

RECYCLE WISELY

PLEASE REFER TO THIS REFERENCE WHEN RECYCLING WITHIN MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

If you have any questions about materials not listed here, email SERT at recycling@mcpsmd.org.

MIXED PAPER

ACCEPTABLE PAPER ITEMS

- ✓ Empty milk and juice containers
- ✓ Lunch trays, paper boat trays, paper plates and cups
- ✓ Newspapers (with inserts)
- ✓ Brown paper bags
- ✓ Telephone books
- ✓ Construction paper
- ✓ Files and folders
- ✓ Cardstock
- ✓ Magazines, catalogs, junk mail, and windowed envelopes
- ✓ Cardboard and paperboard boxes (including all cereal boxes without the liners, frozen food packaging, etc.)
- ✓ Corrugated cardboard (all boxes must be broken down)
- ✓ Spiral notebooks and composition books
- ✓ Colored paper, theme paper, and used copier paper
- ✓ Books (including paperbacks, textbooks, and hardbacks)
- ✓ Shredded paper contained in a sealed/tied clear plastic bag
- ✓ Non-metallic wrapping paper
- ✓ Paper bulletin board decorations



UNACCEPTABLE PAPER ITEMS

- ✗ Any paper contaminated with food waste
- ✗ Food contaminated paper plates
- ✗ Food contaminated paper cups
- ✗ Paper towels, tissues
- ✗ Metallic wrapping paper
- ✗ Laminated paper
- ✗ Loose, shredded paper, and plastic-coated paper



COMMINGLED ITEMS

ACCEPTABLE PLASTIC, BOTTLES, CANS

- ✓ Black plastic (PET Plastic #1) food containers
- ✓ Empty plastic milk, juice, and water bottles
- ✓ PET #1 Thermoform plastic packaging, such as clamshell containers, trays, deli containers, lids, and caps
- ✓ #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7 rigid plastic containers, including bottles, jugs, wide-mouth tubs, caps, salad and vegetable containers
- ✓ Aluminum food and beverage containers
- ✓ Bi-metal steel/tin cans, such as soup and vegetable cans
- ✓ Clean aluminum foil and aluminum pie pans
- ✓ Glass containers: brown, clear, and green glass containers jars and bottles
- ✓ Empty non-hazardous aerosol cans
- ✓ Plastic buckets with metal handles (such as floor wax and stripper)
- ✓ Plastic flower pots
- ✓ Plastic drinking cups/glasses (stadium cups)
- ✓ Plastic 5-gallon water bottles

UNACCEPTABLE PLASTIC, BOTTLES, CANS

- ✗ Styrofoam (cups, plates, bowls, to-go containers, and foam packing material of any kind)
- ✗ Materials contaminated with food waste or grease
- ✗ Trash/food waste
- ✗ Colored plastic film (such as candy and food wrappers or bags, colored plastic bags)
- ✗ Plastic cutlery (forks, knives, spoons)
- ✗ Non-container glass (cookware, plate glass, window glass)
- ✗ Motor oil, anti-freeze, and pesticide containers
- ✗ Ceramics
- ✗ Construction and demolition material
- ✗ Vinyl siding
- ✗ Wood