



**Empty. Clean. Dry.**

Be sure your recyclables are empty, clean & dry before you toss them in the blue container.



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## Make It Count!

# Why do your recyclables need to be empty, clean, and dry?



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After you toss your recyclables in the blue container, they're sold to be reused. Value is based on weight, so it's important that recycling facilities are receiving recyclables, and not contaminants.



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Contaminated recyclables cannot be reintroduced into manufacturing markets, and may not end up being recycled at all.



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Like contaminants, moisture can degrade the quality of recyclable materials - especially paper and cardboard - which decreases value or can harbor insects, making the materials potentially non-recyclable.