3 Basic Rules:

1. No Food/liquid Waste
2. Recycle Clean bottles, cans, paper and cardboard
3. No plastic bags or bagged recyclables

Flatten cardboard.  
Paper, Magazines, Newspapers are all good.  
   
   
NO Soiled papers - compost instead  
NO food leftovers  
NO plastic bags or bubble wrap  
NO polystyrene foam or plastic  
NO products with wax coatings  
NO flexible packaging  (ie chip bags)  
NO tangling items: hoses, wires, ropes, leashes, lights, string, chains  
NO diapers  
NO medical waste  
NO metal scraps or other garage waste  
NO hazardous material  
NO batteries  
NO electronics  
NO propane cylinders  
NO furniture, clothes  
NO hangers  
NO ceramics  
NO wood  
NO light bulbs  
NO window panes/drinking glasses  
NO bowling balls  
   
Shredded paper is hard to recycle and turns it from high grade to mixed grade, that used for telephone books.  
   
NOT all items with recyclable symbols are recyclable-see above to know.  
Items should be clean but do NOT need to be spotless.  
  
If an item should NOT go into the recyclables, don’t put it there as it likely will limit recycling or other products that could be recycled.   
   
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