



TRACY DELTA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, INC.

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RECYCLING MARKET CRISIS - *What residents and businesses can do to help*

Recycling is struggling both locally and across the U.S. due to Chinese environmental and import policy. A recycling program in the current global crisis, through partnership between residents, businesses and the recycle processors, must be diligent to maintain a clean stream of curbside material that will meet the new specifications.

Tracy Disposal Service has seen an increase in volume and variety of recyclable materials being placed in the blue bin. This increase can be credited to a strong economy, a convenient single stream curbside recycle program and a community interest to “do the right thing.” However, over the last several months, the well-intentioned decision to throw more in the blue bin has become a problem for the recycling processor as the percentage of garbage in the blue bin has increased. Contamination, moisture, and soiled recyclables put marketable product at risk for landfill disposal. Please take a few moments to review the list of items that should **never** be placed in the blue bin as well as a list of items included in Tracy’s curbside recycling program.

Blue Bin Recycling

YES

- Junk mail, newspaper, computer copy paper, colored construction paper, envelopes (discard windows), catalogs & magazines
- Cardboard (dry, non-waxed, no food residue)
- Plastic #1-#7 (rinsed)
- Glass bottles & jars (rinsed)
- Aluminum & tin cans (rinsed)

NO

- Diapers
- Paper towels, napkins, tissue
- Plastic bags, baggies, food containers, plastic wrap
- Clothing, Fabric, Shoes
- Electronics

- Dinnerware/Drinkware (any type)
- Straws
- Mirror
- Hangers
- Carpet/Rugs
- Rope
- Hoses
- Home Décor
- Tires

How you can help:

- Reduce the amount of waste and recycling brought into your home or business
- Look for products with minimal packaging
- Buy in bulk
- Use reusable bags for all shopping
- Unsubscribe to catalogs and opt out of credit offers
- Fully empty jars, jugs and bottles and rinse before putting in blue bin
- When in doubt, throw it out. If you are unsure if something belongs in the blue bin, contact Tracy Disposal's Support Line support@tdswm.com