LEONIA RECYCLING FAQ

1. Plastics

- **Which plastic numbers are accepted?** Only rigid #1, #2, #4, and #5 containers (bottles, jars, tubs). No #3, #6, #7, plastic film, or foam.
- **Should I leave plastic bottle caps on?** Yes. Empty and rinse the bottle, screw the cap back on, and place it in the bin.
- **Should I flatten plastic bottles?** No. Keep bottles in their original shape so optical sorters can identify them.
- **What does "keep loose" mean?** Put recyclables directly in the cart—never in plastic bags and never stuffed inside other items.

2. Cartons (Tetra Pak®, milk, soup, broth)

- **Are milk cartons and Tetra Pak soup boxes recyclable?** Yes. All food-and-beverage cartons go with Commingled Containers. Rinse and drain, caps ON, remove any plastic straws; built-in pour-spouts are fine.

3. Paper & Cardboard

- **Glossy paper (e.g., NY Times Magazine, catalogs)?** Recyclable. Just keep it dry.
- **Windowed envelopes?** Recyclable. Plastic windows are screened out at the paper mill.
- **Books & magazines?** Remove hardcover spines/covers; recycle interior pages and paperbacks. Moldy or soaked books go in trash.
- **Shredded paper?** Not curbside. Bring to county shred events or put in trash.
- **Wet paper & boxes in shared bins?** Slightly damp = OK. Soaked fiber may be left behind by DPW—please put it in trash
- **Pizza boxes?** Light grease = recycle. Heavy cheese/oil = trash or municipal compost.

4. Glass & Metal

- **Which glass colors are accepted?** All bottle & jar colors (clear, green, brown). No window glass, drinking glasses, or Pyrex.
- **Do I need to remove labels from cans or bottles?** No, just rinse.

- **Bottle caps, metal lids, foil?** Metal lids / caps: toss loose in the bin. Aluminum foil & trays: Recyclable only if empty and completely clean. Scrunch foil into a loose ball first.

5. Styrofoam & Special Plastics

- **Clean block Styrofoam (#6 EPS) packaging?** Drop off weekdays 8 a.m.–2 p.m. at Leonia DPW, 1 Overpeck Park Driveway.
- **Meat trays, cups, take-out foam?** Trash. Food-service foam is not accepted.
- **Plastic bags & film?** Not curbside. Bring to supermarkets' bag-recycling bins or check LeoniaNJ.gov for local film-drop options.
- **Tires?** Not collected curbside. Most tire retailers accept old tires with purchase; otherwise use a private recycler.
- **Prescription pill bottles?** Empty plastic #5 pill bottles are too small for the sorting screens. Place caps back on and put the whole bottle in the trash, or save for specialty take-back programs.

6. Metals & Bulky Items

- **Small household metal (pans, shelving, tools, copper pipe, old hitch)?** Drop off weekdays 8 am-2 pm at the Leonia DPW, 1 Overpeck Park Driveway, place in the maroon dumpster. No plastic bags.
- **Aluminum restaurant take-out containers?** Recyclable if empty, dry, and food-free.
- **Do we recycle metal cans?** Yes—aluminum & steel food or beverage cans belong in Commingled Containers.

7. Hazardous, Electronic & Medical Items

- **Paint?** Oil-based & solvents: Bergen County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events.
- **Latex?** Dry out, then trash.
- **Small electronics (TVs, monitors, laptops, phones)?** Drop off Mon–Fri 8 a.m.–2 p.m. at DPW electronics container.
- **Unused / expired medications?** Secure drop box 24/7 at Leonia Police Dept., 1 Wood Park (no liquids or sharps).

8. Compost & Yard Waste

- **Food-soiled paper towels / napkins?** Municipal compost or trash—not recyclable.
- **Wood chips & fireplace ashes?** Ashes (stone-cold) to trash. Wood chips in yard-waste bags or as garden mulch.