

Communicating Recycling of Foodservice Packaging in Your Community

RECOMMENDED GRAPHICS, TERMS AND SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

FPI provides access to a library of high-resolution images of foodservice packaging (FSP) items available for use in your website and other educational materials. The suggested language and special instructions outlined below have been selected based on a thorough assessment of leading programs that include FSP, guidance from recycling industry experts, and a national survey of 1,000 residents that tested images and language related to recycling FSP for clarity and comprehensibility.

To effectively communicate recycling FSP, research recommends the following:

- Categorize FSP by material type—single stream: plastic, paper and metal or dual stream: paper and containers
- Include instructions to recycle only "clean and empty" items. Survey results showed using these terms together increased effective recycling.
- Show images with take-out containers and cups that are free of any food or liquid
- Check with your materials recovery facility (MRF) for processing capabilities

The chart below provides recommendations for images, text and categorization of common FSP items.

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"Plastic" Category		
Recommended Images and Terms	Best Practices	
	 Images of clean plastic cups without lids, straws or liquid 	
Plastic Cups		
Plastic Containers	Images of clean plastic containers without food	
Flastic containers		
	 Images of clean foam cups without lids, straws or liquid 	
Foam Cups		
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Foam Containers		



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"Paper" Category		
Recommended Images and Terms	Best Practices	
Paper Cups	 Images of clean paper cups without lids, straws or liquid 	
Pizza Boxes	 Images of empty pizza box with no cheese residue or remaining food in box Use the instructions "clean pizza boxes" rather than "no food-soiled pizza boxes" 	
Paper Containers	 Images of empty paper boxes, trays, sandwich/fry boxes or similar paper FSP items Use the instructions "clean paper containers" rather than "no food-soiled paper" 	
Paper Bags	Image of empty paper bag	

"Metal" Category		
Recommended Images and Terms	Best Practices	
Aluminum Foil Containers	Images of aluminum containers or trays without food residue	



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PERSONALIZED FLYER TEMPLATE SAMPLE

Promoting recycling of foodservice packaging is easy with a flyer template featuring best practices, terms and images. FPI's Resident Education Kit provides a flyer to be personalized with your website address. Download the flyer, graphics, and other communications resources at http://www.recyclefsp.org/residenteducationkit.

