

# RECYCLING GAME INSTRUCTIONS

Creating your own recycling game is easy. All you need are a trash bin, a recycling bin, the below materials, and a willing participant. Place the bins side by side. The instructor then raises a material and the player will say trash or recycling. If the player is correct, the instructor will place the material in the bin. If the player is wrong, the instructor will explain why.

## EQUIPMENT:

- 1X BLUE BIN (14" X 14" X 10" FITS NICELY INTO THE REUSABLE BAGS FOR EASY CARRYING)
- 1X BLACK BIN (SAME SIZE AS ABOVE)
- MATERIALS (CLEAN OF FOOD WASTE, EMPTY OF LIQUIDS, AND PAPER/CARDBOARD MUST BE DRY)

## NO, NOT ACCEPTED

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| Styrofoam cup   | Even though Styrofoam has a #6 triangle, it is not recyclable in the curbside bin. Not everything with a symbol goes in your bin.  |
| Plastic bag   | Never, they tangle the equipment in the factory.   |
| Waxed paper cup   | Never, because of the wax.   |
| Hanger  | Plastic or metal hangers don't go in the recycling bin. They tangle up equipment.  |
| A toy   | Toys, plastic or metal, are not recyclable.  |
| Paperclips, binder clips or other random metal                            | Miscellaneous metal is not recyclable.   |
| Weekly circular in plastic bags   | Ideally, the paper would get separated and recycled, while the plastic bag goes back to the store to recycle or in the trash. If you don't want to separate the bag, then the bagged paper is trash. SWEEPS can fine for excessive recycling in the trash. |
| Clear, color tinted, or black plastic bag                                 | Never.   |
| Plastic fork, knife, or spoon   | Single use plastics are not recyclable in or out of the plastic wrapping.  |
| Napkin or paper towel   | Soft paper (napkins, toilet paper, paper towels) have had the fibers cut too short to be recycled into anything else, except at a paper factory. The City doesn't bring materials to a paper factory.  |
| Coffee cup or soup cup with plastic lid                                   | There is a layer of plastic between the cardboard that keeps the liquid in. They go in the trash.  |
| A stick or piece of wood (representing yard waste and 'natural' material) | Yard waste should be taken to the Sanitation Convenience Centers.  |

## YES, CAN BE RECYCLED

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| Plastic (water or beverage bottle) Numbered 2-1-5   |
| Plastic bottle or container (shampoo, laundry detergent, milk container) Numbered 2-1-5                         |
| Aluminum can  |
| Junk mail   |
| Cardboard box (cookies, mac & cheese, cereal)   |
| Glass (juice, beer, or wine bottle)   |
| Carton (Milk, Juice, Broth) They're recyclable even though they are a little shiny, as are frozen food cartons. |