

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY RECYCLE GUIDELINES

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**Paper:**  
Newspapers,  
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mail.  
**Papel**



**NO** Plastic Bags or  
Plastic Wraps.  
**No bolsas plásticas**



**Cardboard:**  
Flatten before  
recycling.  
**Cartulina**



**NO** Food or Liquid  
Waste. Empty all  
containers.  
**No basura**



**Plastic:**  
Only #1, #2, and #5.  
Remove cap, rinse, and  
empty before recycling.



**Plásticos-**  
**solamente #1 o #2 o #5**

**NO** Tangles. (Hoses,  
Wires and Chains)  
**Sin enredos**



**Glass:**  
Bottles and jars. Rinse  
and empty before  
recycling.  
**Vidrios**



**NO** Scrap Metal  
**No metales**



**Cans:**  
Aluminum and Tin Cans.  
Rinse and empty  
before recycling.  
**Latas de aluminio,**  
**estaño, o acero**



**NO** Bulky Plastics  
**No plásticos**  
**grandes**



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## FAQ Section



### Why are you only accepting #1, #2, and #5 plastic jugs, jars, bottles, and tubs?

By limiting the type of plastic recycled, we can reduce the amount of contamination within our recycling stream. This is the best strategy for today's ever-changing recycling market.

### What is contamination in the recycling stream?

Contamination includes plastics #3, #4, #6, and #7, plastic bags, bulky or rigid plastics, styrofoam, food waste, and moisture. Everyone benefits by recycling only those items that can be sorted and recycled properly. The cleaner the material from residents, the cleaner it stays through the recycling process.

### Why am I now being told to rinse out my containers before recycling them?

The presence of moisture and food residue can contaminate other recycling materials when they are mixed together at the sorting facility.

### Can I recycle plastic bags at my local convenience center or curbside recycling?

**NO!** When plastic bags arrive at the sorting facility, they continuously clog up the machinery and become tangled in the sorting equipment. This causes hazardous working conditions for the recycling staff.  
**Keep all recyclables loose!**

### What can be done with plastic bags then?

Return plastic bags and plastic wrap to retail department and grocery stores. Most have collection containers available by the entrance.