

Recycling Guide for mini-skip/recycling trailer users:

If items are not listed below, they cannot be recycled.

All items **MUST BE CLEAN** - no liquids or food residues. **ABSOLUTELY** no lids or pull tabs.

Recyclables deposited in mini-skip **TO BE LOOSE** and not deposited in bags or boxes.

- Aluminum cans (loose pull tabs in **RED BIN**)
- Aerosol cans (lids in **RED BIN**)
- Books at the end of their life including paperbacks. Hard covered books must have covers removed and these put in **RED BIN**.
- Flattened cardboard and egg cartons. Large quantities can be dropped off at the Barrys Bay Transfer Station – free.
- Glass bottles and jars, clear and coloured – must be clean (lids in **RED BIN**). **SMALL ITEMS** (smaller than a yoghurt pottle) e.g. pill bottles, make-up bottles, perfume bottles etc in **RED BIN**.
- Meat trays (plastic, not polystyrene) **Numbers 1, 2 and 5 only**. (Glad wrap in **RED BIN**)
- Paper – newspaper, junk mail, phone books, magazines (plastic wrap in **RED BIN**) and office paper. **NO** small receipts, tickets, shredded paper or similar.
- PET bottles, lemonade, fizzy drink (lids in **RED BIN**)
- Plastic containers, **Recycling numbers 1, 2 and 5 only** (lids in **RED BIN***). **ITEMS SMALLER** than a yoghurt pot cannot be recycled. Containers larger than 3 litres are **OVERSIZED** and cannot be recycled.**
- Steel and metal tins (lids in **RED BIN***) up to and including 1.5kg capacity. Containers larger than 1.5kg are **OVERSIZED** and cannot be recycled.**

*Flat lids from tins, plastic pottles or similar confuse the automatic sorting conveyer belt which treats them all as paper and this contaminates and downgrades the recycling end product.

**CCC contractor's machinery cannot accept oversized containers.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:

Food residues and dirty containers in the recycling downgrade the product and its value and are also unpleasant for the recycling staff.

ABSOLUTELY NO LIDS whether plastic or metal.

Please do not 'wish recycle' – i.e. put something in the bin because you believe it 'should be' recyclable.

Guidelines around recycling currently vary around NZ but standardization is hopefully underway. What might be acceptable for recycling in Auckland may not be acceptable here.

Items deposited in the recycling trailer, bin or mini-skip that are not recyclable cause the whole recycling collection to be contaminated and then it must go to landfill. This denigrates the effort that most people make to be conscientious recyclers.

Thank you.

From the Wasteline Team.