Be a good sort

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Grey (garbage)

Use clear bags only. Do not double bag or place filled bags inside another bag. Contents can also be loose.

Clothes hangers (metal/plastic)
Coffee cups/pods
Diapers and hygiene products
Dryer lint
Non-fluorescent light bulbs
Plastic bags (empty)
Plastic food wrapping
- Chip bags
- Candy wrappers
- Food wrap
Waxed Cups
String, rope, wire and cords
Polystyrene foam packaging (e.g. meat trays)
Non-infectious medical tubes and bags (in a separate clear plastic bag)

Important note:
Sharp objects such as broken glass, non-fluorescent bulbs, razors, blades and knives, should be placed in a small cardboard box, taped securely, and labelled “SHARP OBJECTS.” Put this box in your grey cart.
Medical needles and lancets must be brought to the Household Hazardous Waste Depot in an approved sharps container.

Green (organics)

Use certified compostable bags or paper bags. Contents can also be loose. All plastics and elastics must be removed.

Dairy products
Food scraps
- Coffee filters/grounds
- Eggshells
- Oils (solidified)
- Spices
- Tea bags
Fruits and vegetables
Grain products
House plants and flowers
Leaf and yard waste
Meat and fish
- Bones and skin
Nuts, legumes and seeds
Pet waste
- Pet feces and kitty litter can be placed in the green or grey cart
Other
- Paper towels/tissues
- Paper soiled with food
- Sawdust (no wood pieces or pressure treated wood)

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Blue (recyclables)

Do not use bags. Contents must be loose. All containers must be empty.

Glass bottles and jars
Metal
- Cans
- Aluminum foil, plates and trays
Milk and juice cartons

Paper
- All types (i.e. white, coloured, glossy and matte)
- Shredded paper (in a separate clear plastic bag)
- Books (spines and hard cover removed)
- Cardboard and pizza boxes
- Toilet paper/paper towel rolls

Plastic
- Bottles, containers, tubes and lids (see Waste Wizard for details)
- Plant pots, trays and flats