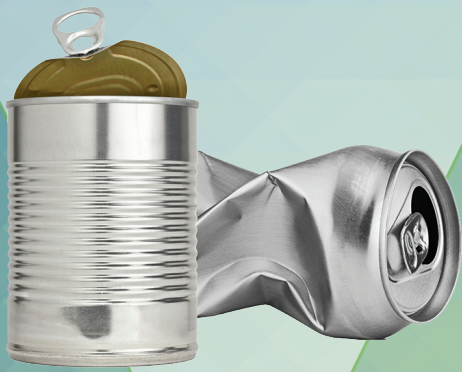


WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

Everything must be **EMPTY, DRY** and **UNBAGGED**



METAL

Only food and drink cans



GLASS

Only bottles and jars



PLASTIC

Only bottles and jugs



PAPER & CARDBOARD

Clean and dry — no food contact
No shredded paper



CARTONS

No straws

See Page 16 for additional information and exceptions for specific municipalities. Always check with your municipality's program for changes.



THINK

before you recycle

- **REMEMBER ...**

Not everything that you use can be recycled and remade. Think before you buy: Buy less, and buy items made from recycled materials.

- **DON'T BE FOOLED BY THOSE ARROWS!**

Recyclable? Think again. Triangle or not, only the items on Page 3 can be recycled in our local programs.

- **HAND IT OVER**

Nothing smaller than your hand should be placed in your recycling bin.

A to Z Guide for Recycling and Disposal

For more information about what can and cannot be recycled in Pinellas County, visit Pinellas County's A to Z Guide at pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/getridofit



A to Z GUIDE

Recycling & Disposal in Pinellas County

Going beyond the text

Shopping smarter

Pinellas County advises you to think before you buy. That is good advice, especially if you are on a budget. Using the Sunday *Tampa Bay Times*, make a shopping list of 20 items you want to purchase. Create a chart with seven columns: list each item, its purpose, its cost, the material it's made from, how long you think you'll own that item and what you'll do with that item when you're done using it. If the item is food, remember to include any packaging or nonedible items contained with that food. In the last column, note whether there is a possibility of reusing, recycling or upcycling the item when you're finished with it.