

Recycling in the U.S. cannot succeed without a healthy and efficient MRF system. **The Recycling Partnership's [Paying It Forward](#) report estimates the U.S. needs \$3 billion to upgrade and expand MRF infrastructure.** The Partnership is working hard to drive that investment by engaging with facilities around the U.S. to provide assistance in support of improving operations, enhancing business models, and ensuring communities have access to processing capacity.



## Community MRF Assistance

The Partnership's expert staff is always grateful to receive the MRF operator perspective and can help explore ways to support a facility's long-term success.

Understanding the significant interdependent relationship between public recycling programs and materials processors, we provide resources to aid community program decision-makers to facilitate win-win relationships with the MRFs receiving their materials. To learn more about The Partnership's MRF Contracting Guide, visit [recyclingpartnership.org/MRF-Contracts](https://recyclingpartnership.org/MRF-Contracts)

## Controlling Contaminants

Understanding the importance of a clean, commodity-rich inbound stream, we have proven strategies to reduce contaminants at the household level, so that MRFs get more of what they want and less of what they don't. In addition to providing [free tools and resources](#), we work to assist communities with cleaning up their inbound loads.

The Partnership also established The Center for Sustainable Behavior & Impact to drive measurable improvement in residential recycling behavior and mobilize household participation in the circular economy. The Center's combination of research, data collection, testing and best practice sharing will enable us to spur meaningful improvement in recycling behavior thereby driving improvements to the quality and quantity of the residential recycling stream.

## Partnering in Measurement

The Recycling Partnership is a data-driven and research-backed organization, and we work every day to increase our understanding of residential materials generation and the portfolio of inbound materials at MRFs across the country. This work can be used to help inform and prioritize anti-contamination messaging as well as MRF decision-making around investments.

As the technology landscape continues to evolve in the recycling industry, so does material data capture. Connect with us about our bespoke material composition grants using artificially intelligent scanners to create data profiles on your facility's material stream.

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## Material Specific MRF Assistance

Our MRF team works across commodities at MRFs, secondary processors and reclaimers to offer a simple and collaborative granting process.

### Polypropylene Recycling Coalition

Polypropylene (PP) packaging is prevalent in the household material stream and has an increasingly solid and consistent market value. The Partnership's Polypropylene Recycling Coalition has provided dozens of MRFs across the U.S. with grants to support equipment upgrades allowing for PP sortation. To learn more about the grants and technical assistance available, visit:

[recyclingpartnership.org/polypropylene-coalition](https://recyclingpartnership.org/polypropylene-coalition)

### PET Recycling Coalition

A new initiative of The Partnership, this effort seeks to optimize capture of PET bottles in MRFs and maximize revenues from this core material stream. In addition, PET thermoforms are growing in packaging use and non-bottle PET is emerging as a potentially sortable material and an increasingly important feedstock. To learn more about the grants and technical assistance available, visit:

[recyclingpartnership.org/pet-recycling-coalition](https://recyclingpartnership.org/pet-recycling-coalition)

### UBC Grant Program

From a value standpoint, aluminum cans, or UBCs, are an important material that MRFs target for recovery. The Partnership offers grants and technical assistance to help MRFs make upgrades to capture every inbound can possible and to optimize the recovery of non-UBC inbound materials. To learn more and see past recipients, visit:

[bit.ly/trp-ubc](https://bit.ly/trp-ubc)

### Film and Flexibles Recycling Coalition

Incidental film is a mainstay of untargeted inbound material at MRFs across the U.S. and there is growing interest among brands to have flexible packaging included in curbside collection. The Partnership's Film and Flexibles Recycling Coalition is focused on exploring the complex issues of this material stream and working to problem solve with MRFs. To learn more about the Coalition's work, visit:

[recyclingpartnership.org/film-and-flexibles/](https://recyclingpartnership.org/film-and-flexibles/)

### General MRF Assistance

Our MRF and facility grants are not limited to the above material streams. Want to talk about a need at your facility? Have a retrofit or a new build on the horizon? Reach out to us to see how our grants can assist.

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