

## Municipal Solid Waste and Recycling



Municipal solid waste (MSW) includes everything you throw into your trash, including food scraps, yard/lawn clippings, and old appliances. Trash collection for most cities has three bins: black, blue and green.

### General guidelines for recycling:

- Recycle all bottles, cans, and paper
- Keep items relatively clean
- Don't mix plastic bags in with the rest of your recycled items

### Do Recycle in the Blue Bin:

Plastics 1-7  
Paper and Cardboard  
Metals  
Glass

### Don't Recycle in the Blue Bin:

Loose Plastic Bags  
Plastics smaller than your palm  
Soiled or greasy food boxes/containers  
Mylar  
Broken or sharp glass  
Electronics (e-waste)  
Hazardous waste

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In general, what goes into the black bin?

In general, what goes into the green bin?

In general, what goes into the blue bin?

Into which bin should each of the following be placed?

empty cardboard box

used yogurt container

mylar chips bag

pizza box with grease stains

dead alkaline battery

old iPhone

Ziploc bag

styrofoam packing material