

Yes—

Plastic Bottles with Lids

Rinse, air dry, replace lid, toss in the bin



Yes—

Corrugated Cardboard

Break down, put in container as flat as possible.

Less than 50% covered in tape is acceptable.

Yes—

Paperboard, boxes from processed foods, etc.

Break down, put in container as flat as possible. This includes boxes from foods such as butter.



Yes—

1/2 Gallon Milk Containers, Drink Boxes

These are covered in wax and foil lined but can be recycled.

Yes -

Office/Copier Paper, Mailers, Envelopes



Leave loose, don't bag up.



Yes—

Newsprint, magazines, etc.

Leave loose, don't bag up or tie up.

Yes—

Shredded Paper

It must be in a clear plastic bag.

Never loose, never in a non clear bag.



Yes—

Glass Bottles & Containers

All should be rinsed, no lids.

Yes—

Aluminum Cans

Both food & drink.

Rinse, leave lables on. Lids on if possible.

Small loose lids will get lost in the sorting facility.



Yes—

Rigid Plastics

**Most of these can be recycled
if they fit into the bin.**

The rule for Tucson is:

When in doubt, throw it out.

Of course you can always contact Environmental Services or Tucson Clean and Beautiful for more info.

Recycling Information: 520-791-5000

tcb@tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org (520) 791-3109

No—

Frozen Food Boxes—Garbage!

These are made with a paperboard and plastic mix in order to stabilize the boxes for temperature fluctuation and moisture.



No—

Plastic Lids—Garbage!

These are too small to move along the rollers for sorting. They will fall or gunk up the machinery.

No—

Plastic Bags—Garbage!

The bane of every recycling plants existence!

These can be taken to a local shop that recycles plastic. They are not required to do so be sure you know where to go.





No—

Pizza Boxes—Garbage!

These are automatically contaminated the minute the pizza is put in it. Grease and food matter are no good when it comes to recycling.

The same goes for your bakery boxes and bags. If they have grease spots or crumbs they must go in the trash.

No—

Styrofoam—Garbage!

These are almost always contaminated by food.

If packaging materials they may not be contaminated but the city has no way to recycle them.



Packing materials are usually happily accepted at any of your local shipping store. UPS, FedEx, etc. Just call ahead to your local store and make sure they want them before driving over .



No—

Plastic Seals, Plastic Wrap

These are not made to be recycled. The plastic is not the right type to be turned into something else.