

## Collected Material

The maintenance team will empty and remove the bins during and at the conclusion of the event.

## Products to Purchase/Where to Purchase

The Creation Care Ministry has put together a source list for the most commonly used items for our parish events. We suggest that reusable tablecloths, napkins (cloth), plates, utensils and glasses be used when possible. If reusable items aren't available please use items that are recyclable in the Parish recycling program. Examples of preferable items can be found at: <https://www.webstaurantstore.com/645/eco-friendly-recycled-and-biodegradable-plastic-cups.html>

## REDUCE

Help conserve resources and energy by identifying ways to prevent waste in the first place.

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## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*Protecting all of God's Creation*

## **OLPH Parish Recycling Guidelines for Parish Events**



## Recycling at OLPH

OLPH is committed to being a recycling parish. To further this commitment, and the plea of Pope Francis to care for all creation, the Creation Care Ministry has prepared the following guidelines to be followed by groups planning and hosting parish events to reduce waste and encourage recycling.

### Benefits of Recycling

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and combustion facilities
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials
- Saves energy
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations
- Helps create new well-paying jobs in the recycling industries in the United States, when compared to land filling waste

## What Can Be Recycled at OLPH?

### PAPER

- Paperboard (cereal boxes, paper egg cartons, paper towel core rolls, etc.)
- Corrugated cardboard, but nothing soiled with food, like pizza boxes.
- Mixed paper (event brochures, fliers, etc)

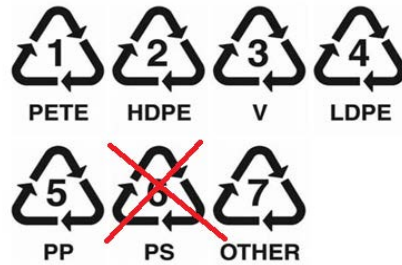
### CANS & GLASSES

- Glass bottles & jars, all colors
- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum pans/foil (clean & dry)
- Steel/tin cans
- Empty aerosol cans

### PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Symbols that identify plastic types are often found on the bottom of a plastic container. They can be referred to by name or number.

Examples:



- PETE (#1) plastic water & soda bottles; some food jars & containers (leave the lids on for recycling)
- HDPE (#2) plastic bottles and milk/juice jugs
- All other plastics numbered 3-5, and 7
- Aseptic packaging juice boxes/ juice cartons, and milk cartons
- **DO NOT USE:** 'Styrofoam' (#6) containers, they are not collected by the parish recycler

## Requesting a Recycling Bin

- We ask that recycling efforts be made at all events where paper is likely to be disposed of or refreshments will be provided.
- The parish's recycling bins are available for all parish events. Please notify the church office when scheduling your event that recycling and waste bins are needed.
- Additionally, you can contact the maintenance team at 847-652-6608 to alert them.

## Communicating that Your Event is a Recycling Event

- Billboard signs will be provided by the maintenance team to promote recycling and clarify what materials may be placed in the bin(s).
- Before the event, place a few examples of acceptable recyclables in the bins.
- People working at the event (hosting, serving food, cleaning up) have a key role in recycling and making sure that materials are recycled. We ask the Ministry leadership tell them the recycling plan (what's recyclable, where recycling bins are, what should not be recycled (and why) and why there is recycling at this event) when briefing them on their responsibilities.
- Attendees should also hear from the organizers that recycling is available at the event. Consider making an announcement at the start of the event and include recycling information in any handouts that you prepare.