



# TAKE A MINUTE BEFORE YOU BIN IT.

Contamination ruins good materials, costs more, endangers our trash and recycling workers, and damages equipment. We need to make sure we're only recycling the right things the right way.

## THE RIGHT THINGS CLEAN. DRY. EMPTY.



PLASTIC BOTTLES  
& CONTAINERS



METAL CANS



GLASS



PAPER



CARTONS



CARDBOARD

## THE RIGHT WAY

Clean, dry, and empty. It only takes a minute to prepare your recyclables the right way. Just give them a rinse and let them dry before you put them in the bin.



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## WHEN IN DOUBT, KEEP IT OUT.

It's better to be safe than contaminate. If you're not sure,  
throw it away instead.

### THE WRONG THINGS



**NO FOODS OR LIQUIDS**



**NO PLASTIC BAGS**



**NO CLOTHING, HANGERS,  
FURNITURE OR CARPET**



**NO FOAM CUPS OR CONTAINERS**



**NO BATTERIES OR NEEDLES**



**NO GREASY CARDBOARD**

### THE WRONG WAY

Recycling the wrong way causes contamination and  
litter. Only set out recycling at the proper time and day.  
Get a lid for your city-issued recycling bin at your local  
Sanitation Convenience Center.

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