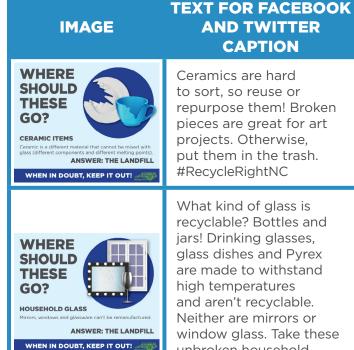
# WHERE SHOULD THESE GO?

## Social Media Guide for Common Recycling Questions

The N.C. Division of Environmental Assistance and Customer Service (DEACS) has developed Where Should These Go? to answer the most frequent questions about where to take items that don't belong in the bin. The social media posts below coordinate with the Recycle Right NC information campaign materials designed for use by local recycling programs and private recycling collectors.

### Together, we can recycle more and recycle better. #RecycleRightNC



What kind of glass is recyclable? Bottles and jars! Drinking glasses, glass dishes and Pyrex are made to withstand high temperatures and aren't recyclable. Neither are mirrors or window glass. Take these unbroken household glass items to a thrift store. #RecycleRightNC

**CAPTION** 



Pumps and tubes are made of multiple materials and can't be recycled. Put them in the trash. Don't contaminate recycle right for our state! #RecycleRightNC



Don't toss that cup in the recycling bin! Put it in the trash. These single-use items are often contaminated with liquid. Even when clean, cups get crushed and mis-sorted in the recycling machinery. #RecycleRightNC



Styrofoam doesn't belong in the recycling bin. Instead, reduce your single-use! If clean, take it to a participating grocery store. Otherwise, it belongs in the trash. Don't contaminate recycle right for our state! #RecycleRightNC



Did you know that several times a day, plastic bags, hoses, wires and string lights shut down the recycling equipment for 30 minutes at a time? Don't contaminate recycle right for our state! #RecycleRightNC



Batteries don't belong in the recycling bin; they are fire hazards at a recycling center. Put household batteries in the trash. Take rechargeable ones to a local retailer. Take car batteries to a participating convenience center or hazardous waste collection. #RecycleRightNC



ANSWER: CONVENIENCE CENTER WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!

While appliances are NOT accepted in your curbside recycling, there are other ways to keep them out of the landfill. Call your local government to see if they accept appliances at the convenience center or if a collection service is offered for these items. #RecycleRightNC



ELECTRONICS ANSWER: CONVENIENCE CENTER

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!

While electronics are NOT accepted in your curbside recycling, there are other ways to keep them out of the landfill. Call your local recycling convenience center to find out if they accept these items and more! #RecycleRightNC



ANSWER: CONVENIENCE CENTER

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!

The average American throws out 82 lbs. of textiles a year. Clothes take up to 40 years to break down and emit greenhouse gases. However, 95 percent of textiles can be recycled - just not in your curbside bin. Bring them to a convenience center or a thrift store. #RecycleRightNC



Real people sort your recycling — medical waste can harm them! Call your local public health department for medical disposal information. Hazardous waste never belongs in the recycling bin either. Call 877-623-6748 for drop-off locations. #RecycleRightNC





PLASTIC BAGS AND WRA

ANSWER: BACK TO THE STORE

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!

Plastic bags and packaging wrap around recycling machines, shutting down a facility several times a day. Take them to the grocery store, bring your own bags, or when possible, buy products that aren't packaged in plastic. #RecycleRightNC

#### WHERE **SHOULD THESE** GO? PAPER TOWELS AND NAPKINS



ANSWER: THE COMPOST

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!

Paper towels, tissues and napkins aren't recyclable. They are often dirty, but even when clean, they are too thin to be recycled into paper. Put them in the compost or trash bin. Don't contaminate recycle right for our state! #RecycleRightNC

#### WHERE SHOULD **THESE** GO? FOOD WASTE



ANSWER: THE COMPOST

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!

Food and liquids in the recycling bin contaminate other recyclables. Plus, it's gross for the people who sort your recycling. Empty and rinse containers before placing them in the recycling. Put other food waste in the compost. #RecycleRightNC

#### WHERE **SHOULD THESE** GO?



SHREDDED PAPER

ANSWER: THE COMPOST

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!

Compost it or shred less — but don't put shredded paper in your recycling bin! If you do, this stuff goes EVERYWHERE at the recycling center! Keep it out! #RecycleRightNC



Think receipts are recyclable? Think again! This type of thin paper can contain non-recyclable layers and chemicals. Refuse receipts or put them in the trash. Don't contaminate — recycle right for our state! #RecycleRightNC



WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!

Buy paper egg cartons and recycle them! Avoid Styrofoam and plastic ones — they can't be recycled curbside. Some grocery stores will take Styrofoam but most don't. #RecycleRightNC



Flat things are perceived as paper by the recycling sorting machines. Put that lid in the trash! #RecycleRightNC



WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!

Metal belongs in the recycling bin, right? Only if it is a CAN. Don't be tempted to put pots and pans, hangers and other metal items in the curbside recycling bin. Take them to the scrap metal collection at your recycling convenience center. #RecycleRightNC



Never seen a clean pizza box to recycle? No problem: tear off the clean top and recycle it; compost the greasy cardboard or put it in the trash. You are a recycling hero! #RecycleRightNC

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ANSWER: THE LANDFILL

WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT!



