Carton Council Mail-in Program

Interested in recycling cartons but do not have carton recycling as part of your local curbside recycling program? Join our Mail-in Carton Recycling Program with several recycling facilities around the country accepting your cartons through the mail.

How to Recycle Cartons by Mail

To participate in the mail-in carton recycling program, you must have at least **30 cartons** per shipment. Why? To make the mail-in carton recycling program truly environmentally friendly, we must look at the larger impact of the mailing process—transportation and resources used to get cartons from your house to a participating recycling facility. The more cartons in a shipment, reduces multiple shipments of smaller amounts. Don't forget to reuse a box too! Mail-in program participants are responsible for their own shipping costs.

⇒ Please write "**CARTONS**" on the front of the package.

How many cartons fit in a box?

This will depend on the size of both the cartons and the shipping box, along the quantity of cartons. Using standard U.S. Postal Service boxes, we were able to estimate shipping quantities.

Large Envelope (11.5"x 15"x .125")		30 small juice boxes
Large Flat Rate Box (12"x 12"x 5.5")		65 small juice boxes
	Or	25 medium sized cartons
	+	10 small juice boxes
	Or	20 large cartons
	+	10 medium cartons
	+	10 small cartons

How to prepare cartons for recycling

Preparing your cartons for mail-in recycling is easy! Please make sure that all your cartons are:

- ⇒ Empty
- ⇒ Rinsed
- ⇒ Dry
- ⇒ Flattened
- ⇒ Remove caps and straws



How are cartons recycled?

When the cartons arrive at the recycling facility, they are bundled into bales. The bales of recycled cartons are then shipped to paper mills, where cartons are mixed with water in a gigantic blender to extract all the paper fiber from the plastic and aluminum. The paper fiber is then ready to be used in making new products such as recycled paper products and even building materials.

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Acceptable Cartons

Cartons accepted for recycling include all “gable top” cartons commonly used for milk and orange juice, as well as other pourable liquid cartons, including drink boxes and those used for soup, broth and wine.

Gable Top Cartons



Pourable Liquid Cartons



⇒ Please do not include any juice pouches, trash, or other recyclables. Sending only the acceptable cartons helps to ensure continued participation of the recycling facilities in this program. Too much trash and other unwanted materials can cause problems at a facility and become a burden to handle. Please keep this in mind when participating in this program.

Where to Send Cartons for Recycling

The following locations will accept your cartons by mail for recycling. Select the location closest to you. Please write “**CARTONS**” on the front of your package before shipping.

Altogether Recycling
ATTN: Brent Hildebrand
645 W 53rd Place
Denver, CO 80216

American Recycling
ATTN: Chris Bonnet
2070 Morgan Rd.
Modesto, CA 95358

Far West Fibers
ATTN: T.J. Millbrooke
12820 NE Marx Street
Portland, OR, 97230

Firstar Fiber
ATTN: Dale Gubbels
10330 "I" Street; Suite 100
Omaha, NE 68127

Thurston County Transfer Station
ATTN: John Cox
2414 Hogum Bay Rd. NE
Lacey, WA 98516

Waste Connections
ATTN: Sherry Kehoe
6601 Lower River Rd.
Vancouver, WA 98660

For more information about cartons and recycling, please visit www.RecycleCartons.com.

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