



Waste & Recycling Services

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Rumpke Expands Acceptable Recycling Items List Plastic and aluminum cups are now accepted in Rumpke's recycling program

CLEVELAND – February 1, 2022 – The cup is out of the bag. Effective immediately, Rumpke Waste & Recycling will accept disposal plastic and aluminum cups in curbside and dropbox programs.

“As a recycling leader, Rumpke is constantly working with end users to develop solutions for expanded recycling opportunities,” said Jeff Snyder, Rumpke’s Director of Recycling. “Our commitment to our recycling operation remains a top priority.”

Recent innovations in plastic recycling have resulted in commitments from end-users to accept and recycle more material. Advancements in plastic recycling have increased the demand for additional types of plastic products.

“Last year, Rumpke announced the addition of tubs, made from polypropylene. With consumer driven demand for more environmentally friendly options, more and more companies are transitioning to polypropylene cups,” said Snyder.

Examples of acceptable cups include plastic beverage cups from fast-food restaurants (Starbucks, McDonalds, etc.), plastic souvenir cups and Ball brand aluminum cups.

Additional guidelines include:

- Plastic lids should be reattached to plastic cups.
- Straws and stoppers are not accepted.
- Colorful Solo brand cups are not accepted. These cups are made from polystyrene and Rumpke currently does not have a secure, long-term end user for this material.
- Ceramic and glass cups are not accepted. In fact, they can be damaging to the glass recovery process.
- K-cups are not accepted.

Plastic cups processed at Rumpke’s recycling facilities will be used to make new plastic containers and aluminum cups will be made into aluminum cans.

For more information on recycling, visit www.rumpke.com.

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