

Dear Resident:

I am writing with important information regarding the City of Pepper Pike curbside recycling program. You may have seen recent media reports about the problems facing recycling these days. These problems include people not recycling correctly or contaminating recyclables with garbage and shrinking markets caused by China's decision to restrict imports of recyclables.

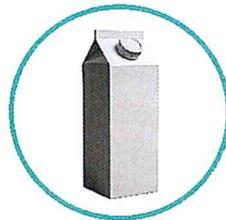
These problems affect us here locally and your cooperation is needed to reduce recycling contamination. This will help keep recycling viable.

Recycling contamination is caused when a resident puts unacceptable or non-recyclable items into their recycle blue bag. Some examples include every day garbage, food waste, yard waste, garden hoses, syringes, batteries, plastic bags, scrap metal, shredded paper and even bowling balls to name a few. These items don't belong in your curbside recycling because they are either hazardous to employees, not recyclable, or were not designed to be sorted at the recycling plant. It costs money to remove and then landfill these items. This cost is passed on to our community through price increases. **Please recycle properly. Here are the rules:**

**RECYCLE THESE 5 ITEMS ONLY IN YOUR BLUE BAG**



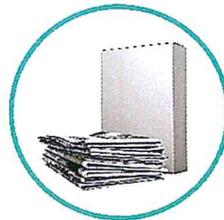
**CANS**



**CARTONS**



**GLASS**



**PAPER  
& BOXES**



**PLASTIC BOTTLES  
& JUGS**

1. **FOOD AND BEVERAGE CANS** – empty and rinse.
2. **MILK, JUICE AND BROTH CARTONS** - empty, rinse and replace cap.
3. **GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS** – empty, rinse and replace cap.
4. **PAPER AND BOXES** - include all paper, mail, magazines, newspaper cereal boxes and flattened cardboard. Do not include shredded paper.
5. **PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS** – empty, rinse and replace cap. Disregard the numbers on plastic. Recycle bottles and jugs only. Other plastics are not recyclable at this time.

**REMEMBER**

- RECYCLABLES SHOULD BE FREE FROM FOOD RESIDUE AND EMPTY.
- BOXES SHOULD BE BROKEN DOWN
- VISIT **[CUYAHOGARECYCLES.ORG](http://CUYAHOGARECYCLES.ORG)** FOR OTHER RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION OPTIONS.

Sincerely,

Richard M. Bain  
Mayor