

# recycling's MOST WANTED

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Recycling has many benefits including conserving resources, preventing pollution, saving energy, reducing the need to build landfills and creating jobs. It is also easy. **Here are common items that you should be recycling. Do your part! RecycleMoreSC!**

## Aluminum Cans

There is no limit on how many times an aluminum can – which is 100 percent recyclable – can be recycled. The aluminum can you toss into your recycling bin today may be back on the store shelf in just 60 days.



## Steel Cans

Just like aluminum cans, steel cans can be recycled over and over again without compromising the quality of the steel. It also takes less energy to make new products out of recycled material than raw material.



## Magazines, Newspaper & Mixed Paper

These items – including telephone books and catalogs – all can be placed in your recycling container or taken to a convenience center.



## Unwanted Mail

One study reports that we receive more than 40 pounds of unwanted mail each year. Most of it can be recycled – but be aware of potential identity theft. Learn more. See the unwanted mail postcard at [www.recyclemore.org](http://www.recyclemore.org).



## Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Jars & Food Tubs

Households use about 45 pounds of PET plastic bottles (e.g., water, soft drink) and containers every year. Rinse if needed and keep the lids on the bottle.



## Juice & Milk Cartons

These cartons (for beverages needing constant refrigeration) can be recycled. It's easy. Rinse them. Empty them. Take the caps off and don't flatten.



## Cardboard Boxes

Keep it dry. Remove plastic wrap, peanuts and other packaging material. Flatten before placing in the container.



## Paperboard Boxes

This packaging includes cereal, tissue and shoe boxes. Remove plastic bags from the cereal boxes. Like cardboard, flatten before placing in the container.



## It's not all the same.

Not all recycling programs accept the same material. To find out what it accepted in your community's program, visit [www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Recycling/WheretorecycleLocally/](http://www.scdhec.gov/HomeAndEnvironment/Recycling/WheretorecycleLocally/). Also check to see if your county or city has a recycling app.



The 40by2020 Partnership is a group of public and private stakeholders dedicated to sharing knowledge, coordinating resources and working together to help South Carolina meet or exceed its 40 percent recycling goal set for 2020. Partnership members include PalmettoPride, Pratt Industries, Sonoco Recycling, the S.C. Beverage Association, the S.C. Department of Commerce and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control.