

CANTON CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND THE
CANTON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PRESENT...

Recycling DOs and DON'Ts

YOUR GUIDE TO SAFE, CLEAN, AND HEALTHY RECYCLING!



GOOD



BAD

- DO** Remember to clean out your recyclables before placing them in your container. Even a light rinse will remove food particles that attract scavengers and insects - keeping our neighborhoods safe!
- DO** Keep your recycling container indoors or in the garage. By leaving your bin outside, you run the risk of attracting animals and creating stagnant water habitats for disease-carrying insects like mosquitoes.
- DO** Place your recycling materials in the blue containers distributed by the city. Plastic bags are not approved for use in this program, and end up creating more waste (defeating the purpose of the recycling program!).
- DO** Place materials that have been approved by the city into your recycling containers. Unapproved items will not be taken by the recycling truck, and could become litter if your garbage pick-up has already taken place that day. To learn more about which items are approved, visit our Web site at recycle.cantonohio.gov!

- DON'T** Leave your container at the pick-up point all week. Stagnant rainwater is the number one breeding ground for mosquitoes, which can spread diseases to children and pets!
- DON'T** Put food items in your recycling container. Organic matter such as food, human/animal waste, and yard clippings are not accepted in the curbside recycling program. They are also a public health hazard if not disposed of properly, and could lead to fines or other penalties if left exposed.
- DON'T** Place sharp items in your recycling container. Materials are hand-sorted by city employees before being placed into the recycling truck.
- DON'T** Allow your recyclable materials to become litter by not taking care of your container. By placing your container out at the proper time of the week and keeping your garbage area picked up, you will prevent the likelihood that your recyclable materials will become a nuisance to your neighborhood (and also prevent Health Department fines or citations).

For more information or to have your questions answered, visit our Web site at recycle.cantonohio.gov or call us at 330-489-3000!



Help everyone remember!

By keeping this informational flyer posted where all family members can see it, you will be able to make sure that everyone knows the best way to prevent the spread of dangerous insects, rodents, and diseases through the proper use of curbside recycling containers!



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