MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Culinary & Wellness Services

CWS Packaging Disposal Guide

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The three waste categories are:

- Organics: Also known as compost. This includes **food scraps, food-soiled paper, and BPI-certified compostable serveware.**

- Recycling: Hennepin County accepts **plastics #1, #2, and #5** in their recycling streams. Some items are too small to be properly sorted in a recycling facility, even if they are the correct type of plastic. These items are listed as trash. **Clean paper, cardboard, and cartons** can also be recycled. It is best practice to clean and dry items before recycling.

- Trash: Items that cannot be composted or recycled. Including **plastic wrappers, black plastic, and unrecyclable plastics (#3,#6, etc.)**

How to use this guide:

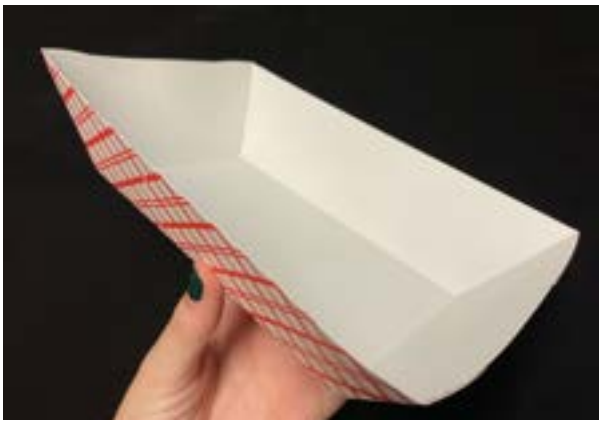
- Scroll through to see how each item should be sorted, or
- CTRL + F to search for a specific product by using the brand name or common name (ex: search “tortilla chips” or “Tostitos”)

If your school does not have an organics collection, please refer to our step-by-step guide to setting it up on our True Food, No Waste webpage.

Product Image	Description
	5 compartment tray **Organics** BPI certified
	Black plastic container **Trash** Black plastic goes in the trash because recycling facility scanners cannot detect it, so it does not get properly sorted.

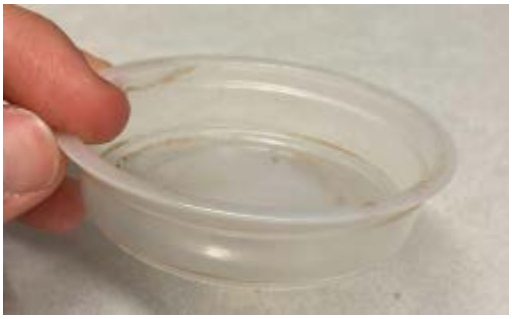
	Pre-pack tray, Oliver 1 and 2 compartment trays Trash
	Bowl: 12oz Organics
	Plate: 10.5 inches Organics

	Cup: 9 oz Organics
	Paper napkin Organics

	Paper snack tray or boat, brown Trash
	Soup cup: 8 oz Organics
	Paper snack tray or boat, white and red Trash

	Paper souffle cup: 1, 2, and 5.5 oz Organics
	Plastic Utensils Trash
	Juice box, Ardmore Recycling Make sure the juice box is empty and put the straw in the trash.

	Ripple, dairy-free milk **Recycling** Pour out any leftover milk before recycling.
	Milk carton **Recycling** Pour out any leftover milk before recycling.
	Dressing cup: 1.25 or 2.5 oz **Recycling** Remove and place foil lid in the trash. Clean out food residue before recycling.

	Cereal bowl **Recycling** Remove and place lid in the trash. Clean out food residue before recycling.
	Chickpea spread container **Recycling** Remove and place lid in the trash. Clean out food residue before recycling.
	Applesauce or fruit cup **Recycling** Remove and place lid in the trash. Clean out food residue before recycling.
	Country View Dairy yogurt cup: 4 oz **Recycling** Remove and place lid in the trash. Clean out food residue before recycling.

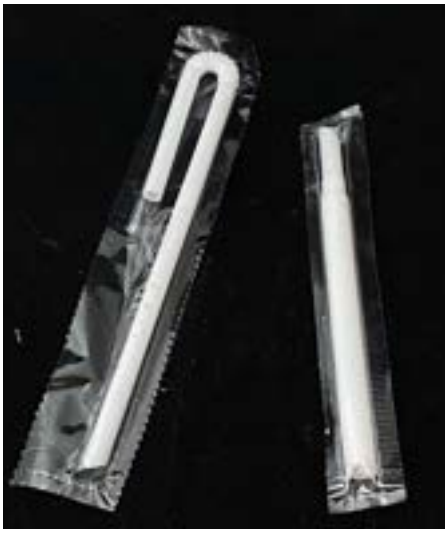
	Foil or plastic, peel-off lids Trash
	Juice Cup: 4 oz Recycling
	Parfait cup, 3 component cup Recycling Make sure lid is on container.

	Carrots wrapper, Bunny-Luv Trash
	Grape Escape wrapper Trash
	Snackn Waffles wrapper Trash

	CheezIt wrapper Trash
	88 Acre bar wrapper Trash
	Amazing Chickpea bar wrapper Trash

	SunWise Crustless Sandwich Wrapper Trash
	Clear plastic wrapper Trash

	Cream cheese spread cup and lid Trash
	Condiment packet wrappers (ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, etc.) Trash
	Smuckers syrup cup Trash

	Sunchip bag Trash
	Turkey stick wrapper Trash
	Straws Trash

	Plastic bag Trash
	Muffin or snack bread wrapper Trash
	Fruit cup: 4 oz Trash

	Pizza wedge box Trash
	Plastic film, prepack lid Trash
	Mini Pancakes Trash

	Goldfish Trash
	Tostitos, tortilla chips Trash
	Animal Crackers, Appleways Trash

	Dinner roll wrapper Trash
	French toast sticks wrapper Trash
	Cheese stick wrapper Trash

	Grilled cheese wrapper Trash