



# RECYCLING CHART What Goes Where?

While you might know the basics of NYC recycling, there are always those small, key items that make you think twice about how to properly sort them. This checklist eliminates the guessing game by providing you with color-coded answers to how to recycle these tricky items. Post it in your classroom for your students to see, or keep it by your desk and help answer questions that may arise.

Material	Recyclable	
	Yes	No
Books, Paperback ONLY	X	
Candy Wrapper, Plastic		X
Candy Wrapper, Paper	X	
Capri Sun pouches		X
Cardboard Boxes	X	
Chip Bags		X
Cups, Plastic (yogurt, fruit, drinking)	X	
Crayons		X
Glue Sticks or Bottles	X	
Juice Boxes/Cartons	X	
Lunchables Boxes	X	
Milk Cartons	X	
Napkins or Tissue		X
Paper (Staples are OK)	X	
Paper, shredded	X	
Paper Bags, clean	X	
Paper Bags, dirty/greasy		X
Paper Boat Trays Clean	X	
Paper Boat Tray Dirty (Greasy, Soiled)		X
Paper cups	X	
Pens (including Markers)		X
Pencils, Mechanical	X	
Pencils, Wooden		X
Pencil Shavings		X
Photographs		X
Post – Its	X	
Scissors	X	
Stickers		X
Straws	X	
Straw Wrappers, Paper	X	
Straw Wrappers, Plastic		X
To-Go Packaging	X	
Utensils, Plastic	X	

**KEY:**

X – Paper Bin

X – Metal, Glass, Plastic Bin

X—Trash Bin



**GREEN BIN/LABEL  
PAPER & CARDBOARD**

**If you can rip it, you  
can recycle it!**



**BLUE BIN/LABEL  
METAL, GLASS, PLASTIC & CARTONS**

**If it's mostly metal, you  
can recycle it!**



**GREY BIN/TRASH ONLY LABEL  
TRASH ONLY**

**All soft plastics and soft  
packaging go in the trash!**