

What to do with PACKAGING & MAILERS

Sending and receiving packages and mail can create a lot of waste! **But most mailing materials can be reused.** If you're not able to reuse boxes, envelopes, mailers, and packing materials, follow these guidelines to find out what is recyclable, compostable, or trash – and which items can be accepted at Eco-Cycle's Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM). For fees and directions to the CHaRM, visit ecocycle.org/charm.

SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING



Cardboard boxes and paper only envelopes
(remove any plastic sleeves on the mailer)



Plain paper mailers and pastel-colored envelopes (If envelope is colored, try the rip test*)



Paper padded mailer (padded with paper fibers)



Paper packing sheets

COMPOST



Dark or bright paper envelopes*



Gift tissue paper
(no glitter, tape or non-paper content)

* **Envelope rip test:** Rip the envelope - if the fibers inside are white, RECYCLE it! If the fibers inside are colored, COMPOST it!

BRING IT TO THE CHaRM



Plastic packing "pillows"



Plastic mailers (unlined, or lined with bubble wrap)



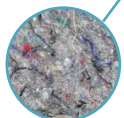
Bubble wrap



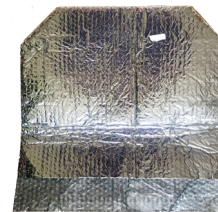
#6 White block foam or Foam packing sheets

LANDFILL

Paper PADDED Mailers (padded with textile fibers)



Paper PADDED Mailers (padded with bubble wrap)



Foil or metallic mailers



Packing peanuts (often accepted for reuse by packaging stores)

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