



Recycling can reduce your household garbage and save resources. But what goes in your bin? Figuring out what you can and can't recycle can be downright confusing. There are, however, some basics that will make recycling convenient and will reduce your environmental impact.

- Flatten boxes, bulky containers and aluminum cans.
- Save water by rinsing only what's sticky or stinky.
- Play by the recycling rules. They aren't in place to keep the carts spick-and-span – there's a bigger purpose. Broken glass or wet cardboard can clog processing machines. Paper goods with food residue, like last night's greasy pizza box, can contaminate an entire bale of paper.

GLASS

DO RECYCLE unbroken glass containers, such as applesauce jars, ketchup bottles, perfume bottles, wine and beer bottles.

DON'T RECYCLE baking dishes, ceramics, windows, mirrors and vases; they're made differently than containers and can contaminate. Donate household goods, and dispose of broken glass and incandescent bulbs separately.

YOUR GLASS becomes food containers, tiles, landscaping pebbles and road surfacing.

PAPER

DO RECYCLE newspapers, magazines, card board and mixed papers such as corrugated boxes, cereal boxes, egg cartons, junk mail (including envelopes with plastic windows), catalogs, telephones books and stapled paper.

DON'T RECYCLE food-stained papers, foil or glitter gift wrap, tissues, stickers, wet paper products, and those containing plastic, wax or metal foil coatings. Remove hot melt glue used to attach ads to the front of phone books and magazines.

YOUR PAPER becomes newsprint, boxes, insulation and animal bedding. One Sunday paper recycled each month saves a tree a year.

METAL

DO RECYCLE aluminum and steel (which includes tin) in the form of beverage and food cans, disposable aluminum pans and **empty** paint and aerosol cans.

DON'T RECYCLE contaminated foil wrap, pop tops and other metals curbside. Instead, donate to charity usable items such as flatware, can openers and tools. Call a scrap metal company for heavy loads such as house siding, and gutters.

YOUR ALUMINUM becomes beverage cans, cookware, bike parts, and tennis rackets; old steel becomes new steel and may wind up as filing cabinets, auto parts, or appliances.

PLASTICS

DO RECYCLE all bottles and rigid containers, for example: beverage bottles, milk jugs, dish and laundry detergent bottles, and peanut butter jars.

DON'T RECYCLE shrink wrap, packing peanuts, spray nozzles, pumps and container lids. Donate usable items such as toys.

YOUR PLASTIC turns into beverage and shampoo bottles, fleece, pipes, fencing, deck planks and gutters. Recycling five soda bottles yields enough material for one square foot of carpet or fiberfill for a ski jacket.