



Recycle right

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

What plastics 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**. Clean plastic buckets and rigid plant pots are also recyclable. 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**.

You can also recycle plastic bags and film at the WARC, but they must go in a **separate bin** than other plastics. Plastic film must be stretchy enough to poke your finger through. Film and bags must be clean.

Remember, plastics containers must be separate from plastic bags and film. 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

✗ The WARC does not accept these items!

- No items in bags or boxes - all items must be **loose** in the bins.
- 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.
- No lids or caps.

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. (Except foam - it must be bagged)**

Sorting items at the WARC

Here at the WARC, each type of recyclable item has its own bin. Be sure to properly separate your recyclables.

Aluminum cans



Tin cans



Glass bottles & jars



Foam



Molded blocks



Food containers (must be rinsed clean)

- Make sure foam has the # 6 recycle symbol.
- Put all items in a clear plastic bag (provided on-site).
- Put blocks and food containers in separate bags.
- No straws, lids, or foam packing peanuts.

Corrugated cardboard



Mixed paper



✗ The WARC does not accept these items!

- No light bulbs, glassware, ceramic, Pyrex, mirrors, or window glass - bottles and jars **only**.
- No pizza boxes or food-soiled paper.
- No lids or caps.
- No foam peanuts. To recycle, call the peanut hotline at 1-800-828-2214 or visit www.loosefillpackaging.com.



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