Recycle Collection

WHAT TO RECYCLE?

J.P. Mascaro & Sons is a leading provider of recycling collection services.

We operate four recycling collection facilities in Pennsylvania and provide top quality recycling services to commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers.

For Residents

J.P. Mascaro & Sons is committed to protecting our environment. We offer cutting-edge technology that makes recycling easier and more efficient. The types of collection systems (commingled or single-stream) may vary depending on the contract in your area.

- **Single-Stream Recycling** requires no sorting at all. Customers can combine all recyclable items together and place them in a single container for collection.

- **Commingled Recycling** refers to recyclable materials being separated and grouped together by types. Paper and cardboard items are recycled separately from glass, plastic and metal cans. The customer is responsible for sorting items prior to collection. *To avoid contamination, rinse items containing food or drink before recycling.* Please make sure recycling containers are clearly marked with a recycling sticker. Stickers should be visible to the collection crew.
What is Collected to be Recycled?

**Glass:** Clear, green, or brown bottles and jars (food and drink only) can be collected. Remove all caps and rings. Please rinse.

**Paper:** Materials that are collected include newspaper, magazines, advertising inserts, catalogs, junk mail, envelopes, waxed paper, paper bags, phone books, and wrapping paper (remove metallic paper, bows, etc.) Place all paper in heavy brown bag or tie together with twine. Do not use wire or plastic bags.

**Cardboard and Corrugated Paper:** Cardboard boxes and items such as cereal boxes, tissue boxes, and gift boxes can be collected, as well as milk and juice cartons. Please flatten cardboard.

**Cartons:** Milk, juice, soup, flavored drinks and aseptic cartons are recycled in some areas. Please check with your municipality. For more information on the recycling of cartons visit [www.recyclecartons.com](http://www.recyclecartons.com).

**High-grade paper:** Manila envelopes, file folders, fax and copy paper, and computer print outs are collected for recycling. Please place in paper bags or box (no plastic bags).

**Aluminum Cans and Foil:** Rinse cans and place in the recycling container. They may be flattened or left intact. Labels do not need to be removed.

**Steel & Bi-Metallic Cans:** Any food container such as coffee cans or soup cans can be recycled.
Plastics #1. PET (E): Soft drink bottles, peanut butter jars, and toiletries are collected. Lids and caps should be removed and bottles should be rinsed. 2-liter bottles should be flattened.

Plastics #2. HDPE (clear or colored): Clear plastic items such as milk or juice jugs are collected. Colored plastic bottles include laundry and dish detergents, bleach bottles, and fabric softener bottles.

Plastics #3. PVC: Mineral water bottles, salad and vegetable oil bottles, floor polishes, and mouthwash containers are collected.

Plastics #4 – LDPE (low density polyethylene): Bread bags, food wrapping, and shopping bags are some examples of this type of plastic. LDPE is not often recycled through curbside programs. Plastic shopping bags can be returned to many stores for recycling.

Plastics #5 – PP (polypropylene): This type of plastic is found in yogurt containers, syrup bottles, ketchup bottles, caps, straws, and medicine bottles. Curbside recycling of these materials will vary depending on your area. Please rinse.

Plastics #6 – PS (polystyrene): Disposable plates and cups, meat trays, egg cartons, carry-out containers, aspirin bottles, and compact disc cases may be recycled through curbside recycling depending on your area.

Plastics #7 or “O” – Mixed: Three and five-gallon water bottles, 'bullet-proof' materials, sunglasses, DVDs, iPod and computer cases, signs and displays, and nylon are examples of this type of plastic. Number 7 plastics are difficult to recycle and are typically not collected through curbside recycling.
Most Common Contaminants

Please help make single-stream recycling a success by keeping these and other materials that cause contamination out of your recycling container.

What is NOT collected?

- Plastic bags or plastic food wrap
- Styrofoam or any other form of foam packaging (including meat/produce trays and egg cartons)
- Scrap metal
- Hazardous waste
- Disposable diapers
- Paper towels or tissue paper
- Textiles, fabric, or clothing
- Ceramics, chinaware porcelain or Pyrex dishware
- Books
- Toys
- Liquids
- Mirrors
- Window glass
- Light bulbs
- Batteries
- Syringes/Needles
- Computer and electronic equipment