

# RECYCLE RIGHT<sup>SM</sup>

## SIMPLE ACTIONS CREATE BIG CHANGE

Over the years, thanks to customers like you, recycling has grown, as have the number of products you can buy made from recycled materials. In early 2018, the quality requirements for recycled materials were significantly tightened, which impacted the recycling industry world-wide. **Now more than ever, we need your help to ensure the right materials get into your recycling bin.**

When non-recyclable items such as food or recyclables in plastic bags end up in your recycling bin, they can contaminate the entire load and potentially cause it to be treated as trash.

When non-acceptable items contaminate your recycling bin, it can also result in additional service charges. Under your service terms, at this time you may be assessed contamination charges of up to \$68.00 per yard (based on the size of your recycling container) for contamination found in your container during recycling collection, plus applicable taxes and charges including fuel surcharge, environmental charge and regulatory cost recovery charge.

**SO LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO RECYCLE THE RIGHT WAY!**

**See the back side for tips on how to improve your recycling practices that will have a positive impact on your community.**



 Please recycle printed materials

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# Follow these simple do's and don'ts:

Recycling Do's	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Do</b> recycle all empty bottles,* cans, paper and cardboard.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Do</b> keep foods and liquids out of recycling.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Do</b> keep plastic bags out of recycling.</li></ul>

*\*Check with your municipality to see if glass is acceptable in your recycling.*

Recycling Don'ts	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Don't</b> bag your recyclables. Plastic bags and film get tangled in the machinery.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Don't</b> include food-soiled items – they can turn an entire load of recycling into trash.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Don't</b> add sharp or dangerous materials like needles and electronics – they can cause injury to our workers.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Don't</b> toss in “tangles” like rubber hoses and wires – they can shut down an entire recycling center!</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Don't</b> include bulky items like propane tanks or construction debris.</li></ul>

Share these tips and post them as a reminder of Waste Management's recycling guidelines. For more tools to help your team follow the do's and don'ts of recycling, visit [wm.com/recyclerright](http://wm.com/recyclerright)