

FREE YOUR RECYCLABLES

Due to global changes in the recycling industry and stricter State mandates, collecting quality recyclable materials is more important than ever. Waste Management needs your help to reduce recycling contamination. To launch this initiative, we are focusing on one of the biggest contaminants - bagged recyclables. We are requiring customers to keep all recyclables loose, clean and dry.



Don't Bag Recyclables - Place items loosely in the recycling container.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?



Plastic bags add a difficult step to recycling: Bagged recyclables require additional labor, slows down the recycling process and increases the cost of recycling while degrading the quality of the entire load.

Plastic bags pose a serious safety risk: Plastic bags get wrapped around the equipment, requiring facilities to shut down the recycling process several times a day. Workers are then required to climb into the machinery and cut plastic bags out of gears and screens. This poses a safety threat to workers and increases the cost of recycling. *(see the flip side for steps you can take.)*

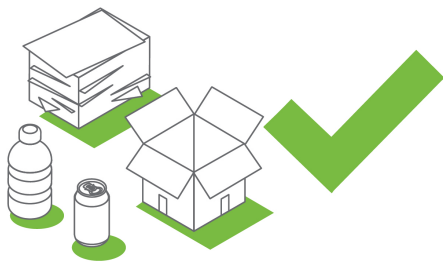
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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

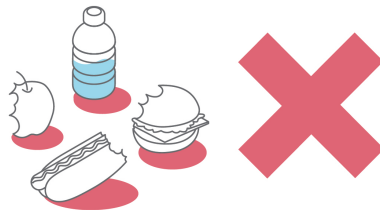
Keep recyclables loose, clean, and dry! Here's how:

- 1) If you collect your recyclables in a bag, empty them directly into your collection container and reuse the bag. Learn where you can recycle plastic bags and film at: plasticfilmrecycling.org.
- 2) If recyclable items contain food or liquid, they are contaminated. Please only place clean and dry recyclables in the recycling container.
- 3) When in doubt, throw it out. If you are uncertain whether or not an item is recyclable, please visit: wm.com/recycleright.

LET'S ALL GET BACK TO THE BASICS OF GOOD RECYCLING AND REMEMBER THESE THREE SIMPLE RULES EACH TIME YOU TOSS SOMETHING INTO YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER:



Recycle clean bottles, cans, paper, and cardboard.



Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.

Thank you for being a Waste Management customer. We look forward to helping you recycle right. For more information, tools, and resources for recycling success, visit: wm.com/recycleright.

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