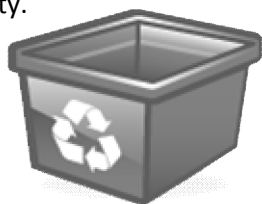


How to Recycle: Beginning Recycling at Home

To begin recycling at home, first check with your local recycling program or center and ask the following questions:

- 1) What can be recycled?
- 2) How should items be prepared for recycling?
- 3) Is curbside service available or do items have to be delivered to a facility?

Your county judge executive or solid waste coordinator can also provide information about recycling and waste management in your community.



How to Set-Up Recycling at Home

Setting up and maintaining a home recycling center can be a fast, simple under-taking. Following are some basic steps for establishing the home recycling center:

- 1) Find a convenient place in your home or apartment for the center. It doesn't take much room for your recyclables. The garage, a storage closet, corner of the kitchen, or under the sink are some suggestions.
- 2) Find sturdy containers to store the materials. Plastic buckets or boxes can be used, one for each recyclable.

How to Recycle Plastic

Plastics are marked with a recycling code from numbers 1 through 7. The number is found inside a recycling symbol on the product, and represents the type of resin made to produce the item. Check with your local recycling program to see which plastics are accepted, and how items should be prepared for recycling.

How to Recycle Tin and/or Bi-Metal Cans*

These are your typical food cans (99% steel and 1% tin).

- 1) Wash them out. (Check with your local recycling program regarding removing labels).
- 2) Flatten cans to conserve storage space. (Removing the ends makes flattening easier.)

*This type of can will be attracted by a magnet and will have a seam.

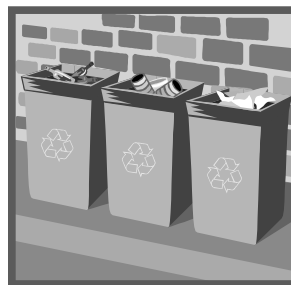
How to Recycle Aluminum

- 1) Check to make certain the cans are all aluminum. (If in doubt, check with a magnet. Aluminum will not be attracted to the magnet.)
- 2) Rinse the can. You may also choose to flatten the can to save storage space.
- 3) Separate aluminum cans from other aluminum products.

How to Recycle Glass

If at all possible, buy returnable or reusable bottles. To prepare glass for recycling, follow these procedures:

- 1) Wash the glass.
- 2) Check with your local recycling program to see if they require:
 - a. Labels to be removed.
 - b. Metal caps and rings to be removed.
 - c. Glass to be separated by color.



Disabilities accommodated with prior notification.

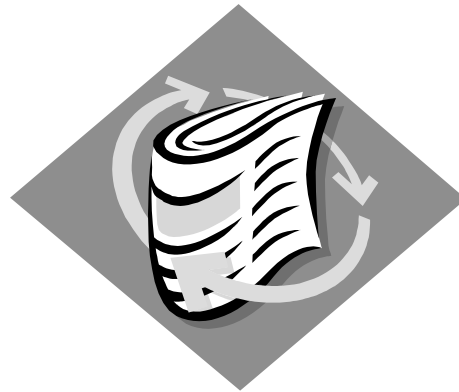
How to Recycle Paper

Newsprint:

- 1) Stack newspapers in a fire-safe area.
- 2) Tie papers in stacks or bundle in brown grocery bags if required by your local recycling center or program.

Other papers:

- ✓ Corrugated cardboard (two layers of heavy cardboard with ribbed section between) can often be recycled. Flatten boxes for easy storage and transport.
- ✓ Mixed paper is accepted by many recycling centers. Mixed paper includes many types of paper, but most often does not include magazines or envelopes with windows. Shipping envelopes are also generally excluded.
- ✓ High-grade paper includes computer paper, tab cards, ledger paper and copier paper. This type of paper typically brings a higher price than mixed paper.



For more information on recycling and waste disposal visit the Kentucky Division of Waste Management at <http://www.waste.ky.gov/>.

Need contact information for your county's solid waste coordinator? Visit <http://www.waste.ky.gov/branches/rla/County+Solid+Waste+Coordinators.htm>.

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