

Acceptable Materials for Recycling at Colorado State University

Mixed Paper - Acceptable Items

- Computer paper
- Colored paper (pastels only)
- White paper (bond, letterhead, typing, copier, index cards)
- Carbonless paper
- Envelopes (with or without windows)
- Coated paper (fax, brochures, advertisements)
- File folders (manila or pastel)
- Direct mailings
- Paper board (file folder boxes, cereal boxes, etc.)
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Phonebooks
- Books & catalogs (any thickness)
- Brown paper bags

Mixed Paper - Unacceptable Items

- Waxed or plastic-coated paper
- Brightly-colored paper (goldenrod, neons, deep tones, fluorescents)
- Carbon paper
- Food wrappings
- Trash

Cardboard - Acceptable Items

- Corrugated cardboard
- Pizza boxes

Cardboard - Unacceptable Items

- Waxed cardboard

Mixed Containers - Acceptable Items

All plastic containers and bottles must be clean and free of food debris, and must be no larger than 2.5 gallons.

- Any container stamped #1 - #7 (except those listed under ***Unacceptable Items*** below)
- Wide-mouth containers stamped #1 - #7 (e.g. butter, cottage cheese tubs, etc.), snap-on lids okay
- Yogurt containers stamped #1 - #7, snap-on lids okay
- Clear clamshells (e.g. sandwich or cookie containers from the deli or bakery), stamped #1 - #7
- Personal care/Rx bottles stamped #1 - #7
- Pails stamped #1 - #7, snap-on lids okay
- Flower and garden pots stamped #1 - #7
- #7 Nalgene bottles
- Glass drinking bottles & food jars
- Aluminum
- Tin and steel cans
- **Five-gallon buckets** - can be set next to the bins for reuse on campus

Mixed Containers - Unacceptable Items

Containers larger than 2.5 gallons are not acceptable.

- Frozen entree microwave trays
- Food trays or party platters, even if stamped with #1 - #7 (due to contamination issue)

- Film (e.g. shrink wrap, Saran wrap, etc.)
- Plastic bags
- Automotive chemical containers, including motor oil and anti-freeze
- Pesticide containers
- Styrofoam containers
- #5, #6, #7 compostable bottles or cups (these will be marked "compostable" by the manufacturer)
- Pyrex
- Kitchen glassware
- Plastic bags

Batteries - Acceptable Items

- Alkaline
- NiCad (NiCd)
- Gel pack
- Rechargeable
- ***Please call 970-491-0113 for a special collection container (call for empty and return on these containers)***

Paint - Acceptable Items

- Please call Environmental Health Services at 970-491-6746

Surplus - Acceptable Items

- Refrigerators
- Microwave ovens
- Electrical Equipment: computers, monitors, TV's, etc.

Remember, other unused items can be disposed of through Surplus Property at 491-3059

Additional Information

For more information, please contact Sheela Backen at 970-491-0122.