

Recycling is in a crisis!

- ❖ International processors are accepting only recycling loads with less than 1% non-recyclables.
- ❖ Materials market prices have plummeted.
- ❖ Many U.S. processors are going out of business.
- ❖ Recycling loads must be cleaner to be accepted for processing and remanufacturing.

What's happening in West County now?

- Recycling containers are being used for garbage—for instance:
 - Soiled diapers
 - Kitty litter and pet waste
 - Food scraps and green waste
 - Shoes, clothing
 - E-waste, Universal waste
 - Construction debris
- Contamination levels in West County range from 15% to 45%.



What is Republic Services doing to help eliminate recycling contamination?

- Providing information on proper materials separation.
- Conducting visual audits of recycling containers throughout West County.
- Contaminated recycling containers are photographed.
- Contaminated containers are “tagged” with notices and Service Guides listing items accepted in curbside collection.
- If trash is found in residential recycling carts, a **surcharge of \$27.75 per cart** may appear on your next bill.

RECYCLING Oops! Your cart was tagged for contamination. Here is what we found: **ORGANICS**

RECICLAJE ¡Ups! Su depósito fue etiquetado por contaminación. Esto es lo que encontramos: **ORGANICOS**

<input type="checkbox"/> Food waste <i>Desperdicios de comida</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tissues / Napkins <i>Pañuelos de papel / Servilletas</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Containers with liquid or food <i>Recipientes con líquidos o alimentos</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Green waste <i>Desechos orgánicos verdes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Loose plastic bags <i>Bolsas de plástico sueltas</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronics, Batteries, Lightbulbs <i>Electrónicos, Baterías, Focos</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothes / Shoes <i>Ropa / Zapatos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal waste <i>Desechos de animal</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Paint cans <i>Latas de Pintura</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Diapers <i>Pañales</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Styrofoam <i>Espuma de poliestireno</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other hazardous waste <i>Otro desecho peligroso</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Otro): _____		

* Contaminated recycling carts may be collected as garbage and / or be subject to additional charges.
Los depósitos de reciclaje contaminados pueden recogerse como basura y / o están sujetos a cargos adicionales.

Questions? Please contact us at: **510.262.7100**
¿tiene alguna pregunta? Por favor llame a: **510.262.7100**

 We'll handle it from here!

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP?

- ✓ Take personal responsibility—keep trash out of your recycling containers.
 - Put materials in the right containers:
 - Place recyclables loose in the recycling container.
 - Plastic bags / thin films must be placed in a large clear plastic bag and tied off.
 - Put food soiled paper (napkins/paper food boxes) in the trash or organics container (if you have one).
 - Wipe or scrape food residue out of containers.
 - Keep food containers, paper and plastic **Empty, Clean and Dry™**
- ✓ And most of all: **NO garbage in recycling containers!**



In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like more information on best practices for materials separation, please call our Customer Service Office at 510.262-7100 or visit www.richmondsanitaryservice.com.