

Recycling Tips to Keep You on the “Nice” List



To help determine what can be put in residential recycling carts, here's a “Naughty and Nice” list of holiday materials that may be recycled. Regardless of which list an item falls on, we suggest reusing it first, if possible.

Always Nice

- Boxes – gift, shoe and shipping
- Wrapping paper – plain or sparkly
- Tissue paper
- Holiday cards and envelopes – without embellishments
- Paper Gift bags
- Glass Bottles
- Aluminum Cans

Always Naughty

- Bubble wrap
- Ribbons & bows
- Gift bags – laminated, coated or dyed
- Cellophane
- Foam Packing peanuts
- Anything on the Christmas tree
- Your Aunt Edna's fruit cake

Watch List

Some items that are recyclable individually are not recyclable when combined with other recyclable materials. Recycling companies, like Republic, need materials in the purest form possible – any cross contamination of material (metal and paper together; paper and plastic together) make it difficult and more expensive to recycle. So, if possible, separate the materials before putting them in the recycle bin.

Toy Containers – Toy packaging made of heavy cardboard that surrounds a plastic container is not recyclable unless the cardboard is separated from the plastic. That means the plastic window on the box of your favorite doll or action figure.

Sticky gift tags – They are not recyclable by themselves, but are acceptable if they are on an envelope or wrapping paper.

Christmas trees – While unadorned trees are recyclable, they cannot be placed in residential recycling carts.

With our All-in-One Recycling™ program, you can be sure that our drivers can efficiently and effectively handle the recycling needs of our customers around the holidays and all year long.