

Thanks for Recycling with

Thank you for recycling! Below is a list of acceptable items to be placed in our recycling bins. Only the items below are accepted in the program. Placing trash or other non-acceptable items in your recycling container may contaminate the entire container or recyclables. Recyclables are also contaminated when they are placed in non-acceptable plastic bags!!! Please use paper bags instead! If you have any questions or concerns, please call Boone County Solid Waste at 859-334-3151.



ACCEPTABLE

Plastic

Soda, milk, detergent, shampoo & small-mouth bottles with a #1 or #2 on the bottom

- Labels do not need to be removed
- Please rinse and flatten
- No lids, please!

Glass

Clear, brown, green & blue glass bottles and jars in which food products are packaged

- Labels do not need to be removed
- Please rinse
- No lids, please!

Paper

White ledger paper: personal computer, copy machine and typewriter paper; white ledger pads, adding machine tape
Folders: manila, colored and coated folders
Mail: letters, brochures, advertisements
Magazines and catalogs
Correspondence: legal pad paper, colored paper and message sheets, self adhesive notes, index cards, fax and telex paper
Envelopes: with windows, with labels, colored
Computer paper: continuous form or single
Brown Papers: brown envelopes, cardboard boxes, gray cartons, brown grocery bags
News Quality Papers: newspaper, phonebooks, wide-lined news print
Cardboard & Paperboard (such as cereal boxes). Please break down boxes to preserve space in the bins.
Phonebooks

Cans

Aluminum and bi-metal beverage cans
Steel food/tin cans
Empty aerosol cans

- Labels do not need to be removed
- Please rinse and flatten

NOT ACCEPTABLE

Caps
#3,4,5,6,7
Bowls, buckets or tubs; oil jugs
Film or plastic bags
Plastic grocery sacks

Lids
Window or drinking glass
Light bulbs
Broken glass

Pizza boxes
Milk Cartons
Text Books
Candy Wrappers

Dirty plates, cups, napkins, or facial tissue

Paint cans
Coat hangers
Steel scrap

Why Not?

PLASTIC

- Caps? The caps are not made of the same plastic as the bottle so they end up becoming a contaminant in the system.
- #3,4,5,6,& 7? Markets for these types of plastics are limited. Even if the label says the bottle is recyclable we currently have no market for them. You may want to call the manufacturer of the product and suggest using different packaging. Look for products in recyclable containers.
- Bowls, buckets, tubs or #1 food trays and containers? Although they are marked #1 or #2 plastic, these containers are different. They have a chemical additive that makes them act negatively in the recycling process.
- Oil jugs or antifreeze? Oil is a contaminant to a recycler's cleaning process. Even if the bottle has been washed, our markets still identify it as an oil jug.
- Film or plastic bags? There are many different types of plastic bags which makes it impossible for us to separate them. Your local grocer may recycle their own bags.

GLASS

- Lids? Lids contaminate the glass.
- Window glass, drinking glass or light bulbs? These types of glass are chemically different than the glass in bottles and jars, therefore, they are contaminants.
- Broken glass? The potential for glass to fall on the street or for you and the driver to be cut is too high.

PAPER

- Pizza boxes? May contain food waste which is a contaminant. The grease is also a contaminant.
- Milk Cartons? May contain food waste which is a contaminant. The carton is lined with plastic film.

CANS

- Paint cans? Paint is a special waste and not compatible with the recycling process. Paint cans can be accepted if they are completely free of paint.
- Coat hangers and steel scrap? These are recyclable products but Rumpke does not accept them on curbside collection due to such a small volume. Try calling your local scrap dealer.

What Are Your Recyclables Made Into After They Leave Rumpke Recycling?

- Plastic:** New bottles, carpet fibers, drainage pipes, park furniture
Glass: New glass containers, road bed aggregate, fiberglass components
Newspaper: More newsprint, paperboard, construction paper, animal bedding
Steel Cans: New tin, steel products
Alum. Cans: New cans, raingutters, window frames

