

# RECYCLING 101



## THE MATERIALS THAT WE **ALWAYS** ACCEPT



Glass Bottles and Containers



Cardboard, Paper, Newspaper, Junk Mail (No wax covered cardboard)



Metal Cans and Soda Cans



Plastic Bottles, Detergent Bottles, Milk Jugs

## THE MATERIALS THAT WE **NEVER** ACCEPT



No Organic Items, Food Items, or Medical Items



No Films, Cables, or Bags  
**(Never Bag Recyclables)**



**No Electronic Items**  
(LaPorte Residents can take electronics to:  
724 Zigler Rd. LaPorte, IN, **or**,  
1801 Kentucky St. Michigan City, IN.)



**NEVER** put Batteries in your Recycling Cart

# HELPFUL HINTS TO AVOID IMPROPER RECYCLING

## “WISHCYCLING” IS COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE

Tossing items into the recycling without checking whether they are recyclable causes significant issues at our plant. In many cases these unacceptable items will be sent to the landfill regardless.

## ACCEPTED PLASTICS



**PET**

**Polyethylene Terephthalate**

Clear tough plastic such as soft drink, juice, and water bottles



**HDPE**

**High-Density Polyethylene**

Common White/colored plastics such as milk jugs and shampoo bottles



**PVC**

**Polyvinyl Chloride**

Hard rigid clear plastics such as squeeze bottles, and window cleaner bottles  
**(NO PVC PIPING)**



**LDPE**

**Low-Density Polyethylene**

Soft flexible plastic e.g. squeezable sauce bottles  
**(NO FILM)**



**PP**

**Polypropylene**

Hard but flexible plastics such as prescription bottles, yogurt cups, drink cups



**PS**

**Polystyrene (NO STYROFOAM)**

Rigid brittle plastics such as small tubs and butter containers



**OTHER**

**Other Plastics**

All other plastics  
Ex: sports bottles, baby bottles, clear water coolers, etc.

