



## Do's And Don'ts Of Recycling

Every community has its own guidelines for what should and should not be recycled, and how the process should take place. Take a few moments to find out these details. Call your local public works department or recycling organization. That way you can be sure that you're doing your part, and doing it right.

In general, here are a few things to keep in mind:

**Cleanliness Counts.** Rinsing cans and keeping boxes out of the weather makes them easier to process. That keeps costs down.

**If supplied with a bin, pay attention to what goes in.** Take it upon yourself to be an accurate recycler. A cereal box is probably great, but a greasy pizza box may not be. Maybe milk jugs are good, but not the caps. Check the lid of your recycling bin for guidelines, or make a call or visit your municipal web site to find out the rules. Then, follow them.

**Good bets.** Tin cans, aluminum cans, newspaper, magazines, phone books, plastic beverage bottles, milk jugs, glass bottles and jars, cereal boxes, other clean and dry cardboard boxes.

**Probably not.** Plastic grocery bags, Styrofoam, light bulbs, food-soiled paper, wax paper, ceramics.

**Hazardous wastes have their place.** Household hazardous wastes like paint cans, motor oil, antifreeze, car batteries, pesticides, pool chemicals, etc. usually need to be disposed of separately. Again, check your community resources and guidelines.