3 Basic Rules:

1. No Food/liquid Waste
2. Recycle Clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard
3. No plastic bags or bagged recyclables

Flatten cardboard.
Paper, Magazines, Newspapers are all good.

NO Soiled papers - compost instead
NO food leftovers
NO plastic bags or bubble wrap
NO polystyrene foam or plastic
NO products with wax coatings
NO flexible packaging  (ie chip bags)
NO tangling items: hoses, wires, ropes, leashes, lights, string, chains
NO diapers
NO medical waste
NO metal scraps or other garage waste
NO hazardous material
NO batteries
NO electronics
NO propane cylinders
NO furniture, clothes
NO hangers
NO ceramics
NO wood
NO light bulbs
NO window panes/drinking glasses
NO bowling balls

Shredded paper is hard to recycle and turns it from high grade to mixed grade, that used for telephone books.

NOT all items with recyclable symbols are recyclable-see above to know.
Items should be clean but do NOT need to be spotless.

If an item should NOT go into the recyclables, don’t put it there as it likely will limit recycling or other products that could be recycled.

[**https://www.wm.com/us/en/inside-wm/recycle-right/recycling-101**](https://www.wm.com/us/en/inside-wm/recycle-right/recycling-101)

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