

RECYCLE BETTER™

Use Your Bin

Place loose recyclables in your bin. Reference the enclosed poster to understand what is acceptable and not acceptable in Zero-Sort recycling.



BAGS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN YOUR RECYCLING!



**BAGGED
RECYCLABLES
DON'T BELONG**



**PLASTIC
BAGS
DON'T BELONG**

A recycling bin can be obtained by contacting:

DPW&P Customer Service
76 East Worcester Street
Monday-Friday: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
508-929-1300 • dpw@worcesterma.gov

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Zero-Sort® recycling?

Zero-Sort recycling is Casella's state-of-the-art process which enables paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and metal cans to be collected together in one bin eliminating the need for you to separate recyclables.

Can I throw trash and recyclables into my recycling bin?

NO. Your recycling bin is for Zero-Sort recyclables only. Items that cannot be recycled should be tossed into yellow trash bags.

How should I prepare recyclables?

Recyclables must be empty and rinsed clean of food residue. Corrugated cardboard boxes should be broken down into 2' max pieces. **DO NOT** tie newspaper, cardboard or jugs with twine. Handles should be removed from pails and paper bags.

What type of metal can I recycle in my bin?

Food and beverage cans are acceptable. **NOT ACCEPTED** items include pots, pans, aerosol cans, and scrap metal such as automotive parts, motors, and appliances or any other metal items.

Can I put grocery bags into my Zero-Sort bin or place recyclables in plastic bags?

NO. Plastic bags of any kind are not accepted in Zero-Sort recycling.

Can I use another type of container for my recycling other than the City issued bin?

Residents can use any type of durable, weather-proof container no larger than 30 gallons and weighing no more than 30 pounds when full. The container must have RECYCLING written on the side.

Why aren't paper cups recyclable?

Paper cups have a thin, plastic lining or waxed finish that cannot be recycled.

City of Worcester - Department of Public Works & Parks
20 East Worcester Street, Worcester, MA 01604



CITY OF WORCESTER

GUIDE TO ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING



I am proud to say that Worcester residents have been leaders in residential recycling for more than 25 years. It's important that we all do our part to continue being conscious of the environment.

Recycling conserves resources, saves energy and protects the environment. It's both easy, and the right thing to do.

By putting the appropriate items in your recycling bin, we can lower our contamination rate and help keep costs down. Please use this helpful brochure as a guide to what should and should not be put in your recycling bin.

- Edward M. Augustus, Jr., *City Manager*



ZERO-SORT® RECYCLING

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Toss **ONLY the Zero-Sort recyclables listed below** into your **recycling bin**
(For single family and multi-family residential buildings containing up to six units)

CARDBOARD/PAPER



Corrugated Cardboard
(Wavy center layer)



Boxboard
(Dry-food boxes, egg cartons, & rolls)



Newspaper, Junk Mail, Magazines, & Office Paper
(Paper bags, envelopes, & catalogs)

PLASTIC



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tub, & Lids
(Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers)

METAL



Aluminum & Steel Cans
(Foil & empty food & beverage cans)

GLASS



Glass Bottles & Jars
(Empty food & beverage bottles & jars)

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE BETTER

No items smaller than 2" in size

All containers are empty, rinsed, & dry

Cardboard is flattened & broken down

There are NO items from the **NOT ACCEPTED** list in the recycling bin



Still not sure you can recycle it? Go to recyclesmartma.org

NOT ACCEPTED



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DO YOUR PART TO RECYCLE BETTER
THE ITEMS LISTED BELOW **DON'T** BELONG IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN



PLASTIC BAGS



BAGGED RECYCLABLES



CLOTHING/TEXTILES



TANGLERS



SCRAP METAL ITEMS



BATTERIES



MEDICAL WASTE



FOOD WASTE/LIQUIDS



ELECTRONICS



HAZARDOUS MATERIALS OR EXPLOSIVES



PLASTIC WRAP, FILMS, OR TARPS



WOOD, WASTE, OR TIRES



DISPOSABLE ITEMS



WAXY COATED PAPER ITEMS



CERAMICS OR BAKING GLASS