

# TIPS TO REDUCE RECYCLING CONTAMINATION



RECYCLE MONTANA

PUTTING THE RIGHT MATERIALS IN THE PROPER BIN IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR RECYCLING. THE WRONG OR DIRTY MATERIAL IS CALLED CONTAMINATION AND WHEN CONTAMINATED LOADS OF RECYCLING ARE FOUND, IT CAN POTENTIALLY RESULT IN THE WHOLE LOAD BEING SENT DIRECTLY TO THE LANDFILL.

## TIPS TO REDUCE CONTAMINATION

- ♻️ Check the recycling labels on the package or item to help you decide whether it is recyclable.
- ♻️ Pay close attention to your recycling program on what you can and can't recycle, help educate the rest of your family and friends.
- ♻️ Carefully label all recycling bins to insure the right materials go in the right bin.
- ♻️ Leave metal caps and lids on glass jars and bottles.
- ♻️ Make sure all containers are empty and rinse to clean out any product that can spoil and leak on to other recyclables materials.
- ♻️ You can recycle hundreds of household items, so check all rooms in the house and if you are energetic keep an eye out for what is going into the garbage can.
- ♻️ The hauler and recycling center are handling thousands of pounds of material so don't assume that they will sort out that one item prior to baling and shipping.
- ♻️ If you don't know about recycling a specific item you can check the guidelines of your recycling program, look up on the internet or ask a friend. If you are still in doubt, don't recycle until you know for sure.
- ♻️ Supporting your recycling program includes not contaminating the load.

Thanks for everything you do to support recycling and making the world a better place to live.

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