

# Can it be Recycled?



Recycling is a godsend for the human race to reconsider their choices and save the environment. Recycling centers are all over the world, yet the planet still lacks such facilities.

More importantly, many part of the world have not awakened yet to the necessity of putting dedicated recycling bins which people can use to discard any item that can be recycled and used again.

Moreover, many of the packaging material that is out there these days holds a recycle symbol but end up in dumps and don't get recycled at all.

## Certain Takeout Containers



Not all takeout containers can be recycled, **especially if they hold stains of leftover food and grease.** You will contaminate the other material that is about to be recycled as well.

Make sure that you scrub the takeout containers thoroughly before you toss them inside that recycling bin. Plastic takeout containers are especially easy to clean; so don't be lazy and do it. That is more efficient and more productive as well.

## Some Paper Products



Recycling paper is not always a possibility. There are certain types of paper that recycling them would be too costly to be efficient. For example, **paper towels, tissues, and napkins** are considered too contaminated to be recycled at all.

**Colored paper** is great to look at and use but it is not so great to recycle. The reason that makes colored paper impossible to recycle is the fact that it is heavily dyed.

This means that it is contaminated and the process of separating the color from the actual paper is too costly, which makes recycling facilities refrain from accepting colored paper.

## **Styrofoam**



Is Styrofoam recyclable?—The simple answer to this short question is an absolute and utter NO! The detailed answer goes something like this: Styrofoam products, such as Styrofoam cups, cannot be recycled because the material in itself is not biodegradable.

**Soft Plastic Bags - *separate and send to Safeway or Coles supermarket – Red-cycle will take it to Replas who turn it into recycled outdoor furniture.***



Plastic bags are a very tricky material to recycle. Try using cloth grocery bags, instead, when you go grocery shopping. The school is sending its soft plastic back to the supermarket.

**Plastic Bottle Caps & Bread Tags— *separate and send to school for prosthetic hands***



The bottles themselves are okay and can probably be recycled; the bottle caps of the bottle, however, are not likely to be recycled. The reason behind this is the fact that plastic bottle caps are made of a different type of plastic that can be turned into prosthetic hands. Remove the bottle caps before sending the bottles to be recycled. Also, make sure that you crush the bottles before you do so.

Bread tags are a harder plastic and can be recycled to make wheel chairs in Africa. The school is sending bottle caps & bread tags off to be recycled.