



How to Improve Your Recycling Habits

Jump into action with the *Greatest American Cleanup* and make recycling part of your mission. It's not just about cleaning up litter – it's about making sure those materials get a second life and don't end up in a landfill.

Know What Can Be Recycled in Your Area

- Take a moment to learn about your community's recycling programs—whether it's curbside pickup or drop-off locations. Check what materials they accept and how they like them prepared.
- If your local facility asks for items like paper, plastics, and metals to be separated, set up clearly labeled bins at home to make sorting super easy!

Give Materials a Quick Rinse

- Before tossing items into the recycling bin, make sure they're free of food and drink leftovers—it helps keep the whole batch clean!
- For plastic bottles, it's easy: just empty the bottle, screw the cap back on, and pop it in the bin.

Don't "Wishcycle"

- We've all been tempted to recycle something we're unsure about "just in case." But placing the wrong items in the bin can actually do more harm than good by contaminating the batch. When in doubt, leave it out or check local guidelines.

Bring Your Own Reusables

- Want to reduce waste in the first place? Bring your own reusable bags, bottles, and containers. It's a simple habit that makes a big difference—and saves you money in the long run!

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