

A. HOW TO USE THE TOOLKIT

This toolkit will help you get started recycling in your community.

It will help you decide:

- ☞ what you want to recycle
- ☞ what you need to think about first
- ☞ how to get started
- ☞ what resources and funding are available
- ☞ who to contact

Take your time and go at the pace that your community is ready for.

If you're not ready to start a full recycling program, there are many other things your community can do. Look for the Action boxes throughout this booklet.

By working through the toolkit, you will become familiar with the different types of waste materials that can be recycled. You will find out what is involved with collecting, storing and transporting each type of recyclable material. You will also learn about the industry recycling organizations that deal with each type of material and how they can help you.

When you are ready, Section E provides even more detail on each type of recyclable material. Contact the industry organization that deals with that material to talk about your community's specific needs and situation. They are there to help your community start recycling.

The best piece of advice? Pick up the phone and talk to people.

In the toolkit you will find examples of what other communities are doing. Ask them how they did it and how you can do it too.