



Recycle Right

At the Waste and Recovery Center (WARC) at Hawks Prairie

Plastics: What Can I Recycle?

In Thurston County, plastic is recyclable if it is **bottle** or **jug** shaped (has a neck smaller than its base), or is a **dairy tub**. Plastic buckets and rigid plant pots are also accepted. All other plastic containers go in the trash.

Most plastic containers have a number inside the recycle symbol at the bottom. This number tells you what type of plastic was used to make the item. All numbers are recyclable in Thurston County, as long as the container is a **bottle, jug, dairy tub, bucket, or rigid plant pot**.

Sorting Items at the WARC

Like your curbside cart at home, all **plastic containers** go together. **Plastic bags and film** go in a separate bin. If you are unsure if an item is recyclable, please ask the on-site attendant.

Mixed plastic containers



Bottles & jugs



Dairy tubs



Buckets & rigid plant pots

Plastic bags & film



✗ These Items are NOT Accepted

- No lids or caps.
- No plastic take-out containers or frozen food trays. This includes the clear trays, tubs, and clamshell containers that hold take-out food, deli items, and produce.
- No containers that held hazardous wastes.

Tips to Prevent Contamination

- **Make sure your items are recyclable.**

Read the signs carefully and ask the on-site attendant if you have any questions. Use this flyer when preparing your recyclables.

- **Remove lids and rinse containers.**

Remove all lids and caps from containers. Tin can lids must be attached to the can for recycling. Loose lids go in the trash. Rinse off any remaining food. It's okay to leave labels on.

- **Put your items in the bins loose - NOT IN BAGS OR BOXES.**

Sorting Items at the WARC

In your curbside cart at home, many items go together. Here at the WARC, sort these items separately.

Aluminum cans



Tin cans



Glass bottles & jars



Corrugated cardboard



Mixed paper



✗ These Items are NOT Accepted

- No light bulbs, glassware, ceramic, Pyrex, mirrors, or window glass - only bottles and jars.
- No pizza boxes or food-soiled paper.
- No lids or caps.
- No Styrofoam. You can drop off molded blocks and serviceware (must be rinsed clean) at DART Container Corp., located at 600 Israel Rd S.E., Tumwater.

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