## **TIPS FOR RECYCLING**



- Take plastic bags to drop-off centers, not curbside bins

  Plastic bags are the No. 1 contaminant in curbside recycling
- Do not recycle anything smaller than a credit card

  Small items can jam recycling machines
- Ensure your recyclables are empty, clean and dry

  Food waste contaminates whole loads of recycling material
- Only recycle rigid plastics labeled by resin codes 1 through 7

  No plastics that can tear like paper can be recycled
- Make the effort to ensure you are not mixing in non-recyclables

  Trash mixed with recyclables disrupts the sorting process
- Stop "wishcycling," or hoping non-recyclables can be recycled Contaminants can ruin entire recycling loads
- Learn more about proper reducing, reusing and recycling habits

   A more informed recycler is a more impactful recycler!

Proper and effective recycling requires education, patience and effort. Ensuring that you recycle acceptable items that are empty, clean, dry and larger than a credit card will reduce the amount of trash that ends up in a landfill. Maintaining a Simply Sustainbable Simpsonville is a community-wide effort!

