

What's Recyclable? (updated 07.01.15)

KPS has a **mixed recycling** program, which means that all recyclable materials can go in the same recycling container.

RECYCLABLE (all items can be placed in the <u>same</u> recycling container)			
HARD PLASTICS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic bottles & food containers (hard plastics #1, #2, #4 & #5)* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic caps and lids (do not need to be removed) 	
METAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum/tin soda cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metal food cans (soup and large #10 size)* 	
PAPER <i>(Ideally, put the paper in a paper bag and then place the bag in the mixed recycling bin; however, this is <u>not</u> required)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All paper - office, scrap, all colors, post-it notes, etc. Books - hardcover (covers should be removed & discarded) Books - paperback (covers can remain on) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty paper lunch sacks Envelopes with and without plastic windows Hanging file folders (if the metal is removed & discarded) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Magazines & catalogs Manila folders Newspapers Phone books
CARDBOARD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flattened cardboard boxes** 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flattened chipboard boxes (cereal, gift, and shoe boxes) 	

*Metal and plastic food containers should be mostly free of food residue.

**The large amounts of cardboard produced by kitchen and custodial staff should be kept separate from other mixed recyclables so the cardboard can be placed directly in the cardboard recycling dumpster. However, cardboard produced by classrooms/offices can be placed in a recycling container with other mixed recyclables.

NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aluminum foil Batteries Juice cartons Milk cartons Plastics #3, #6, & #7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plastic cutlery Plastic gloves Soft/film plastics (candy wrappers, Saran Wrap, etc.) Straws Styrofoam items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used paper towels Used tissues Used paper plates Used paper food boats

Special Items (required to be bagged separately):

The following items can be recycled, but they need to be put in a SEPARATE BAG before being placed in a recycling container with other mixed recyclables:

- Shredded confidential paper (place in a paper or plastic bag)
- Empty grocery/retail store plastic bags (place in a plastic bag)
- Glass bottles and jars (remove metal or plastic lids and place the glass in a plastic bag)

Please Remember:

- Labels and lids do not need to be removed from bottles and cans.
- Metal cans with thick residue (e.g., pasta sauce) should ideally be rinsed out with water.
- Milk and juice cartons are not currently accepted for recycling.
- Please flatten boxes before putting them in the recycling bin; if a box is too large for the recycling bin once it is broken down, place it under or on the side of the recycling bin.
- If you have any recycling-related questions, please email gogreen@kearneycats.com.

