

TIMES ARE CHANGING, SO IS RECYCLING!

The City of Oakland is proud to have an advanced and modern system of managing our material resources. However, global and domestic recycling markets have changed, and recycling processors are growing more strict about the quality of the recyclables they accept.

Here in Oakland, that means we need to pay attention to the products we purchase and how we sort our recycling! Recycling rules have changed; read on to learn all about them.



WHY IT MATTERS



By recycling right, you can help make sure your cans, bottles, and boxes get to have second lives. This helps decrease pollution and the overall amount of the planet's resources we use.

THINK BEFORE YOU BUY



Not everything is recyclable. When possible, try to buy items that are plastic-free or reusable. Choosing reusable products helps prolong the usefulness of our natural resources. Reusable products can be cleaned, making them safe for you and for family.

BATTERIES IN THE BAG



Remember to put household batteries* in a sealed plastic bag on top of your recycle bin, and your motor oil recycling kit next to the bin.

*Acceptable batteries include: alkaline, button cell and ni-cadmium.

DO YOUR PART, RECYCLE RIGHT



It's not the facility's job to sort it out - do your part at home to ensure recyclables are recycled.

AVOID CONTAMINATION

Empty, Clean, and Dry



Food in the recycling bin can be a real mess. To avoid this, keep your recycling empty of liquids, scrape out food residue into the green bin, and ensure paper and cardboard stays dry.

After two warnings for contamination in the recycling bin, the service provider may issue surcharges. The surcharge will increase with repeated incidents.

FOOD-SOILED CARDBOARD



Did you know? You can compost napkins, paper towels, pizza boxes, cardboard takeout containers and soiled egg cartons.

Clean cardboard goes to the recycling bin!

Check out OaklandRecycles.com for updates, additional tips and resources to help you Recycle Right!

KEEP IT LOOSE

Don't Bag Recycling



Don't let everything go to waste. Keep your recyclables loose and our equipment running smoothly.

WISH-CYCLING



Wishing something is recyclable doesn't make it so. Even if it has a recycle symbol, check OaklandRecycles.com to see if it's accepted in Oakland's curbside service. If you're trying to get rid of household items in usable condition, visit RecycleWhere.org to look up local donation centers before throwing them away.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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