

What is recycling?



Learn to Recycle with Ray Cycle the Raccoon

Recycling takes old, stinky garbage like cardboard boxes, cans, plastic bottles and newspapers and turns it into shiny new stuff. It's kind of like magic that way.

If we just throw stuff away, we only make a big mess. And the more stuff we throw away, the bigger the mess we get. And no one wants to live in a stinky mess.

Natural resources are the other things we can use to make new stuff. When we recycle, we don't use as many natural resources to make new stuff. That way we won't run out of natural resources for a very long time. It's like not taking too many cookies from the jar. That way, you can have a lot more days with cookies.



And now, we're done!

Thanks for letting me show you how to recycle. **I love recycling, and I hope you do, too.** So help me turn old, stinky garbage into shiny, new stuff, and help keep this a nice place to live and play.



Victoria Kids
Recycle!



Hi! I'm Ray Cycle the Raccoon.

I love to recycle, and I want you to love it, too! So follow me, and I'll teach you **what** to recycle, **how** to recycle, and **where** to recycle. Come on. It will be fun!





What can we recycle and how?

We can recycle a lot of different things, but not everything. So the first thing we have to do is sort the different types of things that can be recycled into their own piles. After we do that, some things require a few special steps to get them ready for recycling. **Don't worry.** I'm going to show you what you can recycle and how to get it ready!

PLASTIC

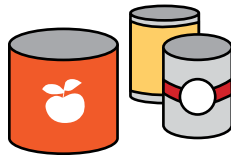


Soda bottles, water bottles, milk jugs and orange juice bottles are all made out of plastic. To get plastic ready for the magic of recycling, take off the lids and rinse out the bottles to get them really

clean inside. Then, to save space, we get to stomp on them and get them really, really flat! It's fun!

METAL

We can recycle almost anything made of metal, like soup cans, vegetable cans, even old stoves and washing machines. Just like bottles, we have to get them really clean so we can recycle them. Be very careful of sharp edges. Then we can put them in a bag or a box to take them to be recycled.



ALUMINUM

Aluminum is a special kind of metal used to make soda cans and other drink cans. It's also a lot of fun to say "aluminum." These special cans need to be sorted out from the other types of cans. After we clean them, we can stomp on them to get them real flat, too! Then we put them in their own bag or box to take them to be recycled.



PAPER

Paper is great for making pictures and airplanes. But did you know you can also use it to make more paper? You can recycle newspapers, magazines and old pictures. Did you know that cardboard boxes are also made of paper, and you can recycle them, too?



To get paper ready for recycling, first make sure it's clean. Then put it in a bag or a box, so it doesn't fall all over the place and make a big mess.

Where to Recycle

Calhoun County Recycling Center

900 Old Landfill Road, Port Lavaca, TX 77979
(361) 552-7791

Calhoun County Mobile Trailers

1st full week of each month:

Port Lavaca: Live Oak, Calhoun County Courthouse
Olivia/Port Alto: Precinct 3 Office Site, Mon.-Thurs.
Point Comfort: Point Comfort Elementary School
Seadrift: Precinct 4 Office Site, Mon.-Thurs.

2nd full week of each month:

Port Lavaca: Live Oak, Calhoun County Courthouse
Travis Middle School, parking lot
Port O'Connor: 6th & Adams, next to library, Mon.-Thurs.

3rd full week of each month:

Port Lavaca: Live Oak, Calhoun County Courthouse
Magnolia Beach: 514 Margie Tewmey, J&T One Stop
Point Comfort: Point Comfort Elementary School
Seadrift: Precinct 4 Office Site, Mon.-Thurs.

4th full week of each month:

Port Lavaca: Live Oak, Calhoun County Courthouse
Calhoun High School, parking lot
Port O'Connor: 6th & Adams, next to library, Mon.-Thurs.

Cuero Collection Center

1411 E. Broadway, Cuero, TX 77954 • (361) 275-6280

Fayette County Recycle Center

210 Svoboda Lane, La Grange, TX 78945
(979) 968-8446

Goliad Recycling Center

617 South Burke, Goliad, TX 77963 • (361) 645-2081

Jackson County Recycling Center

205 CR4141 between Edna & Ganado • (361) 782-2048

Hallettsville Recycling Center

804 CR201, Hallettsville, TX 77964 • (361) 798-9329

City of Victoria Hugar Street Recycling Center

124 Hugar Street, Victoria, TX 77904 • (361) 485-3230

Yoakum Recycling Center

1106 Dunn Street, Yoakum, TX 77995
(361) 293-2806

Now everything is sorted. That means paper is with paper. Plastics are with plastics, and so on. Everything is cleaned. And everything has its own bag or box to take to be recycled. **So where do we take this stuff now?**

