

# Recycling Guidelines

The City of La Crosse uses the 'Single Stream' recycling system. This means all recyclable items can be placed loosely in the cart together. **Do not bag, bundle, or separate items.**

## Acceptable Recyclables:

### Plastics

Plastics  (must be labeled as such)

- Clamshells - including berry containers
- Tubs, bottles, jugs, and detergent containers

### Paper

**Newspapers, Inserts, Magazines, Pressed Paper, Office Paper, & Cardboard**

- Books (hard covers must be removed and discarded before recycling)
- Cereal, cracker, and snack boxes (not the plastic inserts)
- Soda boxes, beverage cartons, and paper towel rolls
- Toothpaste, soap, and detergent boxes
- Mail, receipts, and envelopes-including those with windows
- Cards and gift wrap (no tissue or foil wrapping paper)
- Egg cartons and corrugated cardboard

**Wax Style Cartons - Food & Beverage**

- Milk cartons (dairy, soy, almond)
- Juice, soup, broth, and wine cartons

### Metal

**Aluminum, Tin, Steel, & Copper Wire**

- Aluminum, tin, and steel cans, caps, and lids (labels are okay)
- Empty aerosol and paint cans (detach clean lids and recycle separately)
- Aluminum foil, plates, and containers
- Pots, pans, and wire clothes hangers
- Christmas lights, extension cords, electrical wiring (no coaxial cable)

# Glass

## Glass Jars & Bottles

- Jars and bottles of any color (no other glass items)

## Preparing Recyclables:

- Empty, rinse, and dry containers.
- Plastic bottle and juice box lids should be reattached after rinsing.
- Do **NOT** bag recyclables when placing in City-service cart.
- Using the Single-Stream Recycling system means all recyclable items are thrown in the cart together
- Paper bags, newspaper, and office papers should be thrown loosely into the recycling cart unbundled
- Break down cardboard and pressed paper boxes to make room in your recycling cart
- If it is yard waste, construction material, hazardous material, an appliance, electronics, or does not fall into the category of recyclable then please dispose of it according to our 'Disposal Guide' or 'What Goes Where' widget.

## DO NOT RECYCLE

- Plastics #3, 4, 6 ,7
- Soiled materials such as paper plates or pizza boxes (tops of pizza boxes can be cut off and recycled if not soiled)
- Food waste
- Medical waste
- Yard waste
- Styrofoam (**Contact Hilltopper's or Harter's for more information**)
- Packing peanuts and bubble wrap
- Shredded paper
- Plastic bags or wrap
- Ceramics or dishware
- Windows or mirrors
- Photographs
- Coaxial cable
- Tempered glass
- Plastic shopping bags should be returned to stores that recycle them