



# Trash, Recycle or Compost?

## Answer Key



### TRASH:

**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, Banana Peel:** All fruit and vegetable waste 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.

**Egg Shells:** Egg shells are a rich source of calcium and other essential nutrients that plants need.