America Recycles Day 2026 Recycling Activity Sheet, Nov. 15

What EPA says goes in the household bin, and what stays out

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America Recycles Day

Facts

- EPA's goal is to raise the U.S. recycling rate to 50 percent by 2030.
- The U.S. recycling rate, including composting, was 32.1 percent in 2018.
- Most curbside programs accept different glass colors and types mixed together.

GOES IN THE HOUSEHOLD BIN (MOST PROGRAMS, PER EPA)

- [ ] Glass: mixed colors and types together
- [ ] Paper and paper products
- [ ] Food containers that are spatula-clean
- [ ] Pizza box: remove food scraps and flatten it first

KEEP OUT OF THE HOUSEHOLD BIN

- [ ] Plastic bags, wraps and films (recyclable, but not at the curb)
- [ ] Lithium-ion batteries and devices that contain them
- [ ] Remove batteries from electronics before recycling

Our household's recycling notes

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, America Recycles Day, How Do I Recycle Common Recyclables and National Overview facts and figures pages. Check your own city's rules.