

Don't be an aspirational recycler!



Only #1, #2, and #5 plastic is actually recycled by Bloomington's contractor, Republic Services:

- ✓ Clean any oily/food residue.
- ✓ Remove any plastic shrink-wrapped labels:
 - × No #3, #6 nor #7 can be recycled.
 - × If there is no recycling code, it's **trash**.



Bloomington takes clean, dry and **bundled** soft (not crunchy) #4 and #2 plastic bags (as of September 2018).

- × **Refuse** as many plastic bags as possible. Make a habit of carrying reusable bottles, containers and bags.
- × **Refuse** plastic straws, plastic water bottles.
- × **Avoid** single-use plastic food wrap.



Reduce the use of non-recyclable items:

- × Paperboard containers & disposable coffee cups coated or lined with plastic to prevent leakage, so are **not recyclable**.

Corrugated cardboard, newspapers, milk jugs, and tin & aluminum cans have a domestic market.



- × But **not** if they have food residue!

Even a small amount of the wrong kind of plastic or soiled paper can contaminate a load so it all goes to the **landfill** – even the good stuff.

Electronics: take to the 3400 S. Walnut Recycling Center for proper disposal. And you can take your white paper and cardboard there at the same time to be sure it doesn't get contaminated.

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