



Recycle RIGHT Now!

Reduce waste by recycling; you'll keep household garbage out of the landfill.

Environmental protection begins in your own backyard

Get ready, get set—Recycle!

If your community offers recycling, congratulations! You have the opportunity to divert household garbage from the landfill and protect our precious resources. Recyclables can be used in manufacturing new products using fewer natural resources.

Recycle correctly and often

Once your household is committed to recycling, you'll find that it's an easy habit to develop.

Find out exactly what you are able to recycle in your area and recycle ONLY those items.

It's important to recycle correctly, because mistakes will delay or prevent items from being recycled. Make sure your items don't end up in the landfill because you didn't recycle correctly.

What can YOU recycle in YOUR community?

First, learn what your community will accept as recyclable. Paper, aluminum, tin (steel), some plastic bottles and some kinds of glass are recycled by some, but not all communities. In most communities, aluminum is accepted either in the public program, or very often, by a private operation.

Every community recycles different items and uses different collection methods. You won't be helping if you try to recycle items that aren't being accepted. Instead, you'll just slow the sorting process as the workers take time to remove the inappropriate items. Inappropriate items—contaminants—can ruin an entire load of recyclables in a recycling program. So find out exactly what is collected in your community and recycle ONLY those items.



Show everyone in your household how to recycle correctly.

Keep recyclables clean and dry

Make sure your recyclables are clean. Papers should be clean and dry. Sort or bag the papers as requested so they won't blow away. Don't recycle anything that contains food or grease. Rinse clean any plastic, tin, aluminum or glass containers before you recycle them. Remove lids from containers. Labels do not need to be removed from any containers.

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Do's and Don'ts

- Do find out exactly what you can recycle in your community
- Don't collect anything you cannot find a recycling facility for
- Do make sure that your recyclables are clean, dry and prepared as the local recycler asks

Did You Know?

The state's goal is to recycle 45% of its waste stream by 2010.

Arkansas recycles about two million tons of waste annually.

Some 225 communities offer recycling opportunities at street curbs or drop-off sites.

Electronics will be banned from Arkansas landfills in 2010.

Yard waste is banned from landfills.

When you buy a new tire, you pay for its proper disposal in your purchase price.

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What if I have questions?

If you have questions or concerns about your local recycling program, do not hesitate to contact the appropriate agency. And if you don't know whom to call, start with your mayor or county judge's office. Others who may assist include the public works, sanitation, or environmental affairs office.

In Arkansas, decisions about processing, transporting and disposing of solid waste are made among Regional Solid Waste Management Districts. The regional districts, made up of county judges and mayors of Class 1 cities or their representatives, combine their resources for cost-effective management.



ADEQ: What We Do

The Department of Environmental Quality is an agency of the state of Arkansas. We are headquartered in North Little Rock and have offices and inspectors throughout the state.

Our regulatory programs for air, water, solid waste, hazardous waste, petroleum storage tanks, and mining help protect the state's environment. We issue permits for businesses and farms and monitor for compliance.

We also manage many programs to assist businesses, educators and the public with regulatory, recycling and other issues. ADEQ offers loans and tax credits for environmental improvement projects.