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# Erie County Recycling Program

## Why Recycle?

When it comes to recycling, we all have an enormous responsibility. To ourselves, to our neighbors, and to our environment. But beyond simply placing recyclable items in the collection bins, there are numerous things each and every one of us can do to help make our little corner of the world a better place to live.

An average family of four in Erie County will produce over 5000 pounds of trash this year. That sounds hard to believe until you realize that each one of us generates four pounds a day. How many people are in your family? How many families live near you? Enough to make a pretty big mess of our county, our country and our planet unless we do something about it. That's where the Erie County Recycling Program comes in. We're here to help you manage your trash and turn it into something better.

## What Can I Recycle?

Preparing recyclables is important and necessary. Take the time to follow these easy steps—otherwise your good intentioned effort will waste resources and end up in the landfill.

- ♻️ **Plastics**
- ♻️ **Glass**
- ♻️ **Steel, Aluminum and Tin Cans**
- ♻️ **Paper Products**

## Composting

By composting yard, garden, and vegetable waste from your home, you can reduce the amount of garbage disposed in landfills. Organic materials such as leaves, grass, and vegetable wastes comprise almost 20 percent of the residential waste stream—that's 330 pounds per person per year.

**It's your world.  
Don't throw it away.**