

# The Gainesville Zero Waste News

## What to do with lids & caps when recycling?

“What do I do with lids and caps?” is one of the most frequently asked questions people have about their recycling program. Below are 3 helpful guidelines when it comes to lids & caps:

- 1. Remove all lids and caps before placing containers in your blue recycle bin.** Having lids and caps off helps ensure any liquid left in bottles or jars gets out before the containers arrive for sorting at the recycling center. Containers with liquids left inside dramatically increase their weight, which results in items getting missorted.
- 2. Larger lids and caps, such as metal pickle jar lids and liquid laundry soap bottle caps, can be removed from containers and placed loose in your blue recycle bin.** Smaller lids and caps should be disposed of with your garbage, as these items are too small to process at the recycling center.
- 3. Metal pull-top lids and lids removed with can openers, such as soup and pet food cans, are recyclable in your blue recycle bin.** Metal pull-top lid can go back inside the can after both get rinsed off.



For more information on items that can go in your blue and orange bins, visit [www.gainesvillefl.gov/WhatCanBeRecycled](http://www.gainesvillefl.gov/WhatCanBeRecycled).

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