# PRINTABLE RECYCLING BIN LABELS

## **Instructions:**

- 1. Print these labels on standard paper or adhesive label paper
- 2. Cut along the dotted lines
- 3. Attach to bins using clear tape (if using regular paper) or peel and stick (if using label paper)
- 4. Consider laminating for durability or covering with clear packing tape to make waterproof

## A PAPER A

Newspapers, Magazines, Mail, Cardboard

### YES:

- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail and office paper
- Cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Paper bags
- Paperboard (cereal boxes)

#### NO:

- Soiled paper (napkins, paper towels)
- Shredded paper (check local rules)
- Waxed paper
- Paper cups with plastic lining

Remember: Keep paper clean and dry!

# **△ PLASTIC △**

Bottles, Containers, Jugs

#### YES:

• Water and soda bottles (#1)

- Milk and detergent jugs (#2)
- Shampoo bottles
- Food containers (yogurt, etc.)
- Clear plastic packaging

#### NO:

- Plastic bags and film
- Styrofoam
- Utensils and straws
- Toys and non-container plastic

Remember: Rinse containers and replace caps!

# A METAL A

Cans, Foil, Containers

#### YES:

- Aluminum cans
- Food and soup cans
- Clean aluminum foil
- Metal lids and bottle caps
- Empty aerosol cans

### NO:

- Paint cans
- Containers with food residue
- Electronics or appliances
- Scrap metal pieces

Remember: Rinse lightly to remove food residue!

# 🕰 GLASS 🕰

**Bottles** and Jars

### YES:

- Food jars (pasta sauce, pickles)
- Beverage bottles
- All colors of glass
- Glass containers

#### NO:

- Window glass or mirrors
- Drinking glasses or crystal
- Ceramics or pottery
- Light bulbs

Remember: Remove lids and rinse containers!

## **△** CARTONS **△**

Beverage and Food Cartons

#### YES:

- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soup cartons
- Broth containers
- Egg substitutes

#### NO:

- Ice cream containers
- Take-out containers
- Frozen food boxes
- Cartons with straws attached

Remember: Empty, rinse, and flatten!



# Check for Special Collection Options

- Plastic bags (return to grocery stores)
- Styrofoam
- Food waste
- Yard waste
- Electronics
- Batteries
- Light bulbs
- Clothing and textiles
- Soiled paper products
- Medical waste and PPE

Remember: When in doubt, throw it out!

## **△ MIXED RECYCLABLES △**

All Recyclables Together

#### YES:

- Paper and cardboard
- Plastic bottles and containers
- Metal cans and lids
- Glass bottles and jars
- Cartons and paperboard

#### NO:

- Plastic bags and film
- Food waste
- Styrofoam
- Electronics
- Hazardous waste

Remember: Items should be empty, clean, and dry!



Food Scraps and Yard Waste

## YES:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Tea bags (paper only)
- Egg shells
- Yard trimmings
- Leaves and grass clippings

#### NO:

- Meat or dairy products
- Oils or fats
- Pet waste
- Diseased plants
- Stickers on produce

Remember: No plastics, even if labeled "compostable"!

Customize these labels based on your local recycling guidelines at <a href="EcoEngineeringHub.com"><u>EcoEngineeringHub.com</u></a>

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