



## Gillies Community Recycling Collection Centre

The following is a list of

What Is

and

What Is Not

Acceptable

for

# Recycling

## CARDBOARD



### Acceptable:

- Corrugated Cardboard - brown, coloured or glossy
- Boxboard - cereal boxes, etc.
- File Folders, business cards, etc.

### Non-Acceptable:

- Cardboard with attachments of plastic or styrofoam (handles, etc.)
- Soap boxes
- Waxed produce boxes
- Coffee Cups

## PAPER



### Acceptable:

- All types of office paper, computer paper, etc.
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Flyers
- Coloured Paper
- Paperback books
- Three part forms
- Envelopes
- Post-it Notes

### Non-Acceptable:

- Thermal fax paper, blueprints, carbons, styrofoam, phone books, and hard cover books (Hard Cover Books are acceptable with the covers removed.)
- Christmas Wrap and dog/cat food bags are NOT acceptable

## PLASTICS



### Acceptable:

- Plastic containers which **did not** contain hazardous / toxic materials (such as oil or javex)
- Plastics which have a #1 PETE or #2 HDPE Symbol on them (check the bottom of the container) and have a neck on them.

### Non-Acceptable:

- Containers which held hazardous materials, have a higher number than two, plastic shopping bags, and items other than pop bottles that have no number on them at all.

## METALS

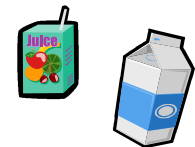


### Acceptable:

- Clean, uncrushed pop cans
- Tin cans that are free of food waste.

We also accept other tin and aluminum items.

## TETRA PACKS



### Acceptable:

- Milk Cartons
- Juice Boxes

Other beverage containers that resemble a milk carton

## *...Life after Recycling...*

Your recycling is collected by a local recycling management company and brought to their plant for processing. During this process, the items are sorted and baled in order to ship them to the various plants which convert them into new materials.

Here is a list of some of the recyclable materials collected and what they become:

1. **Aluminum cans** are melted and made into various aluminum products. One of the companies we ship to recycled 22.3 billion used beverage cans in 2001, saving enough energy to light and heat over 320,000 homes for one year.
2. **#1 and #2 plastics** become carpeting, fleece jackets, doormats, pylons or new plastic items (i.e. a polar fleece jacket uses 25 recycled #1 PET bottles).
3. **Paper** is used to make newsprint, home insulation, kitty litter and takeout trays.
4. **Cardboard** is made into new cardboard or lining for corrugated cardboard.
5. **Milk cartons** and **tetra paks** are used for paper towels and tissue production.
6. **Tin cans** are melted down and made into various metal items...i.e. Hot Wheels cars.

## Recycling is as easy as...

1. Sort your recyclables at home into two piles:

- **Cardboard/Paper**

Newspapers, flyers, junk mail, magazines, soft cover books, fine paper, paper egg cartons, box board (i.e. cereal boxes)

- **Containers**

Pop cans, milk cartons, juice boxes, metal cans, plastic #1 & #2 bottles

2. Place your recycling into the proper compartments (cardboard/paper and containers) in the blue recycling bin at the Waste Disposal Site.

Please do not place plastic shopping bags into the bins. If you must use a bag, use a "blue recycling bag".



## Good Neighbour Shack

“One person’s junk, is another person’s treasure.”

Leave or pick-up household items, toys, books, tools, etc. in the Good Neighbour Shack.

Please do not leave items that do not work.

## Scrap Metal, Burnables, Electronics

Place all scrap metal, burnables (clean wood, brush) and electronics (computers, TVs) in the appropriate pile.

Prior to depositing mattresses, furniture and car seats, please break the item into its component parts (wood, metal) and place in the appropriate piles. The fabric goes into the pit.

Tires and hazardous materials are not permitted at the Waste Disposal Site.

## Refrigerant Items

All items containing refrigerant (fridges, freezers, air conditioners) must have the freon removed and tagged by a licensed technician prior to depositing these items in the scrap metal pile.

## Thank-you for recycling!

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