

Recycle Right, Elyria

Here in Elyria, recycling is something many of us do every day—and it makes a real difference in our community. But when the wrong items go into the **green bin**, it can slow down the process and even cause entire loads to be sent to the landfill. The good news is, getting it right is simple.

Empty. Clean. Dry.

- ✓ **Empty** – Make sure containers are free of food and liquid
- ✓ **Clean** – Give items a quick rinse when needed
- ✓ **Dry** – Wet paper and cardboard can't be recycled

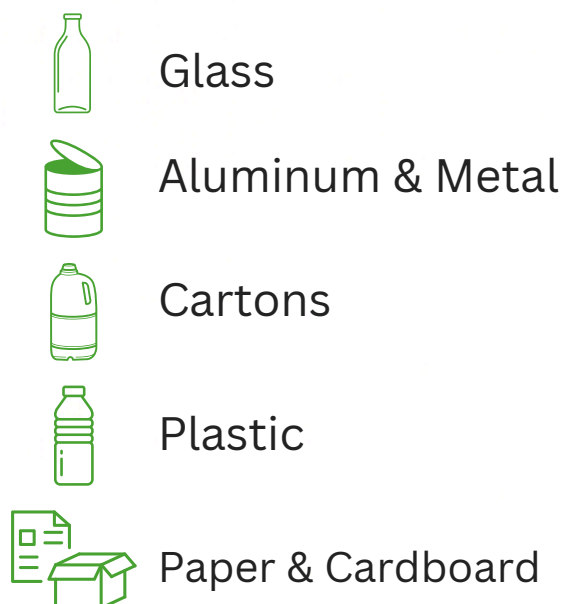
Taking a moment to prepare items the right way helps make sure they can actually be recycled. Place recyclables **loose in your bin** – do not bag them. **Flatten cardboard** boxes to save space.

Why It Matters

Recycling works best when we all do it right. When non-recyclable or dirty items are mixed in, it can contaminate the entire batch. That means materials that could have been reused end up in the landfill. By keeping recyclables clean and sticking to the basics, we can make sure more of what we put in the bin actually gets recycled. **When in doubt, throw it out!**

For more information, visit www.cityofelyria.org

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NO – Do Not Recycle.

