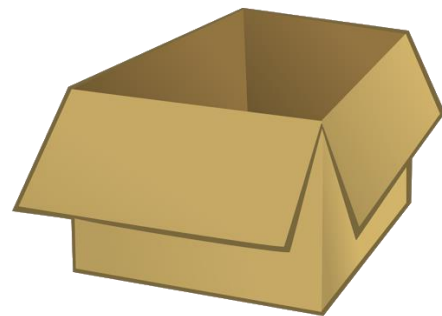
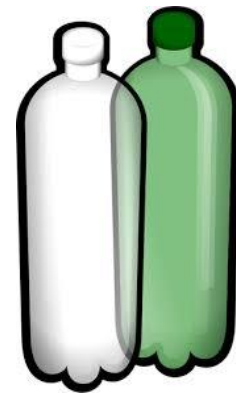
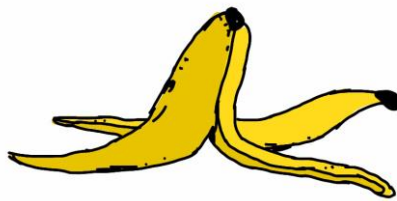


Garbage, Recycling or Compost?

Directions: Quiz yourself and your families by “sorting” the following items into either garbage, recycling or compost. For a more interactive experience – print and cut these pictures out to physically sort. Afterwards, check our answer key to see if you got it right, along with explanations and recycling tips!

Also, take a moment to look at this link on the recycling guidelines in Milwaukee:

<https://city.milwaukee.gov/recycle/what/Curbside-Recycling-Guide>



Answer key:

- 1) **Plastic Bag: Garbage** – plastic bags damage the machines and equipment at the recycling facility and can even cause fires! Don't wrap your recyclables in plastic bags or toss these bags in your recycling bin. Many local grocery stores have areas that you can return your plastic bags to be recycled properly. There's even one at the Riverside Park branch of the UEC!
- 2) **Banana Peel: Compost** – Fruit scraps are perfect for compost bins.
- 3) **Toilet Paper Tube: Recycling** – Make sure all the tissue paper is off the roll before recycling.
- 4) **Aluminum Can: Recycling** – Many people like to crush these cans, it's actually easier for the facility to sort the cans if they are fully intact, so leave the crushing to the experts!
- 5) **Styrofoam Containers: Garbage** – Styrofoam is not recyclable.
- 6) **Plastic Bottles: Recycling** – Check the bottom of your plastics to see what number they are. #1 , #2 , #5 plastics are accepted at MRF, and #4 plastics are not. MRF no longer accepts **#4 plastic** because there isn't currently a market to sell it to. Rinse the containers if you can!
- 7) **Apple Core: Compost** – Fruit scraps, again, are great for composting.
- 8) **Cardboard Box: Recycling** – If you can, flatten these boxes down to take up less space in waste removal vehicles and at the plant.

Thanks for playing!

Note: These are general guidelines for Milwaukee County, please check where your local recycling facility is and make sure your practices align with their guidelines.