



**Petersburg Borough Sanitation Department
Commingled Recycling Program**

EZ RECYCLING GUIDE

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- ♻️ Up to **75%** of what people usually throw away can be recycled.
 - ♻️ Recycling can **keep your garbage rate low** or allow you to decrease service levels to reduce your monthly bill.
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RECYCLE THESE ITEMS!

- ♻️ Aluminum
 - Rinsed cans. (cans may be commingled or separated and dropped off at the Borough Baler for the scouting programs)
 - **Clean foil and foil trays.**
- ♻️ Metal ("tin") cans
 - Rinsed and labels OK. Lids OK if they are still attached to the can.
- ♻️ Plastics: #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7
 - No Styrofoam (#6) and cellophane type plastic film or bags.
 - Flatten milk jugs and other large containers. Empty and rinsed. Labels OK.
 - **3" or larger lids are OK.**
 - **Plastic caps smaller than 3" which are attached to containers are OK.**
 - **Plastic grocery bags bundled, bagged and tied tightly within a plastic bag are OK.**
- ♻️ Cardboard and paperboard
 - Corrugated and dry goods boxes. Flattened.
 - **Pizza boxes without remnant food or grease stains are OK.**
- ♻️ Waxed paper Cartons
 - Rinsed and flattened milk cartons and orange juice cartons are OK.
 - **Empty juice boxes are OK.**
 - **Clean and flattened waxed shipping boxes are OK.**
- ♻️ Mixed paper
 - Office paper, copy paper, newsprint, catalogs, magazines, books (hard covers removed), phone books, envelopes, folders, postcards and junk mail.
 - **Shredded paper must be contained and sealed in a clear plastic bag. Clear bags are available at Public Works for free.**



❖ **Remember to rinse and drain all food containers and keep your recycles dry prior to pick up.**



GARBAGE! (Please do *NOT* put these in the recycling container.)

- ⊘ **Glass**
 - **No glass in the commingled program starting November 1, 2015.**
 - This includes bottles or jars. Light bulbs. Ceramic or dishes. Plate glass. Window glass. Mirrors.
 - **Rinsed glass bottles and jars (labels OK) may be dropped off at Public Works at 303 S 2nd Street** or placed in your garbage can.
- ⊘ **Styrofoam**
 - No foam product with a Number 6 stamped in the recycling triangle.
 - No packing peanuts, bakery/meat trays, take-out containers, Styrofoam cups or shipping foam.
- ⊘ **Food waste**
 - Food waste can also be composted at your home to provide an excellent gardening soil amendment.
- ⊘ **Plastic film**
 - No: Packaging film, chip bags or snack bags. (Plastic grocery bags, bundled and bagged are OK.)
- ⊘ **Small plastics**
 - No: Plastic plates and utensils. Plastic clothes hangers. Empty prescription vials/bottles.
- ⊘ **Soiled items/containers**
 - No: Food soiled paper plates or frozen food boxes. Used paper towel or tissues. Disposable diapers. Empty oil containers. Empty paint containers.
- ⊘ **Metals**
 - No: Bottle caps. Empty aerosol cans. Metal clothes hangers. Sharp, oily or greasy metals.
- ⊘ **Miscellaneous**
 - Medical waste/syringes/sharps.
 - CD's, DVD's and cases.
 - **When in doubt, throw it out!** If there is any question if a material is acceptable to Petersburg's recycling program, please place the material in the garbage and call Public Works at **772-4430** for future reference.

If unacceptable items are placed into your recycling container the collection staff may not pick up your container. If you find that your recycling was not collected on your recycling day, please look at the contents in your container, remove any unacceptable materials and call Public Works (772-4430) to let us know your recycling is ready for collection. Thank you!
