

# Benefits of Curbside Recycling

**Why Rumpke?** As Ohio's recycling leader, Rumpke processes 700 million pounds of recycling each year. Rumpke is committed to helping Ohioans recycle more and trash less. Curbside recycling is one of the most effective ways to keep items out of the landfill. Rumpke is proud to partner with hundreds of communities – big and small – for curbside recycling. We offer support from the very beginning and during every stage of the process. Starting a curbside recycling program can be easy, as we help with preparation before service begins and education for residents.

## How Curbside Recycling Works

- 1 Collection:** Residents mix all acceptable recyclables in a single container and place it at the curb. Rumpke collects the mixed recycling in a single truck. The recyclables are taken to Rumpke's regional recycling facility in Columbus for sorting and processing.
- 2 Sorting & Processing:** The process of collecting mixed recycling and then sorting the items by type is called single stream recycling. Rumpke's Columbus Recycling Facility uses advanced technology, including optical scanners and electromagnets, to sort recyclables by type. It is one of the country's most technologically advanced recycling systems.
- 3 End-Users:** Once sorted, the recyclables are compressed into large bales, which are transported to manufacturers (e.g. end-users). Rumpke works with a network of manufacturers to turn your material into new products.

Cardboard → Cardboard

Mixed paper → Paperboard (cereal/snack boxes)

Newspaper → Newspaper & paperboard

Aluminum Cans → Aluminum cans

Plastic Bottles → Irrigation pipe & strapping tape

Steel Cans → New steel products

Cartons → Tissues and office paper

Glass Bottles → Fiberglass insulation & glass bottles

## What You Can Recycle

Combine the items below unbagged in your recycling container. No separation required.



Plastic Bottles #1-7

Glass Bottles & Jars

Metal Cans



Cartons



Cardboard, Paperboard & Paper Products

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**Ease & Convenience:** Residents simply mix recyclables together and place it at the curb for collection. Rumpke takes care of the rest.

**Less Trash:** Recycling helps conserve landfill space. Studies show that more than half of the trash entering landfills could be recycled. Imagine the potential impact of recycling.

**More Resources:** Recyclables are used as raw materials for new products that help stimulate our economy. It supports businesses and industries across the region.

**Community Pride:** With curbside recycling, neighbors see each other making a positive difference in their community. More people recycle because others around them are recycling.

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