## **Recycling DOs**

## for the blue recycling bins

- DO recycle clean, dry paper, glass and metal containers.
- DO recycle *dry*, rigid plastic containers that have the recycling triangle that has a 1-6 on it (pour out liquid from water bottles, etc.).

NOTE – *Items must be dry*, because if paper gets wet, it can mold. This will contaminate the whole load, which then ends up as landfill.

## **Recycling DON'Ts**

- Do NOT recycle wet items or soiled napkins, plates, cups, pizza boxes (put soiled things that rot in the GREEN bin for COMPOST).
- Do NOT recycle plates, cups utensils that have "compostable" on them or number 7 those items belong in the GREEN Compost bin.
- Do NOT recycle plastic bags or film wrap (they will clog recycling machines). Instead, bundle a number of them together and take to grocery stores where they collect for separate recycling.
- Do NOT recycle small items like bottle tops, coffee cup lids, small slips of paper. Please put in the black trash bin for the landfill.

## Composting DOs for the green bins

DO compost anything that rots, including the following:

- Soiled napkins, plates, cups, pizza boxes and compostable utensils
- Leftover food, leaves and organic materials
- Paper towels

Do NOT compost trash items like wrappers or plastic-coated containers (like milk cartons).

NOTE – When in doubt, throw it out! If you're not sure if something is compostable, put it in the trash. It's better to trash something than risk contaminating a whole load.

