



We Need Your Help!

Biddeford Public Works Department

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Our waste services provider has notified us that the City may be charged additional **fees** for contaminated loads of recycling. Please put only the approved items listed below in your **blue** recycling bin. Items that cannot be accepted are listed on the back of this flyer.



ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

No sorting on your end makes recycling quick and easy! Just focus on tossing **ONLY the Zero-Sort recyclables listed below** into your **recycling bin** and Casella takes care of the rest.

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Corrugated Cardboard
(Wavy center layer)



Boxboard
(Dry-food boxes, paper bags, egg cartons, toilet paper and paper towel rolls)



Junk Mail, Periodicals & Office Paper
(Catalogs, envelopes, soft cover books, shredded paper if contained in a paper bag)

PLASTIC



Rigid Plastic Containers
(#1 - #7, 5-gallon pails)

METAL



Metal & Food Cans
(Aluminum, tin, foil)

GLASS



Glass Bottles
(Food jars, beverage bottles)
NO broken glass!

Remember...

- ✓ All containers are empty, rinsed & dry
- ✓ No items smaller than 2"



Recycle Properly!

- ✓ Cardboard is flattened and broken down
- ✓ There are no items from the NOT ACCEPTED list in the recycling bin

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Zero-Sort® recycling?

Zero-Sort recycling is Casella's state-of-the-art process which enables paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and metal cans to be collected together in one bin eliminating the need for you to separate recyclables.

Can I throw trash and recyclables into my recycling bin?

NO. Your recycling bin is for Zero-Sort recyclables only. Items that cannot be recycled should be tossed into your trash bin.

How should I prepare recyclables?

Recyclables must be empty and rinsed clean of food residue. Corrugated cardboard boxes should be broken down into 2' max pieces. **DO NOT** tie newspaper, cardboard or jugs with twine. Handles should be removed from pails and paper bags.

What type of metal can I recycle in my bin?

Aluminum and tin cans are acceptable. **NOT ACCEPTED** items include pots, pans, aerosol cans, and scrap metal such as automotive parts, motors, and appliances or any other metal items.

Can I put grocery bags into my Zero-Sort bin or place recyclables in plastic bags?

NO. Plastic bags of any kind are not accepted in Zero-Sort recycling. To recycle grocery bags, please bring them to a participating grocery or retail store.

How should I recycle large items that won't fit inside my bin?

Please call 800-CASELLA to schedule a pickup if you have large materials that do not fit inside your bin.

Can I recycle pizza boxes?

You can recycle pizza boxes with light grease stains. Boxes with stuck-on food or dripping grease cannot be recycled but they are compostable.

Why aren't paper cups recyclable?

Paper cups have a thin, plastic lining or waxed finish that cannot be recycled.

NOT ACCEPTED



NO Plastic Bags or Bagged Recycling
(Take clean plastic bags to your local retailer for recycling)



NO Coated Paper Items
(Items with a plastic lining such as waxed coffee or soda cups and waxed paper plates)



NO Styrofoam, Napkins, Paper Towels, Tissues, Plastic Utensils, Dirty Recycling, Register Tape (Receipts), Condiment Packets, Straws, Stirrers, or Coffee Pods



NO Toys, Hangers, Clothes, or Shoes
(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Organic Waste, Rope or Wood
(Rope, twine, diapers, food, pet, and yard waste)



NO Plastic Wrap, Films, or Tarps
(Food Bags or wrappers, plastic or shrink wrap, and tarps)



NO Ceramics, Pots, Pans, or Baking Glass
(Gently used items can be donated)



NO Hazardous Materials
(Find safe and secure disposal near you)



NO Medical Waste
(Bring to Biddeford Police Department for disposal)




NO Rubber or Scrap Metal
(Hoses, tires, rubber gloves, car parts, etc.)



NO Electronics, Batteries, or Bulbs
(Find alternative recycling)



 **ONLY** put the listed recyclables in the 65-gallon blue bin. **DO NOT** bag them!

 All other waste goes in the 35-gallon green bin. Waste that does not fit in the green bin should be placed in the City's orange Pay As You Throw bags, which can be purchased at local stores.



Thank you for your cooperation! Please contact the Public Works Department with any questions.

