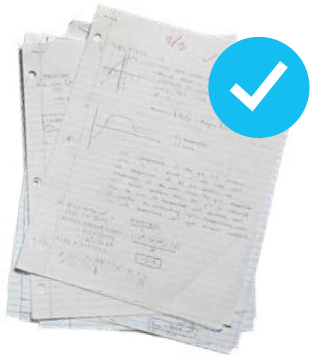


Recycling: Simple as 1-2-3

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Know what to throw

ALWAYS recycle these items:



Paper



Flattened Cardboard



Metal Cans



Plastic Bottles & Jugs

NEVER recycle these items:



Plastic Bags



Soiled Paper



Clothes & Shoes



Polystyrene



Greasy Pizza Boxes



Food



Batteries & Electronics



Yard Waste



Toys

2



Empty. Clean. Dry.™
Make sure your recyclables are empty, clean, and dry.

3



Don't bag it
Never bag or bundle your recyclables.

Expert Tips

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

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Separate combined materials

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



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.



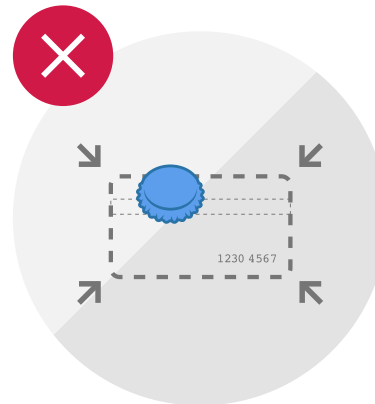
If your recycling container smells, it's contaminated

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.



Never recycle anything smaller than an ID card

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

Some things can't be recycled in your bin at home, but they can be recycled or reused with proper handling:



Plastic Bags

Plastic bags can often be taken to the supermarket to be recycled with their specialized equipment. Ask your grocery store manager for more details.



Clothing, Shoes & Toys

While these items can't be recycled, they can be reused. Consider donating them to your local thrift store where they can be loved again by someone new!



Food Waste

Contact your local municipality to see if they have a composting program. If not, you can learn about creating your own compost online.



Batteries & More

Batteries, electronics and light bulbs cannot go into your recycling container and require special handling. Check local programs for disposal options.



Pizza Boxes

If you pull the greasy bottom apart from the clean top, you can recycle the top - and trash the rest!