

# Empty. Clean. Dry.™

The new way to recycle.



**EMPTY** means making sure there is no food or product residue. Make sure all of that goes into the trash or down the drain as part of the EMPTY process.

**CLEAN** means that empty recyclable containers should be rinsed. So, no mustard in the mustard containers or leftover ketchup in the ketchup bottles. If you cannot get a container completely clean, it is best to put it into the trash so as not to contaminate the rest of your recycling material and the overall process.

**DRY** means letting containers dry before placing them in your blue container so that the paper and cardboard does not get wet. Wet or soiled paper and cardboard cannot be recycled.

By practicing **Empty. Clean. Dry.™** with our families, we can ensure the recycling materials leaving our homes are in fact recyclable. Together, we are caretakers of this blue planet - our home, and largely covered with blue waters that flow beneath blue skies. It is worthy of every effort we can make to protect it for our children's children.



Empty.



Clean.



Dry.

Be sure your recyclables are empty, clean and dry™ before placing them in your recycling container.

## Did You Know?



Grocery bags ARE NOT recyclable and often contaminate other recyclables.



Never recycle diapers! Baby diapers are the most common contaminant in the recycling stream.



Only the clean lid of a pizza box is recyclable; not the greasy bottom.



Yard waste cannot be placed inside your recycling container.

