



Recycling at school

Paper

- Paper (all kinds, all colors)
- Mail and envelopes
- Magazines and catalogs
- Packing paper
- File folders
- Paper tablet backings
- Newspapers and inserts
- Notebooks
- Soft cover books
- Supplies and electronics boxes
- Cracker and cookie boxes



Cardboard

Flatten boxes



Cartons

- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soy and rice milk cartons
- Soup cartons



Plastic

*Please empty
Leave lids and caps on*

Bottles and jugs

- Water, soda, and juice bottles
- Ketchup and salad dressing bottles
- Soap and lotion bottles



Cups and containers

- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Iced coffee and tea cups
- Baked goods, deli and take-out containers



Glass

- Food and beverage bottles and jars



Metal

- Food and beverage cans

Not accepted:

- Plastic bags
- Paper towels
- Plastic utensils and straws
- Foil drink and food pouches
- Laminated paper
- Plastic wrap and bubble wrap
- Paper plates
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Coffee cups
- Styrofoam™
- Microwavable food trays
- Tyvek envelopes

Avoid contamination

If you are not sure an item can be recycled, put it in the trash can. It is best to keep out items that will cause contamination because they make the recycling process more difficult.

Clean and empty



All items placed in the recycling must be empty. For food containers like yogurt and applesauce cups, there needs to be less than a spoonful of food left in them.

No plastic bags



Plastic shopping bags and film are not accepted in recycling containers. Contact the person in charge of recycling at your school or the Hennepin County school recycling specialist at 612-596-1498 to ask about recycling options.

No shredded paper



Shredded paper is too small to sort at recycling facilities and contaminates other materials. Only shred what you need, and talk to your school's recycling program manager about using a shredding service if you don't already have one.

Reduce your waste

Bring your own containers



When packing your lunch, use reusable containers and bags instead of plastic ziplock bags or disposable drink or food pouches. This will avoid single-use packaging and minimize the amount of waste you generate.

Collect recycling at events



Be sure to put out clearly labeled recycling containers when you hold events. Find more event recycling tips and resources at hennepin.us/eventrecycling.

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