



RECYCLING BEST PRACTICES: SMART SORTING & PREP FOR A CLEANER PLANET

1. SEPARATE YOUR MATERIALS

PAPER & CARDBOARD



- Flatten Boxes
- Separate paper from non-paper
- No wet paper
- No greasy pizza boxes



2. PLASTICS



- Food Containers
- Metal Aluminum Foil (clean & balled)

- Check Local Rules (1-7)
- Rinsed Only
- Lids Off/On (check local rules)
- No plastic bags/film



3. METALS



- Aluminum & Steel
- Aluminum Foil (clean & balled)
- Metal Lids (if allowed)

4. GLASS



- Clear & Colored Glass
- Food Jars Ranges Removed
- No broken glass (usually)

2. THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN CONTAINERS

(Wash & Prep)



- ① Empty Container
- ② Rinse Thoroughly
- ③ Remove Labels/Lids
- ④ Dry Completely

Why Rinse?

- Contamination clogs recycling plants
- Lowers recycled material quality
- Attracts pests & creates odors

Note: A simple rinse makes a huge difference!

WHAT NOT TO PUT IN RECYCLING BINS

- Plastic Bags/ Wrap
- Food Waste
- Electronics/ Batteries
- Garden Hoses
- Medical Waste
- Diapers
- Contaminated Items



Food Waste



Electronics/
Batteries



Garden
Hoses



Medical
Waste



Diapers