

Empty. Clean. Dry.

The new way to recycle.



Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Anyone growing up in the 1970s, '80s or '90s learned the three Rs of recycling in school. We were taught to recycle everything we could. We added recycling containers to our homes, our offices and classrooms and recycling became a part of our culture.

In the 40 years since recycling was introduced, Americans recycle nearly 87 million tons per year. That means that each of us recycles approximately 1.5 pounds per day! However, the recycling model we all grew up with is changing, and we have to change with it.

Trying to recycle unclean or unrecyclable material increases sorting time and slows down the recycling process, damages the facility's equipment and causes contaminants in the bales of clean recyclables that decreases the value of the items. When this occurs, we have to put the ENTIRE load of recyclables into our landfills due to the contamination.



Empty.



Clean.



Dry.

EMPTY means making sure there is no food or product residue. Make sure all of that goes into the trash or down the drain as part of the EMPTY process.

CLEAN means that empty recyclable containers should be rinsed. So, no mustard in the mustard containers or left over ketchup in the ketchup bottles. If you cannot get a container completely clean, it is best to put it into the trash so as not to contaminate the rest of your recycling material and the overall process.

DRY means letting containers dry before placing in your **All-in-One Recycling™** blue container so that the paper and cardboard does not get wet. Wet or soiled paper and cardboard cannot be recycled.

By practicing Empty. Clean. Dry. with our families, we can ensure the recycling materials leaving our homes are in fact recyclable. Together, we are caretakers of this blue planet. It is worthy of every effort we can make to protect it for our children's children.

Be sure your recyclables are empty, clean and dry before you toss them in the recycling container.

Recyclable Items



Paper

Office paper
Newspaper
Envelopes
Junk mail
Phone books
Brochures
Magazines
Catalogs



Cardboard

File folders
Poster board
Shipping boxes (folded flat)
Frozen food boxes
Cardboard boxes
Milk cartons



Plastic

Water bottles
Take-out containers
Soda bottles
Detergent/containers



Metal

Aluminum beverage cans
Food cans
Steel food containers



Glass

Bottles (clear, green and brown)
Jars

Non-Recyclable Items

Plastic bags or plastic wrap
Aerosol cans
Aluminum foil
Batteries
Food waste

Pizza boxes
Electronic waste
Mirrors or ceramics
Paint
Pesticides

Medication
Styrofoam
Tissue, paper towels and napkins
Syringes and needles



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Accepted Materials

Ensure items are empty, clean and dry.™
Asegúrese de que los artículos estén vacíos, limpios y secos



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Paper & Cardboard

Cardboard (flattened), office paper, file folders, magazines, catalogs, newspaper and inserts, junk mail, telephone books, etc.

Cajas de cartón (desarmadas), papel de oficina, carpetas de archivos, revistas, catálogos, periódicos y folletos, directorios telefónicos, etc.



Aluminum/Metal

Aluminum, tin or steel cans, foil, pie tins

Latas de aluminio, hojalata o acero, papel de aluminio, bandejas de papel de aluminio



Plastic

Plastic bottles, containers

Botellas y envases de plástico



Glass

Glass jars, bottles

Botellas y envases de vidrio



NOT ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING CONTAINER

NO ACEPTADOS EN CONTENEDORES DE RECICLAJE

NO plastic grocery bags
Bolsas de compras de plástico

NO cellphones, computers or electronics
Celulares, computadoras o productos electrónicos

NO food waste
Restos de alimentos

NO clothing
Ropa

NO yard waste
Desechos de jardín

NO styrofoam
Poliestireno

NO light bulbs, window glass or mirrors
Bombillas de luz, vidrio de ventanas o espejos

NO hazardous waste containers
Recipientes de desechos peligrosos

NO batteries
Baterías

NO garden hoses
Mangeras de jardín

NO ceramics or dishes
Cerámica o vajilla

NO construction waste
Desechos de construcción

NO oil containers of any kind
Recipientes de aceite de cualquier tipo

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