

Recycle Right in Oceanside

As you may have heard, the recycling market is changing, both globally and locally, and will continue to evolve. Even though recycling markets have taken a hit in recent years, it's more important than ever to recycle right in Oceanside to ensure that recyclable materials continue to find their way into the blue bins to be turned into new items, instead of ending up in landfills.

What Goes in the Blue Bin?

Glass bottles, metal containers such as aluminum and tin cans, and rigid plastic such as milk jugs and water bottles are all items that should be placed in the blue recycling bin. Paper such as junk mail, newspapers, and cardboard are also recyclable and should be placed in the blue bin.



Empty. Clean. Dry.

Please be sure to scrape or wipe out food, liquid, or other residue to ensure your recyclables are empty, clean and dry before placing them into the blue recycling bin.

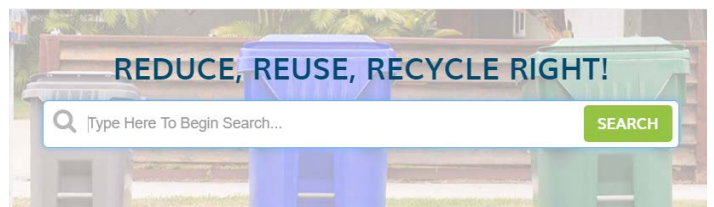
What is Contamination?

Contamination is any non-recyclable item that finds its way into the blue recycling bin. Examples include food, squishy soft plastic like plastic bags or packaging film, and household hazardous waste such as batteries and electronics. These items, when placed in the recycling bin,

compromise the quality of the recyclable materials that *do* belong in the bin.

Unsure of Where it Goes?

Keeping contamination out of your recycling bin is easy. If you are not sure where an item goes, you can use the "Recycle Right" widget found on the [Solid Waste and Recycling page](#) at [Green-Oceanside.org](#). The "Recycle Right" widget can answer all of your questions to prevent contamination.



Keep Up the Good Work

Oceanside residents have done a great job recycling, with over 67% of our materials being diverted from landfills and turned into new materials. In addition to curbside recycling, residents have also utilized the [Oceanside Buy-back Center](#) for California Redemption Value (CRV) items and the Oceanside [Household Hazardous Waste Facility](#) to ensure e-waste, used oil, and even paint gets properly disposed of and does not contaminate the recycling stream.

Thank you for joining the City of Oceanside on the road to zero waste. By reducing, reusing, recycling, and rethinking the items we use, we can keep Oceanside beautiful and preserve resources for generations to come.

To learn more about the City's environmental programs, upcoming events and workshops, and how you can be a better steward of the earth, visit www.GreenOceanside.org.

