

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

Recycle Your Steel Cans & Empty Aerosol Cans

Recycling steel is incredibly beneficial for our environment and pocketbooks. **Utilizing recycled steel in producing goods instead of raw materials requires 74% less energy, resulting in 58% fewer greenhouse gas emissions.** Manufacturers pass on the cost savings they gain from using recycled steel to consumers through stabilized product prices.

Contribute to this effort by ensuring you recycle all your empty food and aerosol cans made of steel. Here are some quick tips to remember when recycling steel cans:

- **Drain all liquid from cans and clean out food residue.** Your steel cans don't have to be spotless, as paper labels and minor amounts of food residue will burn away when the cans get melted down.
- **Metal can lids can be placed right back into cans for recycling.** Remove and discard plastic lids from aerosol cans.
- **Scrap metal items like pots, pans, or pipes are not accepted in your home recycle bins.** However, for a list of local scrap metal recycling facilities where you can recycle scrap metal, visit gainesvillefl.gov/WasteWizard/



For a comprehensive list of accepted recyclable materials, visit gainesvillefl.gov/WhatCanBeRecycled.

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