

# COVID-19 and Recycling Safety

As we all stay home during the COVID-19 crisis, recycling sorting facilities staff are maintaining their normal work schedules to provide ongoing recycling services.

## Recycling Workers Need Our Help

Please help to ensure they remain safe and the recycling stream remains clean. Sorting facility staff are seeing a surge of COVID-19 related items that are mistakenly being placed into recycling carts instead of the trash.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) like gloves, masks and gowns are not recyclable and should always be bagged and placed in a trash bin with a lid. Additionally, cleaning supplies such as disposable wipes, paper towels and tissues are not recyclable and should always be bagged and placed in a trash bin with a lid.

**Personal protective equipment (PPE) like gloves, masks, and gowns along with cleaning wipes, paper towels and tissues are NOT RECYCLABLE.**



### **Q: Should I recycle if I or someone in my household has COVID-19 or symptoms?**

**A:** If someone in your household has COVID-19 or symptoms, bag all recyclables and place them in a trash bin with a lid, then wash your hands with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

### **Q: When can I resume normal recycling if I or someone in my household has had COVID-19 or symptoms?**

**A:** Resume normal recycling when no one in your household shows signs or symptoms of COVID-19.

### **Q: Can I still recycle if no one in my household has COVID-19 or symptoms?**

**A:** Yes. Continue to place acceptable recyclable materials loose in your recycling bin.

**If you or someone in your household has COVID-19 or symptoms, bag all recyclables and place them in a trash bin with a lid.**



**Resume normal recycling when no one in your household shows signs or symptoms of COVID-19.**



Thank you for helping keep our valuable workers in the recycling industry safe during these trying times. We're all in this together!  
**For more information on how to recycle right, visit [swalco.org](https://www.swalco.org)**