RECYCLING TIPS
EDUCATE, DON’T CONTAMINATE!
NAPKINS, PAPER TOWELS & TISSUE PRODUCTS

Used paper towels and napkins can ruin an entire batch of recyclables, even unused napkins and tissues cannot be recycled because they are already made of a fairly high percentage of recycled paper. The fibers in these items are too short to be woven into new paper products.

1 cloth towel = 7,300 paper towels

REDUCE
- Use cloth towels to reduce your consumption of paper products
- Air dry

KEEP OUT OF BLUE RECYCLE BINS
Paper napkins, paper towels, tissues, and anything else that might have come into contact with food, grease, or your mouth should be trashed entirely or composted.

REUSE
- Hang dry paper towels
- Use cloth towels
- Use paper tissue products with high recycled content to avoid using virgin material

RECYCLE
Donate your old or used cloth towels and textiles instead of throwing them in the trash.
Most paper products are created with recycled paper, try to purchase napkins and paper towels that have a high recycled content.

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