



# Recyclletter

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*Reduce,  
Reuse,  
Recycle.*

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*Please Post*

## Free Recycling Through the Mail

If we tallied all sources of electronic waste, worldwide, it could total 50 million tons a year, according to the UN Environment Program. Doing their part, the U.S. Postal Service is making small electronic recycling even easier! This pilot program is implemented in 10 areas across the country, including Los Angeles, Washington D.C., Chicago and San Diego, but could become a national program this fall if it is successful. Free envelopes are provided at 1,500 Post Offices to mail back inkjet cartridges, PDAs, Blackberries, digital cameras, iPods and MP3 players –postage free. *You can find the list of participating Post Offices attached to this email.*

Postage is paid for by Clover Technologies Group, a nationally recognized company that recycles, remanufactures and remarkets inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges and small electronics. The Clover Technology Group has a “zero waste to landfill” policy: reusing and recycling materials means less waste in landfills.

[www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/welcome.htm](http://www.usps.com/communications/newsroom/welcome.htm)



## Soy Inks, Recycle Paper, and Low VOC Solvents

Start requesting soy-based ink for all your printing needs. Soy based ink increases the recyclability of paper, allowing for paper to be broken down into clean paper pulp more easily. Lab results completed by Battelle reveal that paper pulp from de-inking soy-based paper “contained extremely low levels of ink residue, resulting in cleaner and brighter pulp” (United, 2004). Less ink residue means easier and more effective recycling of paper.

Please Contact Stepan Nalbantian, Printing Press Supervisor, for more information about soy inks, recycled paper, and low-VOC solvents.

Note: Carbonless stock, MOCR (mechanical optical character recognition) stock used by ITA, and other specialty papers are not available in recycled content.

Source: <http://www.inkjetcartridges.com/soy-based-laser-toner.html>

## Need Recycling Training?

The City Facilities Recycling Program can provide recycling training for your section or division. We will come to your site and share information about the recycling programs and opportunities we offer to all City employees. We want to encourage everyone to make recycling a daily habit. If you would like us to visit your office for training, please call (213) 978-7606.

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# Reducing Plastic Consumption

## Reducing Plastic Consumption

Even though we can recycle some plastics, there are a few, yet very important, reasons to avoid purchasing plastics all together.

- Plastics are made from petroleum, a non-renewable resource- *A non-renewable resource is a natural resource that cannot be re-made, re-grown or regenerated on a scale comparative to its consumption ([www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com)).*
- Production of plastics releases toxic chemicals into the environment.
- Chemicals can migrate from many plastics into food, water, air and our mouths.

Here are some alternative ways that help eliminate plastic consumption:

- Bring your own doggy-bag food container when you eat out.
- Choose refillable, reusable containers made of glass, ceramic or stainless steel.
- Avoid single-use, disposable packaging, a.k.a., snack packs. Buy in bulk, the least-plastic consuming option.
- Avoid plastic cutlery; use metal reusable utensils.
- Microwave foods and drinks in ovenproof glass or ceramic containers. Never let plastic wrap touch food while in the microwave.
- When grocery shopping bring your own reusable grocery bag.

Source: <http://www.thegreenguide.com/doc/PR/lundquist>

## Glass, Aluminum, Plastic, Steel

Did you know that it takes 95 percent less energy to make a can from recycled aluminum than from virgin bauxite ore? Did you also know that clothing could be made from recycled bottles? It takes five two-liter bottles to make one recycled-content XL T-shirt. All your glass, aluminum, plastics and steel (G.A.P.S) can be converted into many types of products. CFRP provides Recycling Bins for you to help in saving energy and natural resources by recycling material already produced.

### Here are some of the items that can be recycled in the Yellow Bin:

straws, yogurt containers, plastic bottles, glass and aluminum drink containers, plastic grocery bags, shampoo bottles, plastic takeout-food containers, coffee and soup cans, plastic utensils, drink covers, plastic packaging, product packaging trays.

### When recycling in the recycle bin, please make sure to:

- Empty and clean out any food containers
- Compress containers to conserve space in the recycling bin
- Place containers/bottles and their covers separately into the bin
- Call the RECYCLINE for a pickup at (213) 922-8300 if your bin is full



Recycle your G.A.P.S. (glass, aluminum, plastic, steel)

Sources: [www.greenguide.com](http://www.greenguide.com) & [clothesmadefromscraps.com](http://clothesmadefromscraps.com)

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