

# Medvil Cooperative Recycling Guidelines

The following lists **the only items** that can be picked up for recycling. Items containing any amount of food residue at all contaminate all recyclables in the batch, and the entire load is moved to trash, which defeats our efforts at being good stewards of the environment. So please read carefully and do your part to help us recycle responsibly.

## What Can Be Recycled:

**Metal food cans** such as vegetables, fruit, etc. All containers must be completely free of any food residue.

**Glass food containers** such as jam/jelly, salad dressings, etc. All containers must be completely free of any food residue.

**Beverage containers** such as beer, soda or water (any size). All containers must be rinsed out before being recycled.

**Corrugated cardboard** and cardboard containers such as cereal boxes, boxes of crackers, etc., that have the food packaged separately inside.

**Non-glossy publications** such as newspapers, magazines, and paper advertisements.

## What Cannot Be Recycled:

*If your barrel/container has any of the following items in it, your recycling will not be picked up.*

**Cartons that hold beverages** such as milk, orange juice etc., cannot be recycled because of their outer waxed coating.

**Containers that have been in contact with food** such as pizza boxes, cookies/cake containers, TV dinners, ice cream containers, etc. cannot be picked up.

**Plastic containers** of ketchup, mustard, etc. or any other non-see-through containers, cannot be recycled. If it's not obvious at first glance that a container is clean, it will not be picked up.

**Paper towels**, paper plates and cups, tissue paper or gift-wrapping paper.

**Magazines and catalogs** printed on glossy paper such as National Geographic, Better Homes & Gardens, etc. Glossies belong with trash.

**Plastic bags of any kind** are NOT recyclable; this includes plastic grocery bags. All acceptable recyclables must be placed in a lightweight barrel.

*No other items will be accepted. **When in doubt, it is trash.** If you guess wrong, we cannot pick it up and the entire container of recyclables will be left behind for you to repackage as trash.*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*