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Intercept trash before it gets recycled

Remember to recycle the right way while tailgating

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(Green Bay, WI) At your next tailgating party, don't let your trash hit the recycling bin. With the first regular season Green Bay Packers game just a few days away, and high school and college football seasons underway, now's the time to learn what party items you can and cannot recycle.

"While it may seem like a buzzkill to think about recycling at your next sports party, these events can be huge contributors to the problem of trash ending up in recycling bins." said Mark Walter, Business Manager of [Brown County Resource Recovery](#). "And there's a simple solution to that problem: recycle right. Otherwise, a great deal of time and resources is spent sorting out each item that isn't recyclable from the items that are recyclable."

Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind in order to recycle right at your next party:

- ***If you can recycle it at home, then you can recycle it at the game*** so collect and separate your ***cans, bottles and items that can be recycled***.
- ***Food items and food containers are NOT recyclable***, so they should go in the garbage. The only exception is pizza boxes, which can be recycled whether or not they have pizza grease on them.
- ***Disposable tableware and drinkware are NOT recyclable***; no matter if they're paper or plastic or Styrofoam. These should be placed in the garbage.
- ***Make sure that you properly dispose of coals from your grill***. Many stadiums have disposal sites and you can usually check online to find out the location.
- ***Give yourself ten minutes to clean up the area*** around your vehicle before going into the game. This will cut down on issues with bees, birds and other animals that could get into the garbage.

When you're done tailgating, place the recyclable items in a recycling bin either at the stadium or in a bag that you can bring back home. Then, empty the bag, but don't throw the plastic garbage bag into the recycling bin as that cannot be recycled.

"The efforts that residents have been making to recycle have been great," Walter added. "We just need to make sure that only recyclable items get put into recycling bins. Recycling the right way is a great habit to start on gameday and continue on every other day."

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Brown County Resource Recovery: The purpose of the Brown County Port & Resource Recovery Department is to meet the solid waste disposal needs of local communities and businesses through methods which are environmentally sound and economical.

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