

# HOW TO MAKE RECYCLING AS EASY AS "A, B, C!"

## Recycling doesn't mean picking stuff out of the trash.

Recycling does mean setting aside useful items—like bottles, cans, and clean papers—so that they never end up in the trash in the first place.

Recycling at home is quick and easy—if you remember to separate at the start.

Here are a few household recycling tips to help you start recycling:



### CHECK THE LIST:

See the Curbside Recycling Guide on the other side, and post it on your refrigerator to help you recycle. You can mix all these recyclables together. We will do the final recycling sorting for you!



### PUT RECYCLING CONTAINERS INSIDE YOUR HOME:

Place recycling containers throughout your home. Get creative on what you use to collect your recyclables. A pretty basket, a paper bag, make it part of your decor!



### PUT IT IN THE BLUE:

When your recyclables at home get full, empty them into your BLUE Curbside Recycling cart. Please don't use plastic bags to collect your recyclables. Bags jam our sorting equipment.



**HOW TO CREATE A RECYCLING CONTAINER FOR YOUR HOME:** Decide what you would like to use as a collecting container in your home. Think about your home decor and different rooms you need to have recycling and have some fun. You can reuse old baskets you may have in your garage. Another idea is to use a box and draw on it, cover it with unused wallpaper, fabric or just about anything. Each room can have something different. The kids room can have comic strips on it or their favorite characters, cut and glue from packaging you may have bought before you recycle it. You can use plastic or metal buckets for a fun look. Let us know what you come up with and share it on our Facebook page: Victorville Environmental Programs.

## WHY RECYCLE?

**Save Money and Cut Trash Disposal Costs:** Did you know that the City paid over \$1.5 million to dispose of trash from Victorville residents last year? That works out to almost \$30,000 per week. It costs \$37 per ton to dispose of trash at the County landfill. When you recycle bottles, cans, and clean, dry paper by putting them in the blue recycling can, you save that \$37 per ton of landfill disposal costs. The less the City pays for disposal at the County landfill, the less City residents pay on their sanitation bills. It just doesn't make sense to pay to get rid of something that doesn't have to go to the dump. That's a "waste" —of residents' money and valuable resources.

**It's the Law:** The Victorville Municipal Code requires recyclable materials to be kept separate and prohibits the disposal of recyclables in trash. In addition, CA State Law AB 939 requires all communities to reduce the amount of trash sent to landfill by 50%.

**Save Resources & Help the Economy:** Recycling returns materials back into the economy. This saves energy and trees. It also reduces air and water pollution and reduces waste from mining. The recyclable materials provide industry with raw materials to make new products. That supports the economy and helps create jobs.



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# City of Victorville CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDE What goes in the Blue Recycling Barrel?

Place all cans, glass bottles/jars, plastic containers, papers and cardboard into your BLUE recycling bin. Make sure to empty and rinse cans and bottles before recycling. Put your blue bin out at the curb by 6 a.m. on your recycling day. Put the bin at least two feet away from mailboxes, cars, or other obstructions.



## CARDBOARD & PAPERS

Clean dry papers • Cereal boxes •  
Advertisements • Newspapers • Junk Mail



## PLASTIC BOTTLES | JARS | TUBS | TRAYS

Yogurt cups • Shampoo bottles • Milk Jugs •  
Soda/Water Bottles



## TIN & ALUMINUM CANS | FOIL

Empty food, beverage cans.  
Also EMPTY aerosol cans.



## GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Bottles & Jars only • Empty and rinse  
No dishes, cups, windows, pyrex, etc.

No plastic bags in recycle barrel, please! The plastic bags jam up our sorting machines.



## WHAT ABOUT CRV BOTTLES AND CANS? You've got options!

1. Keep your CRV bottles and cans separate and redeem them for cash at a local recycling buy-back center. Go to [www.BottlesAndCans.com](http://www.BottlesAndCans.com) to find a buy-back center near you.
2. If you don't want to redeem the CRV, just put them in your blue curbside recycling barrel with other recyclables.

For more information, call City of Victorville Recycling at 760-955-8615.

## Got TVs, Tires, Mattresses, Appliances, E-Waste, Scrap Metal, and Cardboard Boxes?

City of Victorville residents can dispose of all these items FOR FREE at the City of Victorville Recycling Drop-off Center, located at 15164 Anacapa (one block south of Palmdale, between Amargosa and Borego.) Open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to Noon. Up to five passenger vehicle or light truck tires, on or off-rim. Victorville residents only - for tires and mattresses. No business. Call 760-955-8615, or go to [www.VictorvilleRecycles.com](http://www.VictorvilleRecycles.com) for more information.