

Home Recycling Basics

This playbook outlines the fundamental steps to sort and manage recyclables in a household. It aims to provide an easy-to-follow procedure for individuals looking to contribute to environmental sustainability by recycling effectively at home.

Step 1: **Gather Materials**

Collect all materials to be recycled from around your home. This includes paper, plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard.

Step 2: **Sort Recyclables**

Separate the collected materials into categories: paper, plastic, metal, glass, and cardboard. Refer to your local recycling guidelines for specific sorting rules.

Step 3: **Clean Items**

Rinse out or clean any containers that held food or liquid to avoid contamination. Remove any non-recyclable parts like plastic lids or pumps.

Step 4: **Flatten Cardboard**

Break down cardboard boxes and flatten them to save space in your recycling bin and to make transportation easier.

Step 5: **Check Local Guidelines**

Review the recycling rules specific to your local area, which could include schedules for pickup, accepted materials, and how to prepare items.

Step 6: **Store Correctly**

Store sorted recyclables in designated bins or containers. Place them in the appropriate area for curbside pickup or take them to a recycling center if required.

General Notes

Hazardous Materials

Do not include hazardous materials, like batteries or electronics, with regular recyclables. These require special handling and should be taken to designated disposal facilities.

Donation Option

Consider donating items that can be reused before recycling. This can include books, clothes, and electronics.