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 Sustainability and Compliance Team 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