

Simple as 1-2-3



### 1. Know what to throw

Cardboard, paper, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs



### 2. Empty. Clean. Dry.™

Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid



### 3. Don't bag it

Never put recyclables in containers or bags



*Help us create a bright future*

When it comes to recycling, everyone has a part to play. When we all work together we can make sure recyclable materials don't end up in our lakes and landfills. At Republic Services, we believe in the preservation of a Blue Planet, a cleaner, safer and healthier world where people thrive – not just for today, but for generations to come.

# How to avoid recycling contamination



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## **NEVER place these contaminants in the recycling container**



**Plastic Bags  
& Wrappers**



**Styrofoam**



**Greasy Pizza  
Boxes**



**Food**



**Electronics  
& Batteries**



**Yard Waste**



**Diapers**



**Soiled Paper**



**Clothing & Shoes**



**Tools**



**Toys**



**Construction  
Waste**



**Medical**



**Scrap Metal**

Trying to recycle unclean or unrecyclable material causes all kinds of avoidable problems. It increases sorting time, damages the sorting facility's equipment, and contaminates the bales of clean recyclables. When this happens, we have to put the entire load of recyclables into our landfills due to the contamination.

## **Empty. Clean. Dry.™**

Your recycling container should only contain empty, clean and dry cardboard, paper, metal cans, plastic bottles and jugs.

