

Empty, Clean, and Dry

Please reduce contamination in the recycling process.

Before placing anything in your recycling container, make sure your recyclables are Empty, Clean, and Dry.

1. **EMPTY:** Make sure the recyclable item is empty of any food, liquid, or other material.
2. **CLEAN:** Scrape/wipe out food from containers (and you can compost the used paper towel) or lightly rinse out the recyclable item with a small amount of water to remove any remaining residue.
3. **DRY:** Gently shake out any excess water, or let the recyclable item air-dry.
4. **RECYCLE:** Now the item is ready to go into the recycling bin.

Ensuring items are Empty, Clean, and Dry, will help ensure that materials end up being recycled and *not* landfilled.