



Recycle Right at Home

At a Glance:

Complete this home recycling check-up to find out if your family knows how to Recycle Right.

You Will Learn:

- 1) Simple steps your family can take to Recycle Right at home.
- 2) Whether to trash it or recycle it. You have choices to make when it comes to discarding the items you buy and bring into your home.

You Will Need:

- 1) One week's worth of recycling items in your recycling bin.
- 2) To use the "Recycling Home Check-up: Work Sheet" on Page 3.

Instructions:

- 1) Review the "Recycle Right at Home: Background" on Page 2.
- 2) Sort the items in your household recycling bin that you have collected this week and record your answers on the "Recycling Home Check-up: Work Sheet" on Page 3.
- 3) Do the Home Recycling Check-up again in one month? Are your results different?

To Think About:

- 1) How many items did you find in your recycling bin that belonged in the trash?
- 2) What changes will you make at home to Recycle Right?
- 3) How will you help your family to Recycle Right at home?

Feedback:

We would love to hear your feedback! Please help us improve this activity by taking a short, one minute survey ([click here](#)).

Bonus:

Complete all four Recycle Right learning activities to receive a Recycle Right Rock Star certificate. [This is activity #4] If you have completed all activities, [register here](#). To complete the remaining activities, please visit [LCSWMA @Home](#).

Recycle Right at Home: Background

Welcome to the final activity in our Recycle Right learning series. By completing the first three activities in this series, you have learned about the recycling changes in Lancaster County and how to Recycle Right!

The previous activities included:

[Rethinking Recycling](#)

[What Goes in the Bin?](#)

[Are You A Wishful Recycler?](#)

If you completed all the previous activities, you know that to keep recycling sustainable we must only place the “Big 4” (corrugated cardboard, plastics with necks, metal food/beverage cans, glass bottles/jar) in the curbside recycling bin and keep all other contaminants (trash) out. This is called “Recycling Right” and it also means that those correct recyclables are empty, clean, and dry.



All other materials should either go in your trash or (if appropriate/applicable) taken to a drop-off recycling location. Visit Earth911.com to find a location near you.

You can help Recycle Right at your house by reminding your family of these rules when recycling. It’s also a good idea to check your progress regularly. So, let’s get started!



Recycling Home Check-up: Worksheet

Directions: Do a check-up of your recycling bin at home. Sort through the items and record on worksheet what you find. Visit recyclerightlancaster.org if you need a refresher on the Big 4.

Recycle	BIG 4	Trash
<p>1. Corrugated Cardboard:</p>  <p>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD</p>	<p>2. Plastics:</p>  <p>PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS WITH NECKS</p>	
<p>3. Metals:</p>  <p>METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CANS</p>	<p>4. Glass:</p>  <p>GLASS JARS & BOTTLES</p>	