

# 2023 *Fall* RECYCLING GUIDE

Fall clean-up doesn't mean a bunch of stuff has to go to the landfill. Make sure these items go in your recycling bin!

## 1 PAPER CUPS

Your enjoyment of that fall-inspired latte or hot cup of joe can go that much farther when you know that paper cup is recyclable!

## 4 CIDER JUGS

Whether they are made out of glass or plastic, apple cider jugs can be recycled in your curbside recycling bin. Cheers to that!

## 2 SOUP CARTONS

Tis the season for soup! Make sure those broth and soup cartons get rinsed and recycled. Fall flavored creamers in cartons are also a win!

## 5 RIGID PLASTIC

Clean and empty caramel dip tubs and candy apple or fall doughnut clamshell containers are recyclable!

## 3 METAL CANS + FOIL

Cans of pumpkin or apple pie filling, cranberry sauce, soup, and pie trays are all infinitely recyclable thanks to the metal they are made out of.

## 6 CARDBOARD BOXES

Nothing says fall like a box of fresh, doughnuts! Remove the wax paper liner and recycle. Paperboard bulk candy and fall décor boxes are also great for your recycling bin!



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If it's a NO for your recycling bin, don't worry! There are still options for your stuff to avoid going to the landfill.

## COSTUMES + WIGS

Seeing Halloween costumes, wigs, and masks tangled around recycling sorting equipment gives us a fright!

*Give those Halloween items a second chance through a neighborhood costume swap or thrift store!*

## YARD WASTE

Organic waste like branches, leaves, and garden plants can muck up recyclables, making them unrecyclable.

*If yard clean-up is on your fall to-do list, check out our Yard Waste resource page in our Waste & Recycling Directory.*

## SWEATERS + COATS

For similar reasons to costumes and wigs, textile items like sweaters, coats, and scarves have no place in your recycling bin.

*Let others reuse your once-loved cozy clothing through a coat drive or via a second-hand clothing or thrift store.*

## GARAGE CLEAN OUT

Old gas-oil mixes, pool chemicals, 1 lb. propane tanks from grilling and camping -- hazardous waste can really pile up!

*All household hazardous waste can be brought to any SafeChem location for FREE responsible, disposal during hours.*

## BACK TO SCHOOL

Out-grown school uniforms, lunch boxes, and backpacks may no longer be a good fit for your kid but could for another!

*See if your school has a school supply drive you can donate to. And use up last year's school supplies prior to buying more!*

## SCRAP METAL

Lawn mower blades, old grills, car parts, and tools made of metal can be recycled BUT NEVER in your recycling bin!

*Scrap metal can harm our sort line workers! Recycle it through one of the outlets on our Scrap Metal resource page in our online Waste & Recycling Directory.*

## FOR MORE INFO:

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