

Recycle Right in 2020



When something is recycled properly, it replaces the use of natural resources to make new consumer goods. We can make a big difference when we choose to recycle right.

At least 30 percent of all the waste we produce is recyclable: metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs, glass jars, clean paper and cardboard. Focus on getting these items, clean and dry, into your bin. Each material goes through its own recycling process to become a manufacturing feedstock. Plastic bottles can become a new shirt and aluminum cans are turned into new cans.

Here are some tips to help you recycle right and make a difference at home:

TIP 1: Recycle plastics by their shape. Recycle empty plastic bottles and jugs. The recycling symbol (chasing arrows) doesn't guarantee recyclability.

Empty all food or liquids before recycling the container.

TIP 2: Recycle all your clean paper and cardboard. This includes newspaper, office paper, and magazines.

Flatten cardboard boxes to leave more room in your recycling bin and make the sorting process easier.

TIP 3: Do not bag recyclables. Empty them loose in the cart. Plastic bags get tangled in sorting equipment at the recycling facility and can bring operations to a halt.

Take clean plastic bags back to your local retailer for recycling.

For more information about how to recycle, check out www.wm.com/recycleright.

Did you know?

Every ton of paper recycled saves more than 7,000 gallons of water.



Recycling a steel can saves 75% of the energy used to produce it from raw materials.



Recycling ten plastic bottles is enough to make a T-shirt.

