

**Recycling is at a crossroads.** Extra attention is needed by residents and businesses to reduce waste overall and make sure that we're putting the correct materials in the recycling and green bins.

## Use Less Paper and Plastic

Reduce and reuse come before recycling. The less waste we generate in the first place, the less of it we need to manage.



### Choose reusables

Pack your lunch in reusable containers and skip the plastic and paper bags.



### Avoid unnecessary mail

Switch to online billing and opt-out of junk mail delivery to lighten your load.



### Bring your own bag

Save money and use less plastic and paper by remembering to bring your own reusable bags when you go shopping.

## Keep It Clean

Recycling works best when materials in the recycling and organics (green) carts are clean and free of contamination. Your help with proper sorting can make a difference!



### Better at the Bin

Only put what's allowed in your recycling and organics (green) bins. Check with your city or waste hauler to see what's accepted.



### Compost food scraps

All yard trimmings and food scraps go into the green bin. Ensure that metal, glass and plastic never get dumped in the green bin.



### Keep it clean

Items going into your recycling should be empty, clean, dry, and free of foods and liquids.

For more solutions for work and for home, visit:

[www.StopWaste.org/recycle](http://www.StopWaste.org/recycle)