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 (no grease)

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

Food Waste

- Food Scraps
- Organic Material
- Napkins
- Paper Towels

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.

Trash

- Black Plastic
- Plastic Cutlery
- Milk and Juice Boxes
- Waxy/Styrofoam Food Containers
- Condiments
- Candy Wrappers
- Straws, Chip Bags

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

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

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