America Recycles Day 2026 Recycling Checklist, Nov. 15

What EPA says goes in the bin, and what does not

BEFORE YOU SORT

- [ ] Look up your city's rules: EPA says most programs accept glass and paper — Check

IN THE HOUSEHOLD BIN

- [ ] Glass: most curbside programs take mixed colors and types — Bin
- [ ] Paper and paper products: most community and office programs accept them — Bin
- [ ] Food containers: spatula-clean is clean enough — Bin
- [ ] Pizza box: remove food scraps and flatten it first — Bin

KEEP OUT OF THE BIN

- [ ] Plastic bags, wraps and films: recyclable, but not in the household bin — Not in bin
- [ ] Lithium-ion batteries and devices that contain them — Not in bin
- [ ] Take batteries out of electronics before recycling them — Remove

DATES

- [ ] America Recycles Day: recycle right today — Sun., Nov. 15
- [ ] Diamond Bar, CA event, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Sat., Nov. 14

Our household's recycling notes

Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, How Do I Recycle Common Recyclables, Used Lithium-Ion Batteries and Electronics Donation and Recycling; city of Diamond Bar. Check your own city's rules.