

Care For Creation Team Recycling

Recyclables are to be clean enough in the blue recycle containers that a bag is not needed. If there MUST be a plastic bag in the recycle container, it is to be **clear or translucent**. If Pellitteri staff cannot see through the bag, it will all be thrown in the trash/landfill.

Items placed in the recycle container is to be free of food residue. Frosting on the lids of plastic bakery containers is to be removed.

Cardboard with grease spots on from frosting, cake or pizza is **not** recyclable and is trash. If you can cut out the grease spots, the clean cardboard can go in the recycle bin.

Paper products are to be at least the size of a post-it note. If the paper is smaller than a Post-It note, it is trash.

Aluminum foil is only recyclable if it is clean and dry and crunched up into a ball the size of a softball. Smaller balls of foil are not accepted as they will fall through the machinery.

Aluminum cans and aluminum pie plates are recyclable if they are clean and free of food residue.

Tops of cans that have been removed with a can opener are to be placed inside a can and the top pinched closed so that the can tops cannot get out when the can is going through the machinery. If the lids are free and flying around while they are going through the machinery, they can destroy expensive belts that run the machines.

Batteries are not recycled by Pellitteri. You can give batteries to Laura in the office and she will get them to Rona who will take them to be recycled.

Plastic film wrap and Styrofoam are **not** recyclable and are not to be placed in the recycle containers. These are trash and will go in the landfill.

Empty all liquids out of plastic containers including water. If there is plastic container with coffee or juice in it, please rinse it out and empty completely. If the container is plastic, leave the plastic lid on it. If the container is glass take the lid off and if it does not have a number on it, it is trash.

Do NOT flatten or crush plastic or metal items. Do NOT place smaller items inside larger containers. All items should be loose and empty with all food removed.

If plastic does not have recycle sign on it, it is trash.

Items that I have found in the recycling bins that go in the trash:

- Used plastic gloves

- Whole oranges

- Greasy cardboard

- Paper with food residue

- Napkins

- Used kleenex

- Chewed Gum

- Plastic zip-lock bags

- Take-out coffee cups with plastic lids attached (For now, please throw the cups we use for coffee in the trash. It appears that Pellitteri does not recycle those even though they may

be recyclable at other locations.
Paper with greasy food stains and/or frosting on it
Batteries – (will take these to be recycled when I get an amount to go there with)
Granola bar wrappers
Candy wrappers
GoGo Squeeze fruit pouch
Plastic water bottles with water in them (drained them and placed them back in the recycle container)
Other plastic drink bottles with liquid contents in them (these I drained and rinsed and then tossed in the recycle container)

There is a 7 minute video on Pellitteri's website showing what happens to our recyclables. There are brief, helpful video tips there to watch as well. You can find the video at:

<https://www.pellitteri.com/pages/residential-recycling#recycleVideo>

There is information here: <https://www.pellitteri.com/pages/recycling-info-for-residential>

The guidelines for residential are much the same as they are for commercial services, so I use both. Sometimes residential has what I am looking for when commercial does not.