten boxes.

"Windows" in envelopes, staples, paper clips, tape all OK

- newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail
- white, colored, glossy, and construction paper
- corrugated cardboard (tape OK)
- pizza boxes (empty: no food, wax paper, etc.)
- cardboard (i.e. cereal, pasta, tissue: windows ok)
- gift wrap, gift bags, gift tissue paper, cards (no metallic inks, foil, wire, glitter, batteries)
- paperback books and phonebooks (covers OK)

NO - do not place in municipal recycling:

aerosol cans	holiday lights
foil-wrapped pouches (kids drinks, fruit, baby food)	pots & pans
"foil" lids from yogurt containers	utensils
siding	tools
scrap metal	batteries
aerosol cans	appliances
tanks of any kind	pipes
hangers	fuel tanks
scrap metal	car parts
paint cans	batteries
broken glass	fluorescent light bulbs
holiday lights	incandescent light bulbs
wine corks	plate glass
dishes	windows
drinking glasses	eye glasses
plastic bags	vases
plastic wrap/cling wrap	mirrors
cellophane food bags (e.g.,	syringes, sharps
candy bars, cookies, pasta)	
frozen food bags/pouches	
liners from food packaging	
plastic plates	
cups: color or opaque	
Styrofoam™ (polystyrene):	
- cups/take-out containers	
- egg cartons	
- packaging, peanuts	
- meat trays	
foil-wrapped pouches (kids drinks, fruit, baby food)	
frozen food boxes	
ice cream cartons	
frozen juice cartons	
plastic straws	
shredded paper	
soda, seltzer, beer cartons	
frozen food boxes	
ice cream cartons	
frozen juice cartons	
butter, margarine boxes	
paper cups	
paper plates	
paper egg cartons	
take-out containers	
paper towels, napkins	
tissues	

For more information: springfieldmrf.org
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