


BIN BASICS





GENERAL INFORMATION


- Recycling is collected **every other week on the same day as garbage pickup** by a separate truck.
- Until you are in Republic's system, there may be a short time between registering and your first recycling day.
- Place your recycling bin at least **5 feet away from trash or yard waste by 7:00 am on your recycling day.**
- Everything must be rinsed and clean, washing any containers if necessary.
- There is no need to sort your recycling or remove any paper labels from items.
- To prevent litter, put loose papers, envelopes, etc., in the bottom of the bin with heavier items on top.
- To save space in your bin, food cans (take off top and bottom lids) and plastic bottles may be flattened.


METAL  See photos on picture chart showing examples of accepted metal items.


- Metal caps are accepted and must be taken off the jar or bottle and placed in the bin.







GLASS  See photos on picture chart showing examples of accepted paper items.

- ONLY jars or bottles that contained food and beverages are accepted.
- No dishes, mirrors, ceramics, or frosted glass are accepted. 

PAPER  See photos on picture chart showing examples of accepted paper items.

- If pizza boxes have food residue on the bottom, recycle the clean, top portion only.
- Boxboard includes boxes from dry food, baggies, household items, empty rolls from toilet paper, paper towels and gift wrap, as well as other items.
- No waxed boxes (boxes with a shiny coating) are accepted. Some examples would include boxes from frozen food, soup, juice, wine, butter, and margarine, as well as some takeout cups and bowls. 

PLASTIC  See photos on picture chart showing examples of accepted plastic items.

- Plastics have a number inside a triangle  usually on the bottom of the container. The number indicates what type of plastic the item is made of.
- Plastics you **CAN** recycle are #1, #2, #4, #5, and #7. Some examples are bottles and jars from water, juice, mustard, salad dressing, peanut butter, mayonnaise, pickles, jelly, jams, yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, honey, BBQ sauce, mouthwash, hair care products, aspirin, and vitamins.
- Plastics you **CANNOT** recycle are #3 and #6 plastics. 
 - #3 is unlikely to be found as it is usually only used in the medical and construction industries. 
 - #6 includes Styrofoam and the brightly colored plastic plates, cups, and bowls made by Solo. 
- No plastic bags from inside cereal, cracker and other dry food boxes are accepted. 
- **No plastic bottle caps or lids** are accepted, regardless of the number on them. 

IF YOUR BIN IS FULL 

- Cardboard boxes, storage tubs, trash cans, **clear plastic bags (for empty water bottles only)** may be used as long as they are placed next to your bin and 5 ft. from your trash.
- Cardboard boxes used as a recycling bin will be taken since cardboard is a recyclable item.
- If you decide to use a trash can as a bin, write "Recycle" on it in several places with permanent material such as paint that will not wash off.

QUESTIONS ???

- Please call us at **Keep Genesee County Beautiful (810) 767-9696** for assistance.

