



# RECYCLING GUIDE

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KENT COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC WORKS

## RECYCLE THESE ITEMS

CLEAN, EMPTY & LOOSE (NOT BAGGED OR BUNDLED)

### CARDBOARD & PAPER



### PLASTIC BOTTLES, CUPS & CONTAINERS

Rigid plastics #1-7; no foam or flexible plastics



### GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



### METAL CANS, BOTTLES & FOIL



### MILK, JUICE & SOUP CARTONS



If the cap/lid and container are the same material, keep them attached. If they're different materials, detach and recycle separately.

## KEEP OUT OF RECYCLING CONTAINERS!



**SEPARATE  
OUT  
RECYCLING  
TRASH**



**No hazardous waste or chemicals:**  
Batteries, electronics, propane tanks, fuel, chemicals, ammunition or other hazardous waste.



**Nothing that would tangle:**  
Plastic bags, flexible plastics, string lights, extension cords, clothing, hoses, tarps, hangers, etc.



**No bundled or bagged recycling:**  
Recyclables need to be loose in order to be sorted properly.



**No foam plastics:**  
Foam take-out containers or cups, blocks of styro-foam, packing peanuts, foam coolers, etc.

Have an item you'd like to recycle that's not on this guide? We can help!  
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# DO YOU RECYCLE?

## Economic Benefits

- Recycling creates American jobs in the recycling industry
- Recycling supplies American manufacturers with raw materials
- Recycling keeps valuable materials out of landfills

## Environmental Benefits

- Recycling conserves natural resources and energy
- Recycling is an investment in our community's environmental health
- Recycling prevents pollution and other environmental impacts from raw materials extraction

**BUT  
WHERE  
DOES IT  
ALL GO?**



**TO START RECYCLING**

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