

## ***Guidelines for Preparing Recyclables:***

**Glass:** We are no longer recycling glass. Place it in an orange bag.

**Metal:** All aluminum and tin, which includes coffee cans, fruit and vegetable cans, soup cans, etc. are acceptable. Also recyclable are clean foil and aluminum food trays. All metal must be rinsed and may be put in the same container as plastic.



PETE

Polyethylene  
teraphthalate

**Plastic:** Any Plastic item with a recyclable seal marked with a 1 such as peanut butter jars, vegetable oil bottles, and includes all soda bottles. Recycled PETE is used to produce carpets and clothing (polyester), soft drink and soap bottles, paint brushes, tennis balls, egg cartons, and even boats.



HDPE

high density  
polyethylen

Examples of recyclable plastics marked with a #2 HDPE ("natural" color or dyed high density polyethylene) are milk and water jugs, juice and bleach bottles. Recycled HDPE is used to produce soft drink bottle base cups, stadium seats, trash cans, traffic cones, detergent bottles, and toys.

All plastic must be rinsed and may be put in the same container as metal.

**Paper:** It is necessary for the paper to be in a separate container from the garbage and recyclables at curbside. Waste paper may be put in any container but CMU recommends using paper bags or a trash can. Also, the paper should be kept relatively dry.

Types of paper that can be recycled include: mixed paper products, newspaper, cardboard, books, magazines, wax-covered paper, junk mail.

### ***Other guidelines for sorting paper are:***

If waste paper has metal or foil on it, place it in an orange bag. Some examples are hot cocoa mix pouches, Pringles canisters and cigarette packages.

If paper has a metal binder such as a calendar or a notebook, the binding should be pulled off, or the entire item should go in an orange bag.

Cellophane may be put with the waste paper but not if it has a foil liner. An example of this is a potato chip bag with foil lining on the inside.

Orange juice cans are acceptable with the waste paper if both metal ends are removed.

Bathroom waste paper goes in an orange bag.

Styrofoam goes in an orange bag.

If you have any questions about sorting paper, please call 646-1683.