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To: Cities, community groups and partners in Hennepin County

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Subject: What Can I Recycle?

**Sample Newsletter Article**

**What Can I Recycle?**

There are various types of paper, plastic, glass, metal and cartons that you can recycle in Hennepin County. Here is a basic list of materials that are accepted for recycling:

**Paper:**

* Mail, office and school papers
* Catalogs and magazines
* Newspapers and inserts
* Phone books
* Shredded paper in closed paper bags
* Boxes – cardboard, cereal and crackers, shoe, gift, electronics, toothpaste, medication and other toiletry items

**Plastic:**

* Water, soda and juice bottles
* Juice and milk jugs
* Ketchup and salad dressing bottles
* Dishwashing liquid bottles and detergent jugs
* Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles
* Shredded paper in closed paper bags

**Cartons:**

* Water, soda and juice bottles
* Juice boxes
* Soup, broth and wine cartons

**Glass:**

* Food and beverage bottles and jars

**Metal:**

* Food and beverage cans

There are also items that are not recyclable, including:

* Styrofoam cups, plates or packaging
* Microwavable food trays
* Plastic wrap
* Paper soiled with food (such as pizza boxes)
* Paper plates and towels
* Gift wrap
* Drinking glasses, dishes and vases
* Window glass and mirrors
* Cans or bottles that held hazardous products (such as paint thinner or motor oil)

For more information, visit [*www.hennepin.us/recycling*](http://www.hennepin.us/recycling%20) or call Hennepin County Environment and Energy at 612-348-3777.

**Sample Web Story**

**What Can I Recycle?**

Recycling just got easier for Hennepin County residents. In addition to recycling plastics, paper, glass and metal, residents can now recycle cartons. Accepted carton items include milk cartons, juice boxes, and soup, broth and wine cartons.

There are still various items that are not accepted for recycling, including:

* Styrofoam materials
* Plastic wrap
* Paper plates or towels
* Paper soiled with food (such as pizza boxes)
* Gift wrap
* Cans or bottles that held hazardous products (such as paint thinner or motor oil)
* Window glass or mirrors

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**Sample Social Media Posts**

*Interact with Hennepin Environment on Facebook at* [*www.facebook.com/hennepinenvironment*](http://www.facebook.com/hennepinenvironment) *and Twitter at* [*www.twitter.com/hennepinenviro*](http://www.twitter.com/hennepinenviro) *(@hennepinenviro).*

**Facebook:**

Did you know milk, juice, wine and soup cartons are now accepted for recycling? Add them to your recycling container with other accepted recycling items such as plastic, paper, metal and glass! Learn more at [www.hennepin.us/recycling](http://www.hennepin.us/recycling%20)*.*

Help keep unaccepted and problematic items out of the recycling process. These unrecyclable items include Styrofoam, plastic wrap, gift wrap and paper soiled with food. Learn more at [*www.hennepin.us/recycling*](http://www.hennepin.us/recycling%20)*.*

**Twitter:**  
Are you having trouble knowing what items to recycle? Check out Hennepin County’s [recycling guide](http://www.hennepin.us/~/media/hennepinus/residents/recycling/documents/recycling-guide-flyer-english.pdf).

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**Additional Promotional Materials**

[Hennepin County Recycling Guide](http://www.hennepin.us/~/media/hennepinus/residents/recycling/documents/recycling-guide-flyer-english.pdf) (English)

[Hennepin County Recycling Guide](http://www.hennepin.us/~/media/hennepinus/residents/recycling/documents/recycling-guide-flyer-spanish.pdf) (Spanish)