



Aluminum & Bi-Metal Cans and Products

What types of materials may be recycled?

Aluminum and bi-metal (steel/tin) containers of all shapes and sizes can be recycled. All metal food, beverage and pet food cans, aluminum cans, foil, pie plates, food trays, and tins from cookies, fruit cakes, popcorn, and similar items are recyclable. For information about larger metal items, see our recycling fact sheet on *Scrap Metal*.

How do you recycle this product?

Residents of Single-Family Homes:

Aluminum and bi-metal cans and foil products should be placed with your other **commingled materials** in your blue bin provided by the County and place at curbside for pick-up.

Multi-Family Properties:

Place these recyclables in containers labeled **commingled materials**. Recycling containers are often located near outdoor trash containers on your property, or in a common area in your building. Check with your property manager if you have any questions.

Businesses:

Place these materials in either individually labeled recycling containers or in recycling containers labeled **commingled materials** provided by your business or property manager.



Follow these rules when recycling this material:



DO NOT Crush Aluminum Cans



Labels **OK**



Empty and Rinse



If Lid is Detached, **Dispose of Lid in Trash**



No Plastic Bags



No Aerosol Cans

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Recycling is the Law.

**Executive Regulation 15-04AM
requires recycling of
Aluminum & Bi-Metal Cans and Products.**

What kind of aluminum products can I recycle? Do I have to do anything with them before I put them in the recycling bin?

All aluminum cans and aluminum foil products can be put in your commingled recycling bin. DO NOT crush aluminum cans. All cans should be rinsed. Make sure all aluminum foil is rinsed and free of any food.

What other kinds of metal cans are recyclable?

All steel and tin food, beverage, and pet food containers can also be put in your commingled recycling bin. There is no need to remove the labels before recycling. Be sure to rinse these containers. If the metal lid becomes detached, please dispose of it in the trash.

Did you know?

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a television set for 3 hours?

Recycling aluminum uses 95 percent less energy to make a new can than using virgin materials.



For more information, contact:

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Help Reduce Waste

One way to reduce waste is to buy in bulk. Purchase larger size containers instead of single-use containers. Buy products that are packaged in materials that can be recycled in Montgomery County.

Close the Loop

Be sure to buy products made with recycled materials. Most of the recycled aluminum cans are used to make new aluminum cans, but some are used to create folk art and jewelry. Recycled steel/tin cans are used to make new cans for food and pet food products. Steel materials are also used to make a variety of new steel products including bicycle frames, ladders, shelving, indoor/outdoor furniture, file cabinets, and auto parts.



Office Products
& Supplies



Food & Beverage
Containers

How do I know if I am buying products made from recycled materials and where do I find them?

Look for the “made with recycled-content” symbol . When it is on a package, you can be sure that the product is made with recycled materials. Recycled products are available from many sources including grocery, department, and hardware stores, so it is not necessary to shop at a specialty store to find them.