



GETTING STARTED RECYCLING



QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

What can be recycled in your area?

Pick up a current **VCRS** flyer or visit our website. They list all the recyclable materials collected in the Mat-Su.

What's in your trash?

Start out by recycling the items that you use most. Many people start with one or two items, such as cardboard and beverage containers, then add more later.



What space is available for collecting and sorting?

This will determine what size containers you will need.

How much time will it take?

Once you have set up a system, collecting and preparing items should only take minutes a day.



THERE IS NO RIGHT OR WRONG WAY TO RECYCLE AT HOME OR AT WORK. DO WHAT WORKS FOR YOU!

REMEMBER...

Try to **REDUCE** the amount you use, **REUSE** things when you can, and then **RECYCLE**.

COLLECTING & STORING

DECIDE WHERE & WHAT'S CONVENIENT

Many items come from the kitchen, so try:

- A bin under your sink, an empty drawer or labeled containers in a pantry
- Good long term storage areas might be: a closet, garage or shed



Don't forget to empty and rinse.

DECIDE WHAT TYPE OF SYSTEM TO USE

- Use what you have: old wastebaskets, laundry baskets, cardboard boxes or paper bags
- Purchase tubs or self stacking containers
- Use what is most convenient, cost effective & easy to handle



SORTING

VCRS IS A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION.

Please help us by separating your items by category before bringing them for recycling.

- Post a recycling flyer in the sorting area for reference
- Label containers so everyone knows where things go

TRANSPORTING and UNLOADING

BRING SORTED ITEMS IN:

- Plastic bags or boxes that can be recycled or reused
- Tubs or containers that can be emptied
- Use smaller bins for heavy items so they can be lifted easily
- Take a full load, or combine it with another trip to save time & gas



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