

RECYCLING MYTHS & FACTS

**DID YOU
KNOW...**

30%

of what Americans put in their curbside recycling isn't recyclable?

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MYTH:

Pizza boxes should always be recycled.



FACT:

Only clean cardboard can be recycled and turned into new paper products. Grease and toppings soil the box, making it a recycling no-go.



TIP: If the top is clean, tear it off and recycle it.

Plastic bags are recyclable.



If you can push your finger through the plastic, it's too flimsy to recycle at home.



TIP: Take plastic grocery bags back to the store.

Batteries and electronics are safe to go into home recycling.



Lithium batteries found in electronic devices can explode, causing fires in waste trucks, landfills and recycling centers.



TIP: Use electronics recycling programs for anything that has a battery or power cord.

Wet or dry, it doesn't matter.



Paper and cardboard can't be recycled if they're wet.



TIP: Keep paper dry and rinse out containers and shake them dry.

Yard debris is recyclable.



Branches, leaves and grass clippings should always go in the trash or compost bin.



TIP: Never put garden and irrigation hoses in your recycling.

Clothing can be recycled.



Clothing can be reused but not recycled curbside. Donate used clothing to charity or sell it at a consignment shop.



TIP: If clothing is worn out, throw it away or repurpose as rags.

Disposable diapers are plastic so they can be recycled.



Diapers, clean or dirty, cannot be recycled.



TIP: Always dispose of them in the trash.

Bagging recycling is okay.



The sorting process at a recycling facility happens too quickly for workers to open bags. Keep recyclables loose.



TIP: Also, don't recycle anything smaller than a credit card.

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