



## What You Can Do To Help

### 1) **Keep your plastic bags together.**

If you still bring home plastic grocery and retail bags, empty your plastic bags by turning them inside out. Stuff your empty plastic bags into one bag. Once your collection of bags exceeds what you need

around the house, tie the top of the bag of bags and place in your recycling bin. At the recycling facility, it will be much easier for our staff to recover a bag of bags than trying to hand pick millions of bags one at a time.



- 2) **Remove and dispose of plastic lids smaller than 3 inches.** Any plastic lids smaller than 3 inches will contaminate our glass or they will be screened out and disposed of instead of being recycled. The removal of the lids also helps making sure that all liquids have been emptied from your bottles so they can be sorted properly by our equipment. It also means we can make denser bales reducing our shipping cost and ultimately yours.



- 3) **Do not flatten your containers** such as metal cans, milk containers and aseptic juice boxes. Our equipment separates containers from paper based on their physical three-dimensional shape. By flattening these containers, they behave like two-dimensional paper and as a result they stay with the paper in our process rather than going into the containers. This misdirection makes them extremely difficult to find in a pile of paper. Unfortunately, those that get missed act as a contaminant to the paper fibre they end up with reducing the value of the commodity and ultimately increasing your cost.



**Place and Pinch** metal cans for everyone's safety. **Place** the metal lid inside the can and **pinch** the top to keep it there.

**4) Only glass bottles and jars are acceptable** in our recycling program. While many items are made of glass like windows, drink ware, mirror, bake ware, etc. they are not made with the same materials and they cannot be mixed in. Similarly, ceramic tiles and mugs are not recyclable. Mixing types of glass together virtually makes it impossible for us to make new glass bottles with the material because the contaminants cause glass defects and safety issues for those handling it.



**5) Rigid plastic containers are acceptable** in the recycling program. Unfortunately we cannot accept everything made of plastic. We accept the vast majority of the bottles and other packaging in the marketplace as long as it is not blown polystyrene commonly known as “Styrofoam”. However, this does not mean we accept everything made of plastic. We can only handle packaging. This means that straws, small swimming pools, lawn chairs, toys, and anything else made of plastic is NOT acceptable. A recycling symbol with a number in it does not mean that the item is recyclable or even made of recyclable materials. It was placed there to help us identify the type of plastic resin used in the manufacturing process.



**6) When in doubt leave it out.** When you are not sure if something is recyclable, do not place in in your recycling bins until you have verified it is in fact acceptable. You can verify this by:

- a) Visiting our website at [www.bra.org/recycleguide.html](http://www.bra.org/recycleguide.html)
- b) Emailing us at [info@bra.org](mailto:info@bra.org)
- c) Calling our toll free line at 1-800-265-9799,
- d) Looking at the lid of your recycling wheelie bin,
- e) Seeing us at 415 Canada Avenue, Huron Park, ON, or
- f) Downloading MyWaste App from [www.bra.org/mobileapp.html](http://www.bra.org/mobileapp.html)

