

# ACTIVITY: RECYCLE RIGHT!



Recycling is a way to collect materials that would otherwise be thrown away and turn them into new products. Recycling can benefit your community and environment in many ways.

## BENEFITS OF RECYCLING

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills
- Conserves natural resources (timber, water, minerals)
- Saves energy
- Creates US jobs in recycling/manufacturing

## WHAT ITEMS ARE RECYCLABLE?

The list of items that can be recycled may change depending on where you live. However, if your community offers recycling, it will most likely accept the following items that maintain a strong market value – **The Simple 6!**

Refer to the following 26 items. Which 6 items can you place in (or next to) your curbside recycle bin in Thurston County?

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| 1. | 4. |
| 2. | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

Which 2 items can you collect separately and take to the **DART** facility or Hawks Prairie Waste & Recovery Center for recycling?

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| 1. | 2. |
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Which 3 items can you collect separately and take to a store that accepts Plastic Film Recycling?

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| 1. | 3. |
| 2. |    |

Not sure if something is recyclable? Enter the item into Lemay's Waste Wizard:



[www.thurston.lemayinc.com/](http://www.thurston.lemayinc.com/) or review a list of accepted items here:

Waste Wizard

[www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/recycling/recycling-prepare-curb.htm](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/recycling/recycling-prepare-curb.htm)

**All items must be clean, dry, and loose for recycling. No lids. Break down boxes.  
When in doubt, throw it out!**



Dairy Tub



Caps



Plastic Utensils



Boxes



Plastic Cup/Lid/Straw



Frozen Food Box



Plastic Bag



Juice Pouch



Glass Bottles/Jars



Aluminum Pan



Aseptic Container



Plastic Shipping Envelope  
Bubble Wrap



Cans – Aluminum & Tin



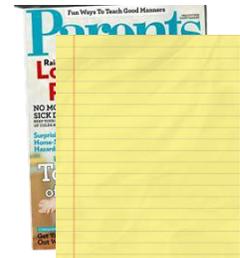
Styrofoam Container



Pizza Box



K-Cup Pods



Mixed Paper



Gable-Top Carton



Motor Oil Container



Plastic Bottles



Deli Container



Paper Cup



Food Wrapper



Styrofoam Cup



Clam-shell Container



Zip-Style Bags

