



# Test your Recycling Knowledge

QUESTION	CIRCLE ONE		
	YES	NO	MAYBE
1. Are plastic garden pots recyclable in the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
2. Can clear plastic windows be left in paper envelopes being recycled?	YES	NO	MAYBE
3. Is an ice cream carton recyclable?	YES	NO	MAYBE
4. Can an old steel pot be added to the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
5. Is a pizza box recyclable?	YES	NO	MAYBE
6. Can a wire hanger be added to the recycling bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
7. Can collapsible baby food pouches go into the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
8. Do empty aerosol cans go in the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
9. Do containers (glass or plastic) need to be empty to recycle?	YES	NO	MAYBE
10. Do hoses go in the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
11. Can bunched up aluminum foil go in the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
12. Are brown plastic pill bottles recyclable?	YES	NO	MAYBE
13. Do staples have to be removed from paper items before recycling?	YES	NO	MAYBE
14. Can books and old phone books go in the paper bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
15. Can beer or soda six pack boxes go in the paper bin	YES	NO	MAYBE
16. Can a 5 gallon bucket be added to the container recycling bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
17. Do Styrofoam boxes go in the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
18. Does the recycling symbol of a container mean the item is recyclable?	YES	NO	MAYBE
19. Is any black plastic recyclable?	YES	NO	MAYBE
20. Are old canning jars recyclable?	YES	NO	MAYBE
21. Can an orange juice carton go in the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
22. Do containers (glass or plastic) need to be rinsed out and clean?	YES	NO	MAYBE
23. Can egg cartons go in the recycling bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
24. Can plastic cups, plates and utensils go in the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
25. Is the paper from a paper shredder recyclable?	YES	NO	MAYBE
26. Can plastic bags go in the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
27. Can Tyvek envelopes go in the paper or container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
28. Can clear plastic "clamshells" go in the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE
29. Can ceramics be recycled?	YES	NO	MAYBE
30. Can incandescent light bulbs be recycled?	YES	NO	MAYBE
31. Can caps be left on plastic bottles and lids on glass jars?	YES	NO	MAYBE
32. Are small juice boxes recyclable with containers?	YES	NO	MAYBE
33. Can broken glass go in the container bin?	YES	NO	MAYBE

TOTAL NUMBER CORRECT: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## ANSWERS

1. NO – For now, Home Depot will take used pots
2. YES
3. NO – contains plastic
4. NO – save for bulky waste day
5. MAYBE - must be clean and free from oil and food residue
6. NO – save for bulky waste day metals bin; can get caught in recycling machinery
7. NO – too many mixed materials
8. NO – MRF rules changed recently and they have banned aerosol cans from recycling bins
9. YES – and clean
10. NO – they can damage the Materials Recycling Facility's (MRF) processing equipment
11. YES – but foil must be basically clean
12. NO – they are small and fall off the recycling sorter at the MRF
13. NO
14. YES or MAYBE – book covers and spines must be removed before recycling
15. NO – they contain plastic to stay strong when wet
16. NO – too big for the bin; save for bulky waste day or take to Leverett Transfer Station (LTS)
17. NO – not recyclable at the curb; large blocks of white Styrofoam can be brought to Bulky Waste Day
18. MAYBE – not necessarily. The number designates the kind of polymer the item is made of, but our MRF may or may not accept that item
19. NO – contains carbon and/or hazardous wastes
20. NO – the glass is too thick
21. YES – must be clean
22. YES
23. MAYBE – plastic egg cartons go in with containers; paper and Styrofoam cartons are not recyclable but paper cartons can go into a compost pile. Clean, white Styrofoam can be recycled at BWD
24. MAYBE – only clear plastic cups are recyclable. All others are trash.
25. NO – MRF rules changed recently and they are no longer accepting shredded paper.
26. NO – recycle these bags at the grocery store; there's usually a barrel near the entrance. Pellet stove pellet bags may be recycled here too, or also at Leverett Transfer Station or at Stop and Shop.
27. NO – recycle Tyvek envelopes at the grocery store in the plastic bag barrel
28. YES
29. NO
30. NO – LED or florescent bulbs contain mercury bearing waste and can be brought to Town Hall for recycling
31. YES – but must be left on or contained within the container.
32. YES
33. NO – it is prohibited at the MRF because it makes sorting dangerous for the MRF workers. Put in trash but bagged to not slice open the bag.