

The Importance of Recycling During a Pandemic

During the COVID-19 pandemic, there's been an increased demand for necessary supplies. Without recycling, it's difficult for paper and cardboard manufacturers to keep up with the needs of the healthcare and grocery industries.

Has the COVID-19 pandemic made your facility more or less likely to recycle? According to a survey sponsored by Republic Services, 58% of respondents are re-evaluating their environmental habits due to the pandemic.

Of the 2,250 respondents, 6 in 10 reported they are worried about the future of the environment — but it's also helping them change their eco-friendly habits. About 65% said the pandemic has acted as a wake-up call for them to make sustainable choices, especially as they relate to recycling.

Recycling is important.

Check out these three easy ways to promote proper recycling in your facility:



Empty. Clean. Dry.™

When recycling, make sure all items placed in the recycling bin are empty, clean and dry. Items such as plastic hand sanitizer bottles don't need to be scrubbed down. Just rinse and let dry for 5 minutes before recycling.



Know what to throw.

Items like masks, gloves and other types of personal protective equipment should go into the trash. Check with your facility's recycling and waste provider to ensure that you know which items are recyclable in your area and which items are not.



Commit.

Educating your workforce on proper recycling techniques is the best way to commit to preserving our Blue Planet®. Encourage employees to recycle while they work from home. Launch a recycling campaign when employees return to the office.

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