

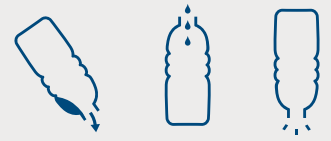
Recycling the Right Way

Contamination in your recycling cart significantly reduces what can be diverted from landfills. Even small oversights — like tossing in a grease-soaked pizza box or a bottle with residual ketchup — can compromise an entire load of otherwise recyclable materials.

When recyclables become contaminated:

- Processing facilities may reject the entire load
- Materials lose their recycling value
- Perfectly good recyclables end up in landfills unnecessarily

This is why it's critical to understand what belongs in your recycling cart, and why empty, clean and dry recyclables are essential for successful recycling programs.



Empty. Clean. Dry.

Please make sure your recyclables are **empty, clean and dry** before placing them in your recycling cart.

✓ Recyclable



As long as they are empty, clean and dry, these items can always be placed inside your recycling cart:

Paper

- Brochures
- Envelopes
- File folders
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Paper (staples OK)
- Phone books
- Ream wrappers

Metal (*labels okay*)

- Beverage cans
- Food cans

Plastic (*caps on*)

- Bottles, jugs and containers

Detergent jugs

- Take-out containers
- Water, soda, juice, dish soap, shampoo, soap and lotion bottles

Cardboard

- Cardboard boxes
- Frozen food boxes
- Poster board
- Shipping or moving boxes

Glass (*no lids*)

- Bottles and jars
- Brown, green and clear

✗ Non-Recyclable



These items can never be placed inside your curbside recycling cart:

Aerosol cans

Batteries

Bubble wrap

Chemicals (dry or liquid)

Diapers

Household cleaners

Medical waste

Mirrors or ceramics

Paint or oil cans

Plastic bags

Polystyrene foam (packing peanuts)

Propane tanks

Scrap metal

Stickers and address labels

Tissue, paper towels or napkins

Trash of any kind