

Pandemic's Silver Lining Is In Your Recycling Bin

Republic Services processed 6 million tons of recyclables and more than 2 billion pounds of organic waste in 2020.

Good Intentions:

A survey commissioned by Republic Services revealed 58% of Americans reevaluated their eco-friendly habits because of the pandemic.

- **65%** said it acted as a wake-up call to make sustainable choices
- **41%** are working to waste less and conserve more resources
- **30%** have committed to being more careful when it comes to sorting recyclables



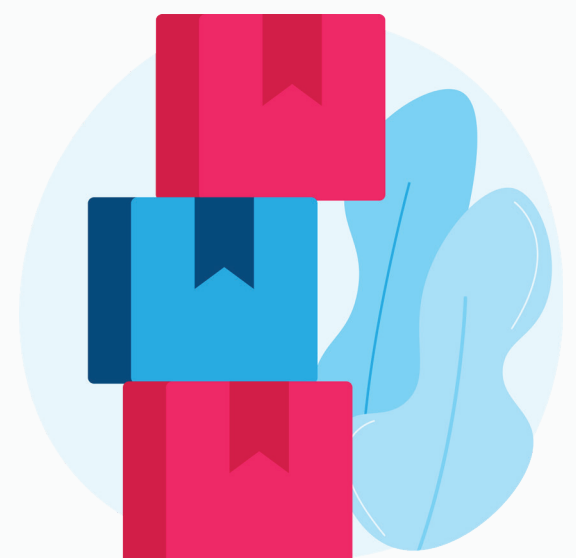
Staying In:

At-home consumption of food and beverages drove increases in the following recyclables.

- Aluminum – **17%**
- Glass – **13%**
- PET (plastic water bottles) – **7%**

Online Shopping:

The USPS reported package volume increased by 19% in 2020. Republic Services has seen as much as a **63% increase in residential cardboard** in some locations.



Compost Generation:

Organic waste increased by **20%**, creating more than over half a million tons of nutrient-rich compost.