

Recycling is a great way to help your community and planet.



Where can I recycle in my community?

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What can be recycled there?

Aluminum Cans	Textiles/Clothing
Cardboard	Junk Mail
Newspapers	Books
Magazines	Specific Plastics
Office Paper	Metals

To know more about what specifically can be recycled, scan this QR code!



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What is recycling and its purpose?

Recycling is the process of taking materials that would be thrown away as trash and breaking them down to be processed and reused.

Recycling reduces waste sent to landfills and prevents pollution by reducing the need for new raw materials. It conserves natural resources, including energy itself. By conserving energy, we reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Aside from the environment, recycling helps the economy by supporting American manufacturing, the conservation of resources, and the creation of jobs.

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How should you go about recycling?

There are multiple steps that can go into taking in recyclables. These are:

- Examine your item for a recycling label and check the label number to see what kind of item it is.
- Check if your local recycling center accepts these types of items.
- If necessary, dump out and rinse or clean off items with liquids or other food/dirty particles.
- Sort and put in clear recycling bags so workers at the recycling center can know what kinds of items are in the bag and where they should go.



The process of manufacturing recyclables

Recyclable materials are generated by a consumer or business and then collected by a private hauler or government entity. The materials are taken by the collector to a processing facility. At the processing facility, the recyclables are sorted and cleaned of contaminants and prepared for transport to a milling facility or to a manufacturing facility.

Some items may require additional processing for additional sorting and decontamination. After all processing is done, recyclables are made into new products at a recycling plant or other facility.

These items are used by companies and sold to the consumer.

Did you know?

- 60-80% of all household waste can be recycled
- In 2019, Columbia County took over 86 million pounds of trash to the landfill
- In 2021, Abilities Unlimited recycled 1.3 million pounds of products
- It takes the landfill:
 - Over two months to decompose food
 - 450 years to break down plastic
 - 500 years to break down aluminum cans
 - Anywhere from 5-20 years to break down clothing
- The time it takes to recycle a product (from collection to new material) is 60 days
- Recycling in Columbia County **creates over 40 jobs** to Abilities Unlimited disabled clients

In 2020, recycling in the U.S. accounted for*:

*2020 Recycling Economic Information (REI) Report

- **681,000 jobs**
- **\$37.8 bn. in wages**
- **\$5.5 bn. in tax revenues**