

FREE YOUR RECYCLABLES

Due to global changes in the recycling industry and commodity markets, 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. *(see the flip side for steps you can take.)*

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**Don't Bag Recyclables - Place items
directly in recycling container.**



Dear Customer,

Plastic bags interfere with how the recycling process works, so please don't bag your recyclables. Plastic bags containing recyclables add another step to the recycling process. Breaking open bags requires additional labor, slows down the recycling process, and increases the cost of recycling.

Plastic bags also wrap around equipment, requiring us to shut down the machinery several times a day to remove the bags. This poses safety hazards for workers and increases the cost of recycling.

What Can You Do?

“Loose Load” your recycling! Here's how:

- 1) If needed, use only plastic liners for smaller recycling bins typically used inside your facility in offices or for breakroom recycling.
- 2) Check the liners for food or liquid contamination before you add the recyclable materials to the recycling dumpster. If the liners contain food or liquid, they are contaminated. Cinch these bags and place in the trash.
- 3) If the recyclable materials in the liner are clean and dry, leave the bag untied and take it to the recycling dumpster.
- 4) At the recycling dumpster, empty the recyclable materials directly into the container. Reuse, take back to accepting local retailers, or dispose of the liner in the trash.

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

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