

# What can I recycle in NWI?



Porter County  
**RECYCLING**  
& WASTE REDUCTION

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# Two Ways to Recycle

- 1. Inside your curbside bin**
- 2. Outside your curbside bin**

# Recycling

## 1. Inside your curbside bin

- Just because it has a symbol, doesn't mean it's recyclable curbside **IN NWI**.
- No mandate to place a recycle symbol on materials.
- Recyclability is determined by markets – is there a company that will buy the materials and turn them into something else? **Supply & Demand**
- What can the technology of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) handle?

## 2. Outside your curbside bin

- Many materials are recyclable but not in your bin.
- Learn other resources to take these materials.

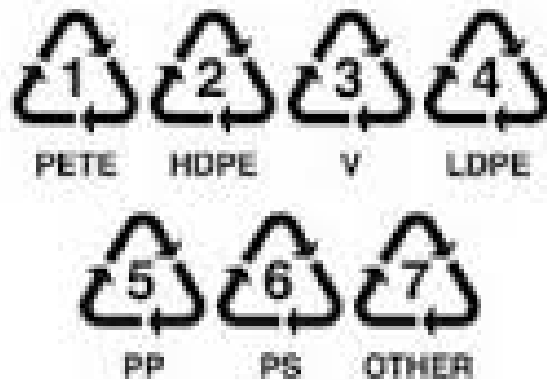


# Inside your curbside bin

- 1. Majority (almost all) of NWI recycling goes to Homewood Disposal, Homewood, Illinois. Some goes to Chicago, but all goes to Illinois.**
  - Municipality collected
  - Contract with waste hauler
  - Use drop off boxes
- 2. Lake, Porter, LaPorte Counties follow these guidelines.**
- 3. Recycling is regional; what we recycle curbside here may be different than what they recycle in Indianapolis, or South Bend, or Detroit, or San Francisco.**

# Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County

**Just because it has the symbol, doesn't  
mean it goes into your bin.**



**Worst offenders.  
Do not Recycle These:**



Plastic bags & Film



#6 Plastics  
& Styrofoam



# Other items of note:

- No shredded paper
- Leave caps on bottles, jugs



# Outside your curbside bin

- **Just because it's not on this list doesn't mean it can't be recycled.**
- **Many items can be recycled, just not in your curbside bin:**
  1. Metro Recycling
  2. Duneland 28
  3. Working Bikes
  4. Repurpose Place
  5. Habitat Restore
  6. One Warm Coat
  7. Salvation Army
  8. [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org)
  9. And more!



# Close the Loop!

- **The three chasing arrows stand for:**

1. Collect
2. Manufacture/process
3. Purchase – Supply & Demand

