Recycling is Worth the Effort!

New products are made from either virgin materials or recycled materials. Paper is made from wood, plastic is made from petroleum and natural gas, and metal, from ores that are mined from the earth and often imported at a great cost. Using recycled materials to make new products eliminates the extraction of these valuable resources, saves energy, and reduces the environmental impacts of logging, drilling and mining.

Today, the recycling industry is facing new challenges. Manufacturers are requiring recycled materials to be cleaner making it difficult for even slightly contaminated materials to be sold.

You can help make recycling successful by keeping your collection clean and only recycling the materials accepted in your program.

Prevent Contamination —Use Common Sense

Only recycle the items accepted in your program. Put items in the trash if they are wet, stinky, dirty, icky, or gross.

You may be able to recycle additional items depending on where you live. Contact your waste hauler or local government for information about the programs available near you.

The Missouri Recycling Association provides value by connecting people, offering industry insights, and influencing policy to support our economy and businesses in extracting the highest and best use of materials at end of life.

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Recycling the right way can be simple, but requires some care and a few moments of your time.

1. Stick to the items you know can be recycled.
2. Empty containers, rinse if needed, and tap them dry.
3. Flatten boxes.
5. Do not bag recycling - keep it loose.