

# City of Dayton Recycling Cheat Sheet - WHAT YOU SHOULD RECYCLE

## PAPER & CARDBOARD



Cardboard should fit inside cart.

## METAL CANS



Non-hazardous, non-flammable material only.

## CARTONS



No styrofoam or plastic egg cartons. Remove caps and straws.

## PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS



Reattach lid. Yogurt and fruit cups OK.

## GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



Any color. Reattach lid.

## HAZARDOUS ITEMS

Only materials specified above can be processed safely at the recycling plant serving the City of Dayton Division of Waste Collection. Other materials can be detrimental to recycling equipment. For example: Plastic bags (not acceptable) can get caught in recycling plant equipment, causing plant operations to stop.

The acceptable items list is dictated by end users. In the local system, the City of Dayton is the collector, and Rumpke is a processor. End users are companies that make something new out of materials you send to be recycled. After Dayton collects recyclables and delivers them to Rumpke, the materials are condensed it into bales for passing on to end users. But if there are no end users for a commodity, Rumpke cannot accept the materials. Acceptable items can change from time to time, and we will always update you as this happens.

## HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

It's important to stick to the acceptable items list when placing items in your recycling, but we especially ask that you do not place any hazardous material with your recycling. Here are common hazardous items that do not belong in your trash or recycling:

- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Chemicals
- ✗ Needles
- ✗ Helium and propane tanks

To properly dispose of hazardous items, contact Montgomery County Solid Waste at 937-225-4999 (online information at [www.mcswd.org](http://www.mcswd.org)). You can also find directions on the Dayton Collects app.

## MATERIALS NOT TO BE RECYCLED

The following are not necessarily hazardous but can cause serious problems in recycling plants by damaging machines and stopping operations.

- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Hoses and chains
- ✗ Clothes / sheets
- ✗ Car parts
- ✗ Pots and pans
- ✗ Dishware
- ✗ Window glass
- ✗ Cords, belts, dog leashes
- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Hangers and wires

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How should I prepare my materials?

Rinse plastic, glass, and metal containers. Place them LOOSE (not bagged) in your curbside recycling container the evening before the scheduled collection day.

### What about lids?

Glass containers – remove the lid and place it separate from your bottles and jars.

Cartons – remove and discard all lids and straws from carton containers.

Plastic containers – fasten lids onto bottles, jugs, and tubs.

### Can I recycle Styrofoam?

Styrofoam cannot be recycled (please keep out of the recycling bin)..

### Can I recycle plastic ice cream tubs?

Yes, plastic ice cream tubs are recyclable.

### Can I recycle egg cartons?

Cardboard egg cartons can be recycled, but plastic and Styrofoam egg cartons should NOT be recycled.

