



**Petersburg Borough Sanitation Department
Commingled Recycling Program**

EZ RECYCLING GUIDE

- ♻️ Up to **75%** of what people usually throw away can be recycled.
 - ♻️ Recycling can **keep your garbage rate low** or allow you to decrease service levels to reduce your monthly bill.
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RECYCLE THESE ITEMS! (What you CAN put in the blue bag.)

- ♻️ Aluminum cans
 - (may be commingled or separated and dropped off for the scouting programs)
 - ♻️ Tin cans.
 - Rinsed and labels removed. Lids OK if they are still attached to the can.
 - ♻️ Plastics, #1 - #7.
 - With the exception of Styrofoam and cellophane type plastic film/containers. Flatten milk jugs and other large containers. Empty and rinsed. No lids or caps at this time. Labels OK.
 - ♻️ Glass bottles and jars.
 - Empty and rinsed. No lids or caps. Labels OK.
 - ♻️ Cardboard.
 - Corrugated and dry goods boxes. Flattened and small enough to fit in the sealed bag.
 - ♻️ Mixed paper.
 - Office paper, copy paper, newsprint, catalogs, magazines, soft cover books, phone books, envelopes, folders, postcards and junk mail.
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❖ ***Remember to rinse all food containers and seal your bags tightly to keep animals and weather out!***

GARBAGE! (Please do NOT put these items in the blue bag.)

- ❌ **Food waste**
 - Food waste can also be composted at your home to provide an excellent gardening soil amendment.
- ❌ **Styrofoam**
 - Packing peanuts, bakery trays, meat trays, take-out containers, Styrofoam cups.
- ❌ **Plastic film**
 - Packaging film. Chip bags. Snack bags. Grocery bags (these may be recycled at the grocery store).
- ❌ **Small plastics**
 - Plastic plates and utensils. Caps and lids. Plastic clothes hangers. Empty prescription vials.
- ❌ **Soiled items/containers**
 - Food soiled plates or frozen food boxes. Used paper towel or tissues. Disposable diapers. Empty oil containers.
- ❌ **Waxed cardboard.**
 - Milk cartons. If you can scratch it and wax comes off, it goes in the garbage.
- ❌ **Broken glass**
 - Broken bottles or jars. Light bulbs. Ceramic or dishes. Plate glass. Window glass. Mirrors.
- ❌ **Metals**
 - Bottle caps or lids. Empty aerosol cans. Empty oil containers. Empty paint containers. Metal clothes hangers. Sharp, oily or greasy metals.
- ❌ **Miscellaneous**
 - Medical waste/syringes/sharps.
 - CD's, DVD's and cases.
 - **When in doubt, throw it out!** If there is any question if a material is acceptable to Petersburg's recycling program, please place the material in the garbage and call Public Works at **772-4430** for future reference.

If the recycling collection staff sees unacceptable materials in your recycling bag, they will "tag" your bag with red ribbon. This will indicate to you there is a problem that must be rectified before the bag will be accepted as recyclable materials. Please fix the problem and place the unacceptable materials in your garbage before setting the recycling bag back at the curb for collection the following week. If you cannot determine why your bag was "tagged", please call Public Works for assistance (772-4430).
