



## **Pizza Boxes, What You Can And Cannot Recycle**

Many people assume that pizza boxes are recyclable. In fact, most boxes have recycling symbols on them and are traditionally made from corrugated cardboard. However, what makes parts of them non-recyclable is what comes inside them, specifically, the grease and cheese from pizza that soils the cardboard.

Food is one of the worst contaminants in the paper recycling process. Grease from pizza boxes causes oil to form at the top of the slurry, and paper fibers cannot separate from oils during the pulping process. Essentially, this contaminant causes the entire batch to be ruined. The easiest remedy for this problem is to cut or tear out the soiled portions of your pizza boxes and trash them.

Please contact the City's Infrastructure Department at 720-977-6200 for more information or if you have recycling tips you would like to share.