



# RECYCLING BEST PRACTICES

## Keep items clean and dry.

**Plastic Containers:** Remove the cap, flatten the container, replace the cap.

**Food Containers:** Use a spatula to remove food residue and scrape clean. To conserve water, give them a rinse and wipe clean only if necessary.

**Plastic Bags** (such as bread, newspaper, Ziploc bags): Find a grocery store that has a plastic bag collection box.

**Cardboard:** Remove plastic wrap and large pieces of tape. Flatten boxes before recycling.

**Glass jars:** Leave the metal lid on.

**Household Batteries:** Place in a plastic bag and put it on top of your recycling bin.

**Reusable Textiles and Household Goods:** Drop-off at the Last Chance Mercantile or schedule a free curbside Bulky Item Collection with your hauler. Charitable programs such as Goodwill or Habitat for Humanity also accept items in reusable condition.

**Reduce the Waste You Generate:** The adage "reduce, reuse, recycle" lists actions in order of resource savings. Buy and consume less. Eliminate single-use disposables when possible. Pack your lunch with a reusable bag, water bottle and silverware set. Buy foods in bulk with a reusable bag or container. Purchase recyclable packaging if there is no reusable option.

**Fruit and Vegetable Scraps, Coffee Grounds and Tea Bags:** Compost: it's nature's way of returning nutrients back to the earth and greatly reduces landfill waste. Start a backyard compost pile or worm bin. No space to set one up? Find a local farmers market with a food scrap drop-off.

## Recycling is changing.

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