

Recycling @ MIT

Single Stream Recycling

Plastic

Plastics #1, 2 and 5
Water, Juice, and Soda Bottles
Yogurt Cups and Margarine Tubs
Cleaning Product Bottles

Paper

Newspapers and Magazines
Tissue Boxes
Junk Mail and Manila Folders
Soft Cover Books
Cardboard
Paper Bags
Pizza Boxes

Metal and Glass

Soda cans
Bottles (caps OK)
Canned Food Containers
Coffee Tins
Aluminum Foil, Trays and Pie Plates
Paper clips and Staples
Jars (lids OK)

Plastic Film Recycling

Bubble wrap
Grocery Bags
Produce Bags
Bread Bags
Clean Plastic Wrap
Food Storage Bags
Plastic Air Pillows
Beverage Case Wrapping
Retail Bags
Paper Product Packaging
Dry Cleaner Bags

Confused about what to do?
The number on an item tells what it's made from, not where to recycle it. Recycle plastics #1, 2 and 5. All items should be empty and clean. Food waste causes contamination, so make sure it goes in its own bin.

No food waste please! Make sure your items are clean and dry. Plastic film bins are located in many mail rooms and residence halls.

Food Waste

Food Scraps
Organic Material

Collect your food scraps in a separate container and dispose of them in the food waste bins on campus.

Trash

Coffee Cups and Lids
Black Plastic
Plastic Utensils, Cups, Plates
Food Containers
Waxy/Styrofoam
Condiments
Candy Wrappers
Straws, Chip Bags

Trash = What goes in a landfill, and eventually the ocean, plants, animals and YOU. Minimize your consumption of non-recyclable products.

For more information on these streams and additional streams including Technocycle, Battery Disposal, and Ink Cartridge Recycling visit us at web.mit.edu/recycling