

## AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

# Life of a Cardboard Box

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You receive a delivery.



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You slice open the tape, remove your item, flatten the box and put it out in your recycling bin. But what happens to it?



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Once it makes its way to the recycling facility, it's separated from other recyclables.



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It's baled and then sent to be shredded into small pieces.



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Moisture is added and these pieces break down into a pulp and are filtered.

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Later, more water is added, and the pulp is rolled out in big sheets to dry.



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The cardboard is either made into another box or is downcycled, meaning it is used to create thinner paper products, like wrapping paper or toilet paper.