



Recycle Right

– and help the environment!

By Recycling Right, you can reduce waste, improve recycling in Tempe, conserve natural resources and create a more sustainable community.

(480) 350-4311



Recycling is an important part of our community. It helps our environment, our economy and our quality of life. But the effectiveness of our recycling efforts is hindered when the recycling stream becomes contaminated.

Recycling contamination occurs when trash, plastic bags, Styrofoam, food and non-recyclables are placed in the blue recycling barrel – reducing our ability to recycle, increasing the city's recycling costs and creating potential health hazards. Tempe's current rate of recycling contamination is 23% – more than 10% higher than the national average.

You can help! Recycling the right way ensures that everything you place in the blue barrel actually gets recycled.

Recycle Right – and win!

Tempe's new Recycle Right program recognizes residents for recycling correctly. Tempe residents who Recycle Right can win a Tempe Recycles Card with valuable discounts at local businesses.

Here's how the Recycle Right program works:

- Recycle Right by placing clean, acceptable materials in your blue recycling barrel (see other side).
- Beginning in January 2013, Tempe's Solid Waste staff will periodically inspect residents' blue recycling barrels for contamination.
- If NO contamination is found, a Recycle Right sticker will be placed on the blue barrel and the address will be entered in a drawing to WIN a Tempe Recycles Card with discounts at participating businesses.
- If contamination is found, the inspector will leave recycling information for the resident and the blue barrel will be reinspected at a later date. Repeated incidences of contamination could result in reduced recycling service.

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Blue Barrel Recyclables

Please recycle the items shown below. All material must be clean, dry and empty.

Glass

Bottles and jars with **no lids or caps** (green, amber and clear)



Magazines

Remove metal/plastic binding



Aluminum/Metal

Beverage cans, aluminum foil, tin food cans, foil food containers (frozen dinner trays and pie plates)



Junk Mail

Window envelopes



Plastics

Containers with recycle emblem 1-7 with lids/caps placed separately (2-liter bottles, milk, detergent, water bottles and clear food containers)

No Styrofoam or plastic bags



Newspapers

Including inserts

Cardboard

Food boxes such as cereal, cake mix and cracker containers (remove liners), beer and soda carriers, shoe boxes, milk and juice cartons

No food/grease residue



Phone Books

Corrugated Boxes

Fold boxes flat and remove styrofoam, packing peanuts and plastic



Shredded Paper

Place in clear plastic bag and tie up

Blue Bin NO List:

- Plastic bags*
- Food waste or liquids of any kind
- Household and automotive products*
- Electronics*
- Athletic shoes*
- Styrofoam (packaging and peanuts)
- Shrink and bubble wrap
- Plastic utensils (forks, knives, etc.)
- Paper towels, napkins, facial and toilet tissue
- Waxed coated fast food beverage cups
- Six-pack plastic beverage rings
- Self-sealing or cardboard mailing envelopes with padding or bubble wrap
- Stained glass, light bulbs, mirrors, porcelain, ceramics
- Cereal box inserts
- Empty chemical containers
- Dog or cat food bags

* For information about Bag Central Station, Tempe's Household Products Collection Center and Nike Reuse-a-Shoe program: 480-350-4311