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**5 Ways to Recycle Right**

*Done Correctly, Recycling is an Easy Way to Make a Difference in Preserving the Planet*

Cleveland, Ohio -- Want to do your part in preserving the earth for generations to come? Not sure how to participate? Recycling is a simple and easy way to make a difference in saving the planet for a brighter today and tomorrow.

5 ways to recycle right:

1. **Leave recyclables loose – not bagged.** Plastic bags do not belong in your recycling bin or cart. Plastic bags get tangled in the sorting machines at the recycling facilities and cause major problems for the recycling process. Plastic shopping bags can be recycled at many retail locations, including Giant Eagle, Lowe's Home Improvement, Marc's, Target and Walmart stores.
2. **Make sure it's clean and empty.** Rinse residue from cartons, containers, bottles and jars or any other recyclable that may contain food particles. For example, greasy pizza boxes are not accepted.
3. **Keep it dry.** When it comes to paper and cardboard, keeping it dry is imperative for the recycling process. Please flatten all cardboard boxes as well.
4. **Don't wishcycle.** Think you can throw everything into your recycling bin and it will get sorted out at the recycling plant? Think again. Recycling only these five core items is paramount: cans, cartons, glass, paper and plastic along with plastic bottles and jugs.
5. **Join a social media community.** Share a post. Do a story. Get engaged with the social media accounts in your community. You'll find Cuyahoga County's accounts located on [Facebook](#), on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

Once you've got the hang of recycling, you can also learn about various other eco-friendly topics from composting to zero-waste lifestyles. There's seemingly no end to the ways we can reduce, reuse and recycle for a cleaner and greener today and tomorrow.

**About the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District**

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District is the public agency helping the people of Cuyahoga County reduce, reuse and recycle at home, at work and in their communities. We serve as the leading resource in the County for information, expertise and programs that support sustainable materials management and reduce the environmental impact of waste.

Visit [www.CuyahogaRecycles.org](http://www.CuyahogaRecycles.org) or call 216.443.3749 to learn how to recycle in your community and discover other recycling and disposal options. For more information contact Cristie Snyder at 216.443.3707 or [csnyder@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:csnyder@cuyahogacounty.us)