

## How To Recycle in Cuyahoga County: Back to the Basics

**July 30, 2019 – Cleveland, Ohio** – Recycling contamination is at issue across the nation and world, but is also a major problem here in Cuyahoga County. Many local and national media outlets are reporting on how we've been affected by China's new environmental policies and the best ways to recycle properly.

Recycling contamination happens when well-intended recyclers mistakenly put the wrong items into their recycling. It can wreak havoc on the recycling process in Cuyahoga County and throughout the world.

Here in Cuyahoga County, the best way to avoid recycling contamination in your curbside recycling is to recycle only these five core items:

- [CANS](#): Empty and rinse.
- [CARTONS](#): Empty and rinse. Replace the cap -- it's too small to be recycled by itself!
- [GLASS BOTTLES & JARS](#): Empty and rinse.
- [PAPER & BOXES](#): Flatten cardboard items, like cereal boxes, to save space.
- [PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS](#): Empty and rinse. Replace the cap.

Place these items loose – not bagged – in your recycling bin or cart. All items should be empty, clean and dry. Plastic bottles and jugs includes items with an opening or neck that is narrower than the body.

Learn more about recycling best practices at [www.cuyahogarecycles.org/how\\_to\\_recycle](http://www.cuyahogarecycles.org/how_to_recycle)

### **About The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District**

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District is the public agency helping the people of Cuyahoga County reduce, reuse and recycle at home, at work and in their communities. We serve as the leading resource in the County for information, expertise and programs that support sustainable materials management and reduce the environmental impact of waste. Visit [www.CuyahogaRecycles.org](http://www.CuyahogaRecycles.org) or call 216.443.3749 to learn how to recycle in your community and discover other recycling and disposal options.

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