



Always Recycle



**Plastic Bottles, Cups
& Containers**



Paper & Paper Cups



Glass Bottles & Containers



**Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard**



Food & Beverage Cans



Do Not Include In Your Recycling Container



**NO Batteries, Power Tools,
Flammables or Hazardous Waste**



**NO Foam Cups, Containers
or Straws**



NO Food or Liquids



**NO Clothing, Furniture
or Carpet**



**NO Loose Plastic Bags,
Bagged Recyclables or Film**

Empty recyclables
directly into your bin



NO Green Waste

Unacceptable Materials

These items cannot be recycled in the curbside collection program

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| ✗ Appliances | ✗ Hangers | ✗ Plastic Utensils |
| ✗ Bagged Recyclables | ✗ Hard Cover Books | ✗ Propane Cylinders or Tanks |
| ✗ Batteries | ✗ Helium Cylinders or Tanks | ✗ Scrap Metal |
| ✗ Car Parts (Brakes, Rotors, etc.) | ✗ Hoses | ✗ Styrofoam (Packaging, Plates, Cups, etc.) |
| ✗ Ceramics | ✗ Liquids | ✗ Take Out Packaging or Containers |
| ✗ Chains | ✗ Light Bulbs | ✗ Tires |
| ✗ Christmas Trees or Lights | ✗ Loose Caps and Lids | ✗ Tissue Paper |
| ✗ Clothing/Textiles | ✗ Medical Waste and Medication | ✗ Toys |
| ✗ Construction Debris | ✗ Motor Oil or Oil Bottles | ✗ Window Glass or Mirrors |
| ✗ Cords | ✗ Needles, Sharps, Syringes | ✗ Wires |
| ✗ Diapers | ✗ Paint or Paint Cans | ✗ Wood |
| ✗ Food | ✗ Paper Ice Cream Containers | ✗ Yard Waste or Compost |
| ✗ Garbage | ✗ Paper Plates | |
| ✗ Garden Pots or Trays | ✗ Plastic Bags, Wrap, Film | |

Frequently Asked Questions



Why can't we include scrap metal, plastic bags, hazardous waste, garbage, and tangles in the recycling bin?

These items damage equipment or cause serious fires. These materials can also risk recycling haulers' and facility workers' safety which can result in serious injury. Lastly, items that don't belong in the cart are costly to dispose of and can make other recyclables less valuable. For more information about proper disposal of these unaccepted materials, please visit our website: wauwatosa.net/refuse



How do I dispose of paint?

Latex paint should be dried and thrown in the trash. Oil based paints are hazardous waste and should be brought to a household hazardous waste collection site for safe disposal. Visit our website for locations: wauwatosa.net/refuse



Who do I call with questions about my collection service?

Contact Wauwatosa Public Works with questions about collection services: (414) 471-8422 or via email at dpw@wauwatosa.net.