

RECYCLING DO'S & DON'TS

Aluminum:

- Cans only; **no foil or pie plates**

Tin:

- Cans only; **no screw-on caps or lids, no cans with white interiors, no scrap metal, no coat hangers**

Plastics:

- #1 and #2 only (look on bottom of container for number)
- On all containers the top must be smaller than the bottom
- Remove lids and discard
- **No: Styrofoam, bubble wrap, plastic bags, plastic dinnerware, packaging, take-out containers, CD cases**
- **No containers that have held petroleum products (oil, fuel), paint, glue, thinners, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, or any other hazardous substance**

Paper Products:

- Newspaper (put colored inserts with magazines), mixed office paper (remove staples and bindings), magazines, catalogs, telephone books (remove covers and put with magazines, put inside pages with newsprint), corrugated cardboard (usually tan in color and has channels between the inside and the outside), brown paper grocery sacks can go with cardboard.
- **None of the following: egg cartons, paper plates, toilet or paper towel rolls, soda/beer cartons, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, packaging that frozen foods or other products come in, poster board, Christmas or gift-wrap paper, boxes of any kind except corrugated cardboard**

Glass:

- Jars and bottles only; remove lids
- Sort by color: green, brown, clear
- **No broken glass, no flat glass, no Pyrex or Corning ware**

IMPORTANT TO KNOW!

The processors that these recyclable materials are taken to are the ones who make the rules. Depending on what they are going to turn the material into next, there is usually a very small allowance for “contaminants” – things in the load that shouldn’t be. If the contamination level is higher than acceptable, it can’t be recycled, and ends up going to the landfill. That means a lot of time and energy were wasted: yours in separating recyclables from the trash and taking them to the recycle center; TDS’s manpower and fuel costs to haul materials to El Paso, Midland/Odessa, San Antonio, or Austin; and volunteers who have given their time to help with recycling. Please do your part to make recycling worthwhile for everyone! **AND THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!**

Visit www.alpinerecycles.org to learn more about Reduce, Reuse, Recycle in Alpine.