

As important as it is to recycle, it's even more important to recycle right. Food waste, unrecyclable items, and trash contaminate recyclables and create costly errors in the process. This, in turn, leads to more items in the landfill.

To keep it clean and simple, follow these easy guidelines:

Empty, clean & dry items get recycled.

Greasy pizza boxes, dirty peanut butter jars, takeout containers with food residue and bottles or glass (where allowed) with liquid are all contaminants that ruin the recycling process. Ensure your items have no food or liquid residue, and if you're unsure if it's recyclable, toss it in the trash.

Loose materials get recycled.

Plastic bags and plastic wrap are not recyclable at any municipal recycling program in New Mexico. Do not bag your recyclables, and remember to bring your reusable shopping bags with you when you go to the store.

