

# PLASTIC FILM CHANGES

RE: Immediate changes to your recycle program

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As you may have heard, China has made some strict changes to the material they accept at this point. What this means for us is that plastic film/stretchable plastic is no longer a recyclable material and we must remove it from the stream so that we can continue to keep the rest of the program successful.

After months of stockpiling this material, while we tried extensively to find another market for it, we have come to the realization that we will have no choice but to start sending the plastic film we process to the landfill.

This change will help protect the affordable costs of the program in future years.

By eliminating the plastic film from the recycling stream, this will also allow us to produce a mixed paper commodity that can be successfully marketed and recycle with a low contamination rate.

NOTE: Shredded paper must still be in clear plastic bags when placed into recycle bins. These bags are not recycled but put aside after the paper has been emptied out of them.

Thank you, in advance, for your help in making this change successful!

**85-90% of the mixed paper we receive does not currently have a market if we continue to process/accept the post-consumer plastics.**



## PLASTIC FILM INCLUDES:

- Plastic grocery bags
- Ziploc bags
- Saran wrap
- Plastic garbage bags
- Bread bags
- Bubble wrap



## ALTERNATIVES TO PLASTIC

Transfer:

- Reusable mesh bags
- Reusable grocery bags
- Paper bags

Storage:

- Jars / Tupperware
- Paper wrap
- Bee's wrap

# SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING GUIDE



## HOUSEHOLD TIN & ALUMINUM

- Aluminum trays
- Aluminum plates
- Aluminum foil
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Tin cans



**Reminder:**  
• Place recyclables loose in the cart

## PLASTICS #1 TO #7

- Pop bottles
- Laundry detergent bottles
- Shampoo bottles
- Milk jugs
- Disposable plastic cups
- Food & beverage containers (yogurt, margarine, etc.)



**Reminder:**  
• Please remove lids & caps  
• Empty & rinse all containers  
• Must have a #1 to #7 recycling symbol on the bottom



## MIXED PAPER & CARDBOARD

- Flattened cardboard
- Newspaper & magazines
- Cereal & cracker boxes
- Office paper materials
- Egg cartons
- Milk & juice cartons
- Phone books & fliers
- \*Bagged shredded paper



**Reminder:**  
• Flatten cardboard boxes  
• Place paper shreds into a paper or clear plastic bag



- NEW! Grocery bags
- All stretch plastic film
- Styrofoam
- Electronics
- Scrap metal
- Batteries
- Wood waste
- Plastics without #1 to #7 symbol
- Plasticized, waxed or laminated paper
- Tissues or soiled paper towel
- Mirrors, ceramic, window glass
- Hazardous waste & Bio-hazardous waste
- Household glass
- Lightbulbs

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