


**MEMORANDUM - CITY OF PASADENA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

DATE: October 29, 2019
TO: Steve Mermell, City Manager
FROM: Ara Maloyan, PE, Director of Public Works 
RE: Changes in Residential Recycling

Recycling is changing in Pasadena due to downward fluctuations in the recycling commodity markets and changes in international policies. The City now only accepts:

- Plastic containers labeled with recycling symbols 1 or 2
- Aluminum cans and foil
- Glass bottles and jars
- Phone books and catalogs
- Food boxes & paper packaging
- Mail, newspaper, and magazines
- Cardboard

Residents should not contaminate your recycling cart with single use plastics labeled with recycling codes 3 through 7. Residents should dispose of plastics 3 through 7 in their green top garbage cart.

The best way for residents to reduce the generation of single use plastics is by not purchasing products made of these materials. Their purchasing power will influence manufactures and retailers to produce products and packaging that is recyclable and less harmful to the environment.

Attached is an informational flyer that illustrates what is acceptable in the City's blue top recycling carts. For more information, resident can contact the Citizen Service Center at (626) 744-7311.

Attachment: Guide to Residential Recycling

Recycling Cart THESE ITEMS DO BELONG IN YOUR BLUE LID CART



Phonebooks



Plastic Containers No. 1 & 2



Glass Bottles & Jars



Aluminum Cans & Foil



Cardboard



Food Boxes & Paper Packaging



Mail, Newspaper & Magazine



Don't Contaminate

THESE ITEMS DO NOT BELONG IN YOUR RECYCLING CART

GARBAGE AND STYROFOAM:

Place in green top garbage cart

CERAMIC DISHES AND CUPS:

Place in green top garbage cart

Clothes, Shoes, or Luggage: Donate or place in green top garbage cart

FOOD SCRAPS: Place in green top garbage cart

PIZZA BOXES: Place in green top garbage cart

SHARPS: Call 626-744-6000 for proper disposal

Household Hazardous Waste (i.e., car battery, fluorescent light bulbs): Call 626-744-7311 for proper disposal

To achieve Zero Waste
Requires that recyclables, solid waste, & organic materials are placed in their proper carts.

