



THE CITY OF ERIE

2021 RECYCLING GUIDE

Stop! Place these items in the trash



Styrofoam

Contaminated items with food

Plastic cups, tubs, or toys

Recycle these items at the curb



Paper

Newspaper, Office paper, Magazines

Plastic  

Any plastic container with a screw-top lid;
Remove cap and throw in the trash

Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard, Paper board

Metal Cans

Food cans, Beverage cans

Recycle these items elsewhere*



Glass

Plastic bags

Prescription and medical waste

Chemicals or household hazardous waste

*Find out where to recycle these items and more at www.erie.pa.us/recycling

Recycling Events

Who: City residents ONLY. Photo ID required.

What: Drive through and drop-off electronics or tires on the appropriate day for recycling

Where: City of Erie Municipal Garage Complex 1926 Holland Street



Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

6 tires per resident. Only passenger vehicles and light truck tires. No rims



Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Acceptable Items: TVs, Computers, Monitors, Keyboards, Mice, Printers, Speakers, Tablets

How to recycle items at the curb



Place clear recycling bags or blue bins curbside apart from trash on regular refuse collection nights.

Blue bags are not acceptable.

Use clear plastic bags or blue bins for residential recycling.

Blue bins are not provided by the City of Erie.

Do not mix trash with recyclables.

Once contaminated, the recyclable items will not be sorted and the entire bag is thrown into the trash.

Why are we accepting less plastic?

At this time, the City of Erie recycling vendor can only accept plastic bottles, jugs, or jars with screw top caps. All other plastic items, including the caps, should be thrown in the trash.

Due to global market conditions, the demand for recycled plastic is low. Other plastic items used to be shipped overseas but are no longer being accepted. We hope to have other options soon.

Why are we no longer accepting glass?

When mixed with other recyclables, glass breaks and ruins both the glass container and the other items in the bag. Once contaminated, the items cannot be sorted by our recycling vendor and the entire bag is thrown into the trash.

We encourage you to recycle your glass at a private recycling facility, which can be found online at www.erie.pa.us/recycling. Otherwise, carefully dispose of your glass in the trash.