



## CAN IT BE RECYCLED?

Ever wonder how your daily choice to recycle impacts the environment and economy? Recycling is crucial and even the smallest step can make a big difference. On November 15, we celebrate **America Recycles Day**, a day to recognize the positive impacts recycling has on our communities:

### **Recycling Reduces Waste**

One of the most impactful benefits to recycling is the reduced need to collect new raw materials. Rather than starting from scratch, we can create new products using recycled materials! More and more items are being manufactured from recycled content, including carpeting, motor oil, trash bags and even car bumpers.

### **Recycling Makes Cents**

Recycling benefits the economy! Someone has to sort through all those recyclables. A 2016 study from the EPA (<https://www.epa.gov/smm/recycling-economic-information-rei-report>) found that in a single year, recycling and reuse activities in the United States accounted for 757,000 jobs, \$36.6 billion in wages, and \$6.7 billion in tax revenues. Many recycling and donations centers in Contra Costa County are open despite COVID-19, helping provide jobs and recycling opportunities to residents.

### **Recycling Reduces Pollution**

Recycling does more than just save a few cans and create a few jobs. Recycling also helps reduce pollution and greenhouse gasses! By making the split decision to put our clean, used cans and bottles in the recycling bin, they will turn into a new product and won't end up as litter that pollutes our waterways. To learn more about protecting our local waters, visit [www.ccleanwater.org](http://www.ccleanwater.org). Whether at home or at a facility, it's important to know what can be recycled. Let Contra Costa County help!

### **Recycling Resources:**

<https://www.contracosta.ca.gov/depart/cd/recycle/options/>

<https://www.recyclewhere.org/>

<https://bit.ly/CCCWP-Recycling>