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##### THINK BEFORE YOU TOSS - PLEASE DON’T THROW THESE AWAY!

**LIST OF ITEMS WE TAKE FOR RECYCLING**

##### We are especially interested in the items listed in bold pink print - these items earn points which are redeemed for donations to our non-profit partners.

* NEW! Disposable surgical masks and gloves (from individuals, NOT medical facilities).
* NEW!  E-waste (cell phones, smartphones, iPhones, select inkjet cartridges, laptops, notebooks, netbooks, iPads, tablets, HP and Canon ink jet cartridges ONLY).  See information below for printers, cables, bulbs, batteries, charger/other cords, and other plug-in electric items.
* NEW! EPE Foam (Expanded Polyethylene Foam) – NOT the same thing as EPS (Expanded Polystyrene), also called Styrofoam, but we do also take EPS/Styrofoam.
* Plastic film and plastic bags (grocery and newspaper bags, Ziplock bags, bubble wrap and air cushions, cereal bags, bread bags, multipack wraps such as bottled water and cans. NO frozen food bags, cellophane, food bags such as shredded cheese bags, salad bags, etc.)
* **ALL packaging from ALL brands of vitamins, minerals, and supplements; cough, cold, pain, and flu medicine; sexual well-being, personal care, and foot care products; and infant formula and child nutrition.**

#### ALL BRANDS of performance nutritional packaging including protein bars and powders, energy chews packets; energy gel packets; hydration, recovery, and energy drinks

* ALL disposable coffee and soda cups

#### ALL BRANDS dental care products (toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, floss, mouthwash bottles, etc.

* ALL BRANDS Drink Pouches/Juice Bags (Capri Sun, etc.)
* ALL BRANDS Squeezable Baby Food/Snack Food Pouches

### ALL BRANDS of empty writing instruments (pens, pencils, markers, etc.), glue sticks, watercolor dispensers, paint sets, and all flexible packaging of these items

* **Swiffer refill pads - yes, even if they're used and dirty! (All pads includingWet, Dry, XL, WetJet, and Duster)**
* ALL BRANDS of Snack Bags (Family-size snack bags, individual snack bags, and multipack

snack bags) and ALL BRANDS of Energy Bar Wrappers

#### ALL BRANDS of disposable razors and packaging

* Old/broken holiday string lights

#### ALL Burt’s Bees brand packaging

#### ALL BRANDS of  PERSONAL CARE, SUPPLEMENT, AND MEDICAL PACKAGING, INCLUDING OVER THE COUNTER MEDICINES (examples: deodorant, shampoo, antacids, vitamins, acne cream, hair spray, etc)

* ALL EPS - expanded polystyrene, commonly referred to as **Styrofoam** – take-out food containers, meat trays, product packaging, cups, egg cartons, etc. *Note: Bring Styrofoam to us ONLY if your city’s municipal drop off center does not accept it.*
* Arm & Hammer/Oxi-Clean Pouches

#### Barilla Ready Pasta Packs

* **ALL Bimbo Bakery/Bread Packaging (Parent company of Thomas, Sara Lee, Arnold, Brownberry, Entemann’s, Ballpark, Beefsteak, Boboli, and Nature’s Harvest). We do take ALL bread bags, but these particular brands help earn money for nonprofits.**
* Bras – torn, damaged, unable to be donated are fine
* TEVAS – unwearable, damaged, unable to be donated are fine
* BRITA Disposable water filters (PUR is no longer accepting filters for recycling)

#### Better Natured Personal Care Packaging

* **CALBEE Pouches**
* **Candles - Yankee Candle, Woodwick Candle, and Chesapeake Candles**
* ALL glass candle containers (even with wax and wicks left in the bottom!)
* Chewed Gum (please place in a tightly sealed plastic Ziploc-type bag)
* Chippin Snacks for Dogs

#### Entenmann's Little Bites Packaging

* Wax Crayons
* Cerebelly Brand packaging
* ALL flexible plastic cheese packaging (shredded cheese bags, string cheese wrappers, block cheese plastic wrap). No cheese containers that are hard (Cheez Wiz cans, cream cheese tubs, etc.)

#### FEBREZE packaging, including aerosol cans

* Guardian Pet Food

#### Gerber Brand baby food packaging

* Glow Recipe cards/packaging

#### Earthborn Holistic Pet Food and Treat Packaging

* Dawn Dish Soap/Oil of Olay/Old Spice Soft Packs
* Bausch and Lomb Contact Lens Packaging
* EOS brand cosmetics/personal care packaging
* HAOMA Skin Care
* Happy Family Organics
* HASBRO brand ONLY toys and games (broken, non-donatable due to condition, etc.)
* Havens Kitchen
* Healthy Cell Gel Packs
* HFactor Water Puches
* Herbal Essences brand packaging

#### I And Love You Pet Food

* Josie Maran cosmetics packaging
* LimeLife by Alcone

#### Living Proof brand hair care products

* **LOL Surprise toys (ALL packaging and toy material)**
* **Lundberg Family Farms food packaging**
* **North Coast brand packaging**
* Mad Hippie brand personal care and cosmetics
* Mountain House brand packaging

#### MyKirei by KAO brand hair/personal care/cosmetics

* Once Upon A Farm brand packaging

#### Nature’s Heart Pouches

* **NBD Brand Cleaning/Household Supplies**
* **NOW brand packaging**
* **Open Farm brand pet food packaging**
* Rodan & Fields packaging
* Rubbermaid containers (no matter the condition)

#### ALL Kroger store private label packaging, including Simple Truth organics, Private Selection, etc. (NOT everything bought at Kroger – just Kroger’s store brand packaging)

* Arbonne packaging

#### Tailored Pet Food

* **ALL Tom’s of Maine packaging**
* **ALL Swiffer packaging – bottles, pads, dusters, boxes…everything!**
* **Wellness brand pet food packaging**
* ZURU Bunch O Balloons
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Pink Elephant Products is partnering with TerraCycle and other commercial recycling partners to help our customers and local businesses get closer to Zero Waste AND support non-profits at the same time! You can bring us certain items that most municipalities do not recycle, such as juice bags and baby food pouches. We will collect and get these items to our partners for complete recycling.

Join our Recycling Club for just $5 a month! Go to [www.pinkelphantproducts.com](http://www.pinkelphantproducts.com) and select the ‘Recycle With Us’ tab to sign up. The nominal monthly fee helps cover the cost of shipping, processing, storage, and sorting. You can cancel at any time, or pay for one month at a time.

You can also join our Compost Club, or our Zero Waste Champion Club. The Zero Waste Champion club is an annual membership fee that includes the benefits of both the Compost Club and Recycling Club. Learn more at [www.pinkelephantproducts.com](http://www.pinkelephantproducts.com).

Recycling of light bulbs (CFLs, LEDs, incandescent bulbs), alkaline and rechargeable batteries, and e-waste NOT included in the e-waste stream accepted above (such as monitors, TVs, including cathode ray (CRT) TVs and monitors) is available but is NOT part of the Recycling Club monthly fee and is ONLY  available to Recycling Club or Zero Waste Champion Club members.  Alkaline batteries are $1.50 per pound. We work with commercial for-profit recyclers with a no landfill, no burning commitment to recycling materials as sustainably as possible.  **Please take advantage of this program ONLY if you are unable to take your materials to your municipal drop-off facility.**  We do NOT receive grants, outside funding, or municipal contracts to get these materials recycled - our nominal fees help offset the costs of sorting, storing, shipping/transporting, and getting these materials actually recycled.

Our retail store is open from 11 to 7 on Fridays and 10 to 6 on Saturdays. We are open by appointment only the other days of the week at our four drop off locations. Go to [www.pinkelephantproducts.com](http://www.pinkelephantproducts.com) and select the ‘Appointments’ tab to see our hours for each location and book an appointment online. You can book an appointment at any one of our four locations – 3 in Detroit, and 1 in Royal Oak.

Please help us keep this program affordable and sustainable by NOT bringing us items that are not on our list. We encourage you to contact us if you have questions about what is accepted. Recycling Club, Compost Club, and Zero Waste Champion Club members have access to our Recycling Club Hotline for questions (if you are a member and don’t have the number, contact us). Unfortunately, not all plastic is recyclable, and not all brands have committed to making sure that there is a way to recycle their products’ packaging. Unless the brand is SPECIFICALLY mentioned, we do not accept flexible stand-up plastic pouches, which are a very popular form of consumer product packaging. Please note that we do not take ALL brands of pet food bags, we do not take ALL Amazon shipping envelopes (the manila envelopes lined with bubble wrap are not accepted), and we do not accept items that can go in your curbside bin. Dirty or wet items are not accepted and will be thrown away - all items, including plastic bags, must be clean and dry. We do not accept ANY packaging that has held raw or cooked fish.

# Please note that our Recycling club and its drop-off program are for INDIVIDUAL HOUSEHOLDS ONLY. We are NOT able to accept items from the collection programs of other retail stores, municipalities, multi-unit housing (apartment) complexes, non-profit groups, offices, social clubs, churches, etc. Please help keep our program affordable by not abusing this policy.

**DROP-OFF LOCATIONS**

## DOWNTOWN PINK ELEPHANT PRODUCTS AND EVENTS L3C

CORPORATE OFFICE: 1420 Washington Boulevard, Suite 301

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FACILITY: Detroit, Michigan 48201 313-804-3430

*inside The Green Garage*

RETAIL 9413 John R

STORE: Detroit, MI 48202 313-873-7330

ROYAL OAK 220 S. Main

OFFICE: Royal Oak, Michigan 48067