BIN BASICS

• Recycling is collected every week on the same day as garbage pickup by a separate truck
• Until you’re in Republic’s system, there may be a short time between registering and your first recycling day
• Place recycling bin/containers at least 5 feet away from trash or yard waste by 7:00 am on your recycling day
• Everything must be rinsed and clean
• There is no need to sort your recycling or remove any paper labels from items
• To save space in your bin, food cans (take off top/bottom lids) and plastic bottles may be flattened

METAL
See photos on picture chart showing examples of accepted metal items
• Metal caps are accepted and must be taken off of the jar or bottle and placed in the bin

GLASS
See photos on picture chart showing examples of accepted paper items
• ONLY jars or bottles that contained food and beverages are accepted, (no dishes, mirrors, ceramics, etc.)
• No frosted glass

PAPER
See photos on picture chart showing examples of accepted paper items
• If pizza boxes have food residue on the bottom, recycle the clean portion
• Boxboard includes boxes from dry food, baggies, household items, empty rolls from toilet paper, paper towels, gift wrap and other items
• Plastic bags from inside cereal, cracker and other dry food boxes cannot be recycled curbside
• No WAXED boxes (have a shiny coating) such as boxes from frozen foods, soup, juice, wine, butter/margarine boxes, and some takeout cups/bowls

PLASTIC
See photos on picture chart showing examples of accepted plastic items
• Plastics will have a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7 inside the triangle that looks like this, usually on the bottom of the container (the number notes what kind of plastic it is)
• Plastics you CAN put in your bin - #1, #2, #4, #5, #7
  Some examples would include bottles and jars from water, juice, mustard, salad dressing, peanut butter, mayonnaise, pickles, jelly/jams, yogurt, margarine, cottage cheese, honey, mustard, BBQ sauce, mouthwash, hair care products, aspirin, vitamins
• Plastics you CANNOT put in your bin - #3, #6 plastics
  #3 - Unlikely to find as it is most commonly used in the medical and construction industries
  #6 – Includes Styrofoam and the brightly colored plastic plates/cups/bowls made by Solo
• Plastic water bottle caps should be placed back on water bottle after crushing the bottle.

IF YOUR BIN IS FULL
• Cardboard boxes, storage tubs, trash cans, clear plastic bags (for empty water bottles only) may be used as long as they are placed next to the bin and separated from your trash
• Recycling placed in cardboard boxes will be taken since cardboard is a recyclable item
• Should you later decide to use only a trash can, write “Recycle” on it in several places with permanent material such as paint that will not wash off

QUESTIONS ???
• Please call us at Keep Genesee County Beautiful 810-767-9696 for assistance.