

Cardboard Recycling

There are two types of Cardboard, both are recyclable. Corrugated and Chipboard.

Shipping Boxes

Moving Boxes

Cereal Boxes

Cake Mix Boxes





Cardboard Recycling Preparation

- 1) Keep it dry: Once cardboard gets wet or saturated, it becomes extremely difficult—if not altogether impossible—to recycle.
- 2) Break it down: Flatten cardboard boxes as much as you can. This will conserve space in recycling containers and make them easier to transport. On the flip side, failing to break down boxes can present complications for the actual cardboard-recycling machinery.
- 3) Remove plastic and other contaminants: Be sure to remove plastic, polystyrene, and other contaminants from your cardboard before recycling.
- 4) Establish a system: Have a system in place to collect cardboard quickly and efficiently before it becomes trash.
- 5) Use it as transport: If you have other recyclables—newspapers, glass, plastic, etc.—use cardboard boxes to store or transport them to the Recycle Center. Then you can recycle the boxes as long as you keep them dry and flatten.

Please Note: Food is one of the worst contaminants in the cardboard-recycling process, especially when that food involves oil. Why? Because when cardboard is recycled, it is mixed with water.

Why Recycle Carboard?

There are several statistics that highlight the importance of recycling cardboard.

For starters, It can all be recycled. It is a high-quality material capable of being recycled multiple times.

It takes approximately three tons of trees to make one ton of virgin cardboard.

When one ton of cardboard is recycled, it effectively eliminates nine cubic yards of landfill space.

Recycled cardboard also saves 24% of the energy needed to produce virgin cardboard.

Recycling boxes also reduces processing pollution by 95% because the fiber has already been processed.

Cardboard is one of the most commonly generated waste products in virtually any business. In fact, the EPA estimates that 24.1 million tons of corrugated cardboard is discarded each year.

Fortunately, the vast majority of that cardboard—as much as 91 percent—is recycled. Thus, cardboard is one of the easiest materials in the world to recycle.

When recycled, cardboard is used to make chipboard like cereal boxes, paperboard, paper towels, tissues and printing or writing paper.

It is also made into more corrugated cardboard.