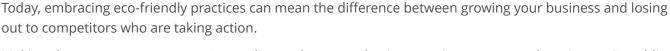
waste services







Making changes to your company's recycling and waste reduction practices can seem daunting, so Republic Services has created this guide to help you get started—and help you choose the right partner.

Start by thinking about what your company throws away.

# Can it be recycled?

First, determine what you can recycle from your waste.

The first question to ask yourself is "Can it be recycled?" The chart below will help make that determination. **Note:** Not all markets offer recycling for the following items.

## **Paper**

- Newspaper
- Envelopes ✓ Junk mail
- Phone books ✓ Brochures
- Magazines
- Printed paper/ copier paper

## File folders

Cardboard

- Poster boards
- Cardboard boxes ✓ Food/product
  - packaging

## Water bottles

**Plastic** 

- ✓ Soda bottles
- ✓ Plastic milk
- or juice jugs

## Soda cans

**Metal (Aluminum)** 

- Scrap metal
- Steel cans
- (canned goods) Aluminum cans

materials, consider asking your employees to ensure these materials are empty, clean and dry when disposing of them. One container with contaminated materials can cause an entire truckload to get contaminated and sent to the landfill.

If you are throwing away a lot of these recyclable







### not sure how much you throw away? Contact Republic Services for a FREE waste assessment to help determine a solution that is best for your business.

Do you have items that can be recycled in your trash but

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lead to fires.

our environment.

Does it need special handling?

Often, there are local, state, or even federal regulations about how these items must be disposed of.

Some items don't qualify for traditional recycling but can't or shouldn't be thrown in the trash.

## Item type

Why can't it be thrown in the trash?



Light

**bulbs** 

**Batteries** 

Some light bulbs, such as fluorescent lights, contain hazardous materials.

Syringes, needles, and other non-reusable medical items may carry traces of toxic

or hazardous chemicals such as mercury. Improper disposal can put employees at

Most batteries contain corrosive materials and heavy metals that can pollute the

environment; improper storage or throwing batteries in regular trash could even



equipment or supplies

Other chemical

waste

Medical

risk of injury.

From leftover paint to cleaning products, there are a number of products that

contain harmful chemicals that require proper disposal to avoid contaminating



**Electronics** (computers, small appliances, phones, tablets, etc.)

Electronic components have chemicals that can leak into the soil and groundwater, and some states ban placing electronics in the trash. **Tip:** Proper disposal of electronics provides additional benefits. The high value of materials

leads to a low disposal cost, and your company isn't as exposed to data theft.

## Do you have items that need special handling? Contact Republic Services to help develop a comprehensive

waste solution.

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What's left should be day-to-day waste that can't be recycled and doesn't require special handling. So, now you need to figure out how many dumpsters you need and what sizes. Here is our recommendation based

What dumpsters are right for my business?

on company size, but your needs may differ depending on your industry, location, etc.

Recommended dumpster size

#### 2-yard dumpster 4-yard and 6-yard dumpster

Additional questions to ask

Q Will my dumpster need to be moved for service or disposal?

companies

- yard dumpsters.
- yourself about your business: Q Do I have space

Mid-sized

companies

- © Casters (wheels) may be a great option. These are only available on up to 6-
- Typically, most 2-yard to 8yard dumpsters are the same width but can vary in

limitations that affect

my dumpster size?

depth and height.

Large

companies

8-yard dumpster

Q Are there factors (e.g. odor control) that require more frequent pickup

than once a week?

service options to

There are container and

accommodate even the

most complex needs.

Larger projects/

temporary needs

10-yard to 40-yard dumpster

## Need an option that reduces the volume of your waste?

Compactors are a great option for recycling or trash if you generate over 30 yards of waste weekly

#### Cut volume down by up to two-thirds, which means reduced need for pickups

Compactors can ...



Improve employee safety and security

and want to reduce the volume of your waste.

**Increase** usable space with fewer containers

Enhance aesthetics, reduce pest problems,

and control odor

## Get a free waste assessment with Republic Services.

Building a plan for recycling and waste can cost time and money. But with a free waste assessment, our experienced account managers can work through your business

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needs to offer a solution that's right for your company.