

What can get recycled?



Make sure you are recycling the right things in the right way.

- Put items loose into your home recycling—do not use plastic bags.
- Rinse all containers. OK to leave caps on.
- Empty and flatten cardboard boxes.

These items are accepted in your curbside recycling bin:

Metal cans



Plastic # 1, 2, 5



Paper & cardboard



Cartons



Glass bottles & Jars





It's no myth.

Recycling Exists

Your recycled items become new products.

Recycling is good for our environment and the economy. Our efforts to recycle and reduce waste save energy, protect resources and support local businesses and jobs. Here in the Twin Cities, we can be proud that recycling works.



Approximately
78,000 jobs
in Minnesota are supported
by the recycling industry

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Where does our recycling go?



Recycled food cans are transported by Minnesota companies like Miller Scrap and Disposal in Winona to foundries and steel mills throughout the Midwest. These cans are made into new products like wire, beams and parts for cars and appliances.



Plastics are sorted, shredded, melted into pellets and then sold to companies to make a variety of products. Avon Plastics in Paynesville turns milk jugs and detergent bottles into durable decking, fencing and landscaping products. Plastics like drink bottles and produce containers get made into new bottles in Wisconsin and Ohio.



Paper mills like West Rock in Saint Paul mix paper and water together to make a pulp, which is then flattened, dried and rolled into new boxboard. The boxboard is used to make cereal and cracker boxes.



Milk and juice cartons are sent to Sustana Fiber in Wisconsin to make material for new paper products.



Bottles and jars are sorted by color at Strategic Materials in Saint Paul. Clear glass is sent to Anchor Glass in Shakopee to make new food and beverage bottles.

