Recycling Best Practices for Your Move-In:

- Do not put recycling in plastic bags.
- Always flatten your cardboard boxes.
- Place all bubble wrap and foam packing peanuts in the trash.

*All recommendations apply if you have a recycling chute. If items are too big for the trash or recycling chute, do not force items down and place in trash room.

Now That You’ve Moved-In:

- Let your property manager or building owner know if you notice the recycling is overfull or needs more frequent servicing.
- If you have any questions about what can and can’t be recycled use DC Zero Waste’s “What Goes Where” tool at zerowaste.dc.gov/what-goes-where.
- Look up your nearest Food Waste Drop-Off to bring accepted food scraps for composting at zerowaste.dc.gov/foodwastedropoff.

For more information about recycling in the District, visit: zerowaste.dc.gov
For general information about the Department of Public Works, visit: dpw.dc.gov
DISTRICT RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Accepted Items

**PAPER**
- Cups & Containers
- Flattened Cardboard
- Milk, Juice, & Soup Cartons
- Newspapers/Magazines
- Books/Phone Books
- Junk Mail & Office Paper
(all items clean & empty)
*No Tissue

**PLASTIC**
- Cups & Containers
- Bottles & Lids
- Bulky Items
(all items clean & empty)
*No Plastic Bags
*No Foam Polystyrene
*No Straws or Utensils

**METAL**
- Steel & Aluminum
- Bottles/Cans/Containers
(all items clean & empty)
*No Paint Cans

**GLASS**
- Glass Bottles/Jars
(all items clean & empty)
*No Windows or Ceramics

How to Prepare Your Recyclables

- Recyclables should be clean & empty.
- Keep out: Plastic bags, clothing, tanglers (cables & cords), electronics & batteries.
- Leave recyclables loose when placing them in a container or chute.
- Empty & flatten cardboard boxes.

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