

## Newton County Recycling The Push to Keep Recycling **Clean**

When people think recycling The Three R's come to mind – Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The popular phrase now has another letter to accompany The Three R's which is the letter **C**. The letter **C** stands for **CLEAN**. Due to industry changes regarding contamination of recycled items diligence to the **CLEAN** process prior to placing recyclable items into any recycling container is crucial. The suggested clean process on best recycling practice is Empty, **Clean**, and Dry.

Empty - Remove any remaining food or liquid contents before placing it in a recycling container.

Clean - Lightly rinse the recyclable item to remove any remaining residue.

Dry - Gently shake out excess water or let the recyclable item air dry before placing in a recycling container.

Items that are not properly disposed are considered contaminated and are not recyclable. Any contaminated items ending up in the recycling containers then contaminate the entire container. Keep in mind the following items are

### **Non-Recyclable:**

Diapers	Garden Hoses
Shoes	Clothing
Yard waste	Plastic bags
Aerosol Cans	Shredded Paper
Aluminum Foil	Batteries
Food Waste	Mirrors/Ceramics
Stickers	Address Labels
Styrofoam	Tissues
Paper Towels	Napkins

For additional information on recycling in Newton County, please contact [recycling@newtoncounty.in.gov](mailto:recycling@newtoncounty.in.gov)

