

Garbage, Recycle, or Compost?

Answer Key



GARBAGE:

Candy Wrappers: Candy wrappers are made of a mixture of materials and make them difficult to recycle.

Plastic Bag: Plastic bags can't be recycled in your regular recycling bin because they get tangled up in the machine at the recycling facility. Check your local grocery store for a plastic bag recycling collection bin.

Styrofoam: Styrofoam is a material that is also difficult to recycle.

Plastic Straw: Plastic straws are too small and lightweight to make it through the sorting machines at the recycling facility so they go in trash.

RECYCLE:

Plastic Bottle, Glass Jar, Soda Can: Aluminum cans, glass, and rigid plastics can all be placed in recycling.

Note: Your local waste hauler may have restrictions on the types of plastic accepted.

Newspaper: As long as the newspaper is not wet, it should go in the recycling bin.

COMPOST:

Apple Core, Paper Towel, Banana Peel: All fruit and vegetable waste and paper towels can be composted in both backyard and commercial composting facilities.

Chicken: Meat and dairy can be composted in commercial composting facilities but not in your backyard composter.