



# RECYCLING BEST PRACTICES:

## SMART SORTING & PREP FOR A CLEANER PLANET

### 1. SEPARATE YOUR MATERIALS

#### PAPER & CARDBOARD



- Flatten Boxes
- Separate paper from non-paper
- No wet paper
- No greasy pizza boxes



#### 2. PLASTICS



- Food Containers
- Metal kiumum Foil (clean & balled)

- Check Local Rules (1-7)
- Rinsed Only
- Lids Off/On (check local rules)
- No plastic bags/film



#### 3. METALS



- Aluminum & Steel
- Aluminum Foil (clean & balled)
- Metal Lids (if allowed)

#### 4. GLASS



- Clear & Colored Glass
- Food Jars Ranoes Removed
- No broken glass (usually)

### 2. THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEAN CONTAINERS

(Wash & Prep)



- ① Empty Container    ② Rinse Thoroughly    ③ Remove Labels/Lids    ④ Dry Completely

Why Rinse?

- Contamination clogs recycling plants
- Lowers recycled material quality
- Attracts pests & creates odors

Note:

A simple rinses makes a huge difference!

### WHAT NOT TO PUT IN RECYCLING BINS

● Plastic Bags/ Wrap

● Food Waste

● Electronics/

● Garden Hoses

● Medical

● Diapers

● Contaminated Items



Food Waste



Electronics/  
Batteries



Garden  
Hoses



Medical  
Waste



Diapers

LEARN YOUR LOCAL RECYCLING RULES! HELP REDUCE WASTE & RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY