

Recycling: Back to the Basics



**RECYCLE ALL BOTTLES,
CANS AND PAPER**



**KEEP ITEMS
CLEAN & DRY**



NO PLASTIC BAGS



Recycling is at a crossroads in California and across the globe. A crackdown from China on what materials it will accept and how “clean” those materials must be, is causing a ripple effect throughout the industry that ends in how you sort materials in your kitchen.

What you think is recyclable might not be and how you handle the materials you recycle might need to change.

Our primary and immediate task is to clean up the recycling stream.

Contamination impacts the quality of recyclable materials. For example, food and liquid in a recycling container can mix with otherwise good paper and cardboard turning those recyclable materials into trash.

Here’s how you can help:

 Please make sure you’re not placing trash in your recycling.

- Stick to general rules above to help the environment and keep recycling sustainable.
- When in doubt, place a material in the trash.

Do You Know the Basics?

Take this recycling quiz to see if your household recycles right. Choose between recycling and trash.

(Answers at the bottom)



A) Greasy/Soiled Pizza Boxes



B) Plastic Cutlery and Plastic Straws



C) Plastic Water Bottles
Plastic Detergent Jug



D) Pet Waste (including litter) & Diapers



E) Plastic Tubs
(ex.: Yogurt, Margarine, Sour Cream)

A) Organics **B) Trash** **C) Recycling**
D) Trash **E) Recycling**

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