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RECYCLABLES Material must be clean and dry

METAL – Empty and rinse as appropriate

- Aerosol cans (empty and non-hazardous)
- Aluminum foil, foil trays, & pans (clean)
- Cans (e.g., food, beverage, pet food)
- Car parts small (no fluids)
- Coat hangers metal/wire (no paper)
- Lids & caps metal (e.g., from glass bottles, jars)
- Paint cans (remove excess paint, let residue dry)
- Pipes & plumbing fixtures metal
- Pots & pans (no nonstick)
- Scrap metal
- Toys & sporting goods metal
- Utensils metal

GLASS – Empty and rinse as appropriate (remove lids)

- Beverage bottles
- Broken glass
- Cookware & dishware (no Pyrex)
- Food jars
- Windows uncoated/unlaminated
- Wine bottles

PAPER – Staples and tape ok

- Aseptic containers (e.g., juice, soap)
- Bags (e.g., white, colored, non-metallic)
- Books hardback and softback
- Carbonless paper (e.g. receipts)
- Cereal & cracker boxes (remove liners)
- Colored or construction paper
- Egg cartons cardboard
- Envelopes (plastic window OK)
- Frozen food packaging cardboard
- Gift wrap (non-metallic)
- Junk mail
- Magazines & catalogs
- Milk, juice & ice cream cartons clean
- Newspaper clean (including inserts)
- Pizza box tops (little to no grease)
- Shoe boxes
- Shredded paper (tie in clear plastic bag)
- White office paper

PLASTIC – Empty and rinse as appropriate

- Auto parts plastic (no fluids)
- Baskets & flower pots plastic (no black plastic)
- Bottles (e.g., beverage, laundry & household cleaners, personal care products, prescription)
- Buckets

(Plastic cont'd)

- CDs & DVDs
- Clam shell containers
- Coat hangers plastic
- Crates plastic
- Food containers (e.g., yogurt)
- Furniture plastic (e.g., chairs, tables)
- Pet carriers plastic
- Shelving plastic
- Squeezable bottles (e.g., honey, mayo, ketchup)
- Swimming pools (e.g., rigid, inflatable)
- Take-out food containers plastic (no black plastic)
- Toys (no batteries)

FILM PLASTICS – Bundle in clear plastic bag and knot top

- Bags (e.g., bread, dry clean, grocery, newspaper, produce, merchandise)
- Bubble wrap
- Case wrap (e.g., beverage container, snack flats)
- Pallet/shrink wrap



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ORGANICS

YARD TRIMMINGS

- Cactus & yucca
- Flowers, succulents & ice plants
- Grass clippings, leaves, ivy & shrubs, hay, flax
- Holiday trees (unflocked and undecorated with stand removed)
- Landscape vegetation
- Plant trimmings (no poison oak)
- Sawdust
- Sod (remove as much soil as possible)
- Stumps must not exceed 6" in diameter
- Tree trimmings/branches cut to fit loosely in container

FOOD SCRAPS & SOILED PAPER

- Bones & eggshells
- Bread, dough, grains & pasta
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Cooked meat, raw meat & poultry
- Dairy products (no liquids)
- Fish & shellfish
- Food soiled cardboard & paper
- Fruit & vegetables
- Napkins, tissues & paper towels
- Paper cups & plates
- Pizza delivery boxes soiled (bottoms)

ASTM AND/OR BPI CERTIFIED COMPOSTABLE FOODWARE



GARBAGE

PAPER

- Carbon paper
- Milk, juice & ice cream cartons soiled
- Photographs photo paper & Polaroids
- Stickers (in sheets or rolls)
- Take-out food containers paper
- Thermal fax paper
- Waxed paper & waxed cardboard

PLASTIC

- Coffee cup lids
- Diapers disposable
- Disposable razors
- Gloves rubber & latex/single use
- Tied hoses (e.g., car, garden, appliance)
- Ink cartridges & toner
- Pipe PVC/plastic
- Umbrellas plastic

MULTI-LAYERED MATERIALS

- Envelopes (e.g., padded, Tyvek)
- Foil beverage pouches
- Snack packaging (e.g., chip bags)
- Audio & video tapes

POLYSTYRENE/FOAMED PLASTIC

- Cups & plates foam
- Egg cartons molded foam
- Foam packing & packing peanuts
- Meat trays molded form
- Take-out food containers foam
- Coolers foam

FABRIC AND TEXTILES – Donate when possible

- Boots & shoes
- Clothing
- Diapers cloth
- Down-filled items (e.g., pillows)
- Fabrics clean or soiled
- Luggage
- Stuffed animals

ORGANIC MATERIAL

- Palm Fronds
- Pet Waste
- Poison Oak

