



## **DION'S PIZZA**

### *Recycling Q&A*

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Below is a list of recyclable products found at Dion's. Before sending them to your local recycling facility, please be sure they are clear of food waste.

- Salad bowls & lids
- Fruit cups
- Meatball bowls & lids
- Plates
- Napkins
- Utensils (excluding serving forks)
- Gallon jugs
- Dressing bottles & cups
- Sub boxes
- Pizza slice boxes

### **Why must recyclables be sorted?**

Recyclables must be sorted from waste to ensure contaminants don't enter the processing system. For example, contaminated paper products can release oils that will ruin a batch during the pulping stage. Each facility has certain specifications for the amount of contaminants allowed. They have to meet these standards in order to receive payment for the material.

### **What is considered a contaminant?**

Many items can be considered a contaminant. Contamination of recycled items happens when non-recyclable items are mixed in with recycled items or when recyclable items are not meeting standards necessary for the recycling process. For example, the plates we use in our stores are recyclable, but after the plate makes contact with food or grease, it's deemed a contaminant. Recyclable items that make contact with food or grease without being properly cleaned can ruin a batch of recyclable materials.

### **What can/can't be recycled in our stores?**

Food is a major source of contamination. Plates, napkins, paper towels, cups, and pizza boxes cannot be recycled due to these items being soiled with grease or having a plastic lining. Plastic recyclables need to be rinsed off to remove food debris before they are placed in a recycle bin. All of our salad bowls, meatball containers, gallon jugs, fruit cups, utensils (excluding salad serving forks), and lids can be recycled after they are *properly cleaned*. Recyclable items cannot be placed in a plastic bag.