

Recycling Guide

Carmel, IN



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Notes:

- The recycling information in this document are specifically for Republic Services in Carmel, IN.
- Accepted/Not Accepted lists are from Republic Service's website as of November 2020.
- Please refer to Republic Service's website or contact Republic Service's directly with questions or updated information.
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- Republic Services & RE317 are unaffiliated.
- RE317 is focused on doing good for our planet & environment. The purpose of RE317 presenting this guide is to help more people properly utilize available recycling services.

ACCEPTED IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING



Plastics

- Keep lids on bottles or toss them in the trash (too small to be recycled by themselves)
- No plastics bags – drop those off in the approved bin at the grocery store
- No plastic wrappers from food or packaging
- No bubble wrap, packing peanuts, or foam packaging
- All plastic marked #1-#7 (*less Styrofoam®).
- All containers must be Empty. Clean. Dry.™



Glass

- Bottles, jars, colorful glass
- Keep lids on bottles or toss them in the trash
- Rinse and dry. Labels are ok.
- No glass broken into small pieces
- No pyrex or heat resistant glass



Metal & Aluminum

- Beverage cans/food cans
- Metal must be larger than a credit card
- Rinse, dry, put lid in cans
- Remove paper labels
- No aluminum foil soiled with food
- No loose pop tops or bottle caps
- No razor blades, needles or sharps

ACCEPTED IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING



Cardboard

- Boxes, envelopes, folders, paper bags, office paper
- Remove shipping labels and packaging tape from cardboard boxes
- Milk cartons can be recycled if empty, clean, dry
- Flatten your cardboard
- No greasy pizza boxes
- No wet or soiled materials
- No used paper plates or to-go cups



Paper

- Newspaper, mail, magazines, notebook paper, etc
- Pieces need to be larger than credit card size
- Remove staples and paper clips
- Remove plastic windows from envelopes
- No to-go cups or paper plates soiled with food
- No tissue or sparkly wrapping paper
- No paper towels or napkins
- Cereal box type packaging, brown paper bags

NOT ACCEPTED IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING



- Aerosol cans
 - Aluminum foil with food
 - Appliances
 - Batteries
 - Bubble Wrap
 - Ceramics
 - Christmas Lights
 - Clear dome food covers*
 - Clothes
 - Coat Hangers
 - Construction waste
 - Cookware
 - Diapers
 - Electrical Cords
 - Electronics
 - Food Waste
 - Food Wrap
 - Garden Hoses
 - Hardcover Books
 - Household Cleaners
 - Lightbulbs
 - Magnetic strips
 - Medical waste
 - Microwaveable food trays*
 - Mirrors
 - Napkins
 - Paint
 - Paper towels
 - Pizza Boxes
 - Plastic Bags*
 - Plastic Coated Paper (to-go cups)
 - Polystyrene foam plastic*
 - Rubber Balls
 - Shoes
 - Shredded Paper
 - Sports Equipment
 - Stickers & address labels
 - Styrofoam
 - Syringes/Razor Blades
 - Tires
 - Tissues
 - Tools
 - Toys/Stuffed Animals
 - Waxed Cartons
 - Waxed cardboard/paper
 - Window glass
 - Wood/Yard Waste
 - Wrapping paper
- ** Anything smaller than a credit card

*Even if these items have a recycling symbol, they are not accepted through curbside recycling.

Plastic bags & newspaper bags with the recycling symbol can be recycled at several local drop-off locations (check Kroger, Target, etc).

Styrofoam can be recycled at Omni Recycling in Indy.

COMMON RECYCLING MISTAKES



Ziptop bags. Reuse, but do not recycle in curbside recycling.



Disposable cups. The cardboard sleeve is recyclable. The lid is recyclable if it is labeled with the recycling symbol. The cup is NOT recyclable.



Pizza boxes. If the box is soiled with grease, then tear that part off and compost it (or trash). Recycle the rest.



Paper towels & tissues cannot be recycled. Compost or trash these.



E-waste can be recycled through a separate program. Do NOT put them in your curbside bin. Contact Republic Services to schedule a pickup (fees apply).



Yard waste cannot be recycled through your curbside recycling program. Yard leaves, plants, & other plant waste should be composted.

Additional Tips



Don't WISHCYCLE. Good intentions often lead to hoping that something is recyclable. However, it may contaminate the entire batch making it unusable & wasted.



EMPTY, CLEAN, DRY. Please rinse your containers with a little water before recycling. Wet cardboard should be composted instead of recycled.



Do NOT bag your recyclables. Please make sure your unbagged recyclables are securely contained within your bin so windy days do not create litter of your recyclables.



COMPOST. RE317 offers curbside composting to make it easy for you to recycle food waste, leaves, & so much more that hurts our environment by going in landfills.



SEPARATE RECYCLING PROGRAMS. Republic Services offers separate programs to recycle batteries, e-waste, & lightbulbs. Contact Republic Services to schedule (fees may apply).

Ways to live greener



REDUCE & REUSE before recycling. Recycling is great, but reducing your waste is even better & more impactful.



BYOB. Bring your own reusable water bottle. Bring your own reusable coffee mug. Bring your own reusable bags.



Cloth napkins & towels. Cut up old towels to use as kitchen towels. Save money by switching to cloth napkins.



Ditch the straw. Bring your own reusable straw or skip the straw altogether.



Stop buying single-serve packaging. Buy in bulk & then use your reusable container for single servings. Reuse bulk containers when possible.



Pay It Forward. Before trashing or recycling items, consider if someone else can use it. Cardboard boxes & glass jars can often be reused before recycling.