



CARTONS

Cartons are the #1 material most folks don't realize CAN be recycled in their single-stream recycling bin!



MAKE SURE CARTONS ARE EMPTY

RINSE CARTONS BEFORE PUTTING IN BIN

LEAVE CARTONS THREE-DIMENSIONAL (DO NOT FLATTEN)

Recyclable cartons include:



Non-dairy milk and soup broth cartons



Single-serving juice boxes



Milk, orange juice, and other beverage cartons

These are NOT recyclable:



Frozen food cartons, including ice cream cartons, are not recyclable. Their plastic coating renders them non-recyclable

WHAT BECOMES OF CARTONS WHEN THEY ARE RECYCLED?

Cartons are made from layers of paper, plastic and sometimes aluminum. At the Boulder County Recycling Center, cartons are sorted by hand and sent to factories in North America to become new products, including paper towels, plastic plant pots, tissues, office paper, and building products.

CARTON FACTS:

- Recycling the paper fiber in cartons results in 74% less air pollution and 35% less water pollution than producing paper from virgin fibers.
- the company rewall recycles cartons into ceiling tiles, wall panels and other materials using no glue, chemical, or water. Each truckload of ReWall building products represents about 300,000 recycled cartons.
- Cartons that contain a layer of aluminum are shelf stable, meaning the food or drink inside doesn't need to be refrigerated, saving energy during the transport and storage of the product.

When in doubt, give us a shout!
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