

Wishcycling

Please DO NOT wishcycle. Items that you want to recycle because you think they should be, but are not recyclable end up causing contamination in commingled collection. Contamination is sorted out as trash and potentially anything the contamination has come into contact with. Wishcycling actually causes less recycling. This affects the whole region; increasing costs for recycling on JBLM and the surrounding areas.



Contaminated Commingle Container

Pierce County Recycling

JBLM follows Pierce County guidelines on recyclable commingle items. All the information included in this brochure and more can be found

at the Pierce County Recycle and Reduce Waste website: <https://www.co.pierce.wa.us/1507/>

Recycle-Reduce-Waste.

JBLM Recycling

For more information on what is recyclable on

JBLM visit: [https://home.army.mil/lewis-](https://home.army.mil/lewis-mcchord/index.php/my-Joint-Base-Lewis-Mcchord/all-services/public_works-environmental_division/recycling)

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RECYCLE RIGHT

Items NOT Allowed in
Commingle Recycling
Containers

When in doubt, throw it out!



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Paper Items



Cartons

Cartons are not recyclable. The moisture in cartons contaminates the paper. Cartons are also made of layers of different materials, including plastic, paper, metal. This makes them difficult to recycle into new products.

Shredded Paper

Modern shredders cut paper into such small pieces that there isn't enough fiber left to recover. Loose shreds become confetti at sorting facilities and end up swept into the garbage.



Shred events are a great alternative to shredding at home.

Paper Plates and Cups

This paper is not recyclable. These items are made of a lower-quality fiber and have plastic liners. Paper can only be recycled so many times before its quality degrades.



Paper Towels and Napkins

This paper is not recyclable. Even clean, these items are made of the lowest quality fiber, and have reached the end of their recyclability.



Greasy Pizza Box

Greasy cardboard is not recyclable. If the box is clean, you can recycle the cardboard. Do not put pizza boxes in your yard waste container.



Plastic Items



Plastic Packaging

Chip bags, juice pouches, and other types of flexible packaging are made of layers of plastic film and foil. These materials are difficult to process and recycle.

Crinkly Plastics

Lightweight plastics like cups, clamshell packaging for produce, and packaging around toys and electronics are easily crushed during collection and processing.

Items that are flattened are sorted incorrectly as paper.



Foam Trays and Containers

Polystyrene foam is so lightweight that storing and shipping it is not cost-effective. Food containers are also dirty, and they are difficult to clean. There are options for the hard blocks that are

used in packaging. Check your County solid waste website for foam recycling locations.

Utensils and Straws

These disposable items are not recyclable.



Coffee Pods

Each little cup contains four types of material. They can't be recycled as is and it isn't easy or practical to separate the materials out.

Prescription Bottles

Hard plastic prescription bottles are not recyclable. The end-users who buy plastics for recycling do not want prescription pill bottles included because of the residue that may be present.



Lids

Lids are either too small or too flat to be sorted properly.

Bags and Wrap

Plastic bags and plastic wrap get tangled in machinery at sorting facilities. Recycle this material at participating grocery stores.



Metal Items



Aluminum foil, pans and plates

Aluminum cans are recycled back into aluminum cans. Foil, plates and pans are usually dirty and are not compatible with the aluminum beverage can recycling process.

Metal Scrap and Wire

Scrap metal and wire pose a safety hazard for employees at recycling centers.



Glass Items



Bottles and Jars

Glass breaks in the cart and contaminates the other recyclables. The glass collected at our drop-off sites goes directly to a local glass recycler.

Glassware, Dishes, Windows, Mirrors and all Other Glass

This material cannot be recycled with bottles and jars at our drop-off locations. Throw broken dishes, glasses, windows, mirrors and all other glass in the garbage. Items in good condition can be donated.



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