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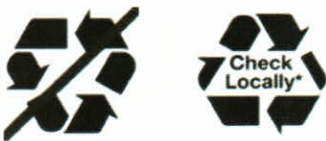
Have you noticed the recycling symbols that are beginning to appear on products? There are several different ones and they are excellent. How2Recycle is the new standardized labeling system that gives recycling instructions on an increasing number of products. Below is information for recycling metal (steel) cans.



This particular label shows information about recycling metal (steel) cans. The top portion gives special instructions – rinse & insert lid into can. This particular recycling symbol tells you that the product is widely recycled. Below the recycling symbol is the type of packaging material to be recycled (Metal) and the last row gives the category of recycling (cans).



This second label shows that plastic recycles, if clean & dry, at a Store Drop-off, (Kroger or Walmart) and not a recycling center. Lastly, it names plastic products that recycle - bags, film and wraps. How2recycle.info and plasticfilmrecycling.org are both excellent sites for information about recycling plastic. More on recycling plastics next week.



Two additional recycling symbols that appear on products are “Not Yet Recycled” and “Limited Recycling” (not recycled in all communities). Most of these symbols are rather small on boxes and packages so look closely for them. They are usually on the bottom of the box or package. This last symbol emphasizes one critical aspect for all recycling. Since every area is different, it is important to check with your local recycling center to see what and how to recycle.

Have any strings of Christmas lights that don't work? The Recycling Center accepts them in any condition.

Have questions about recycling, or interesting information about recycling? Send questions or requests to recyclelady@greenbrier-swa.com. Dear Recycle Lady is sponsored jointly by the Greenbrier Recycling Center and Greenworks Recycling.