

# Discover How Your Recycling Gets Another Life

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## COLLECTION

Communities across Cuyahoga County provide recycling services to collect common items like cans, cartons, glass, paper and plastic containers while other items such as computers, clothing and scrap metal are collected directly through donation centers and recycling facilities.



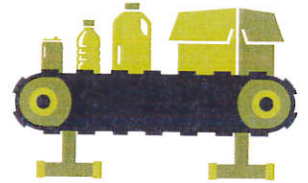
## WHY RECYCLE?

*When you recycle, your used items get a new life. Some materials can travel through the recycling process and be back on store shelves in as little as 30 days! Your aluminum cans, paper, water bottles and cereal boxes can become many different things.*

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## PROCESSING

Once your community collects your recyclables, they are taken to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) located in Northeast Ohio. At the MRF, your recyclables travel through an automated sortation system that separates them by type.

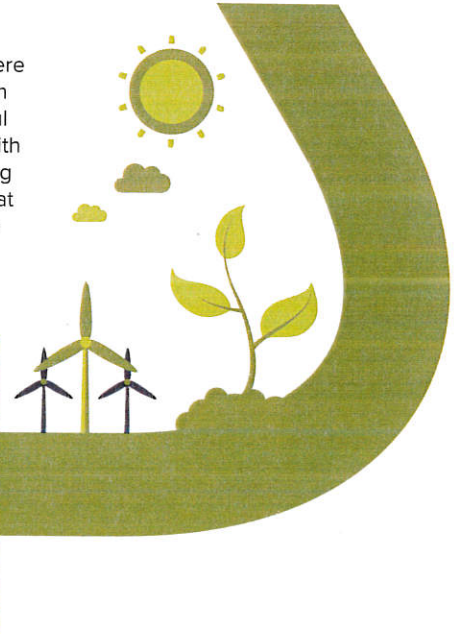


Recycling conserves land and natural resources. When you recycle you keep materials out of landfills where they do not decompose. Instead, you are sending them to a recycling facility to be turned into something useful and supporting jobs at the same time. Products made with recyclable material use less energy in the manufacturing process. Recycling is a green or sustainable activity. That means it is good for the earth and the people who live here now and in the future!

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## REINCARNATION

The sorted materials are then baled and sold to manufacturers who make them into a variety of new products. Your cereal boxes may become a game board or paper towels. Your aluminum cans may become new soda cans or airplane parts. Glass bottles may become kitchen tiles and your soup cans may become new bikes or even a bridge. The cycle is endless.



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