

Recycling with Republic Services



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Primary goal: help customers divert waste from landfills

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Services

Our extensive array of environmental services includes:

- Non-hazardous solid waste
- Recycling and diversion
- Industrial and manufacturing
- Temporary projects and events
- Emergency and disaster recovery
- Universal waste
- Electronic waste
- Organics and green waste



Recycle Smart



Metal



Food and Beverage Cans
empty and rinse



Plastic



Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Tubs
empty and replace cap



Glass



Bottles and Jars
empty and rinse



Paper & Cardboard



Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, Boxes
empty and flatten

NO!



Do Not Bag Recyclables
No Garbage



No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap
(return to retail)



No Food or Liquid
(empty all containers)



No Clothing or Linens
(use donation programs)



No Tangles
(no hoses, wires, chains or electronics)



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Key changes

- Pizza boxes - YES
- Gable top cartons - NO
- Cold and hot cups - NO
- Bags: single use and custodial - NO

Items that will get you failed at the MRF

- Black plastic bags
- Food
- Plastic bags/ plastic wrap
- Large pieces of styrofoam

Why no bags?



China National Sword side effects

- Demand for cleaner material
- Huge increase in failed loads of recyclables
- Waivers/trashing recycling
- “Medical waste”
- New business opportunities
- RecycleSmartMA for everyone
- DEP & haulers: Recycling IQ kit for municipalities
- Higher awareness of topic due to media

The Financial Model for Recycling

- Before China National Sword
 - Free recycling
 - rebates
- Now
 - Upfront costs/processing fee
 - Failure to recycle smart = much higher costs

Achieving LEED Goals & Heading to Zero Waste

- Waste audit measured by new RecycleSmart standards
- Food diversion is key: rescue, and compost
- That number is your limit, unless you think creatively

Actually effecting change

- True success and 90% + requires:
 - Managerial buy in
 - Staff training
 - Tenant buy in
 - Environmentally preferred providers
 - Vendor push back/EPR
 - Durable goods instead of disposables

Dept. of Environmental Protection Waste Bans

Recycling – 1990



Organics- 2014



Questions & Answers