



**NEVER place these
contaminants in the
recycling container**



**Plastic Bags
& Wrappers**



Soiled Paper



Styrofoam



**Clothing
& Shoes**



**Greasy Pizza
Boxes**



Tools



Food



Toys



**Electronics
& Batteries**



**Construction
Waste**



Yard Waste



**Medical
Waste**



Diapers



Scrap Metal



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Recycling.
Simple as 1-2-3.



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1. Know what to throw

Your recycling container should only contain cardboard, paper, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs.



2. Empty. Clean. Dry.™

Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid. Just one dirty bottle or item can contaminate the contents of your recycling container. Once cardboard or paper comes into contact with food or liquid it can no longer be recycled.

Keep all recyclables:



Empty



Clean

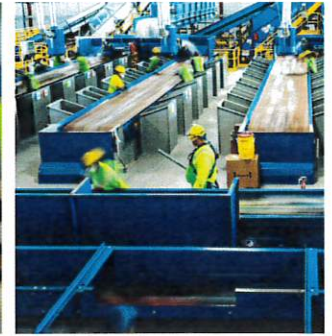


Dry

3. Don't bag it

Don't bag your recyclables. Instead, place them in the recycling container loosely. Plastic bags can get tangled up in the machinery and jam up the whole process. The best thing you can do with grocery bags is return them to the store, don't use them at all, or put them in the trash. To avoid this problem altogether invest in reusable bags.





1

Individually place recyclables in the container and take them to the curb for pick up and delivery.

2

Trucks deliver the recyclables to a state-of-the-art facility, dropping them on the tipping room floor.

3

Employees hand-sort the materials first, removing any contaminants, such as food waste, diapers and plastic bags.

START

FINISH

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Machinery continues the sorting process, separating paper, cardboard, plastics and metal cans.

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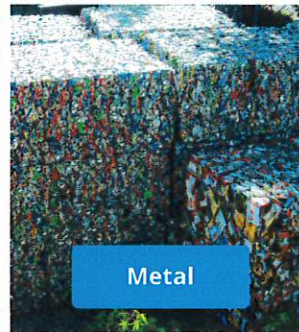
The materials are separated, flattened and baled.

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This process produces baled materials that can be purchased.



Paper



Metal



Plastic



Cardboard

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The Recycling Process



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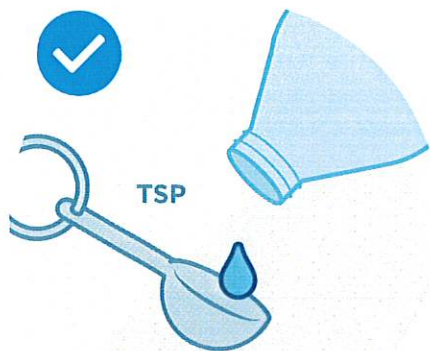
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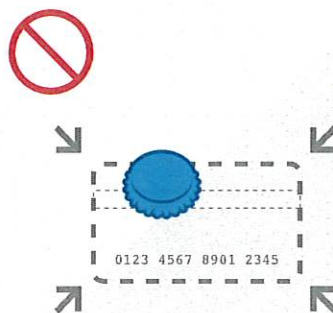
Become an expert recycler

Learn to avoid common mistakes, tell the difference between what's recyclable and what's not, and use the best practices for keeping your recycling clean and simple. You can really make a difference.



Keep your recyclables dry – less than a teaspoon of liquid

Don't allow any more than a teaspoon of liquid to collect in cans, bottles, packages or jugs. Recyclables should always be empty, clean and dry.



Never recycle anything smaller than a credit card

If the material is too small to go through the sorting equipment, it could get jammed and shut down the whole operation.



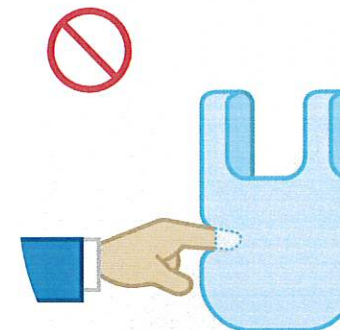
Separate combined materials

Keep materials in separate categories—hard plastics, metal cans, paper and cardboard.



If your recycling container smells, it's contaminated

If your recycling container stinks, it's contaminated with non-recyclable waste. Remove the waste and rinse out the bin.



If you can poke your finger through it, don't recycle it

If you can push your finger through it, the plastic is too soft and flimsy to be recycled. It would get tangled in the sorting machinery and jam up the operation.

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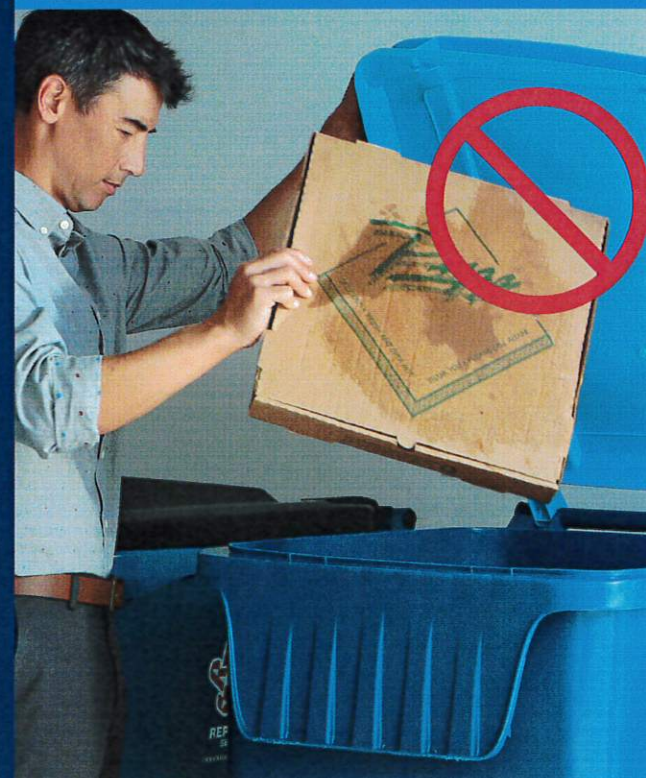
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How to avoid recycling contamination



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Tips & Tricks



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