



# Recycle Right!

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# Why Recycle Right?

- Contamination ruins everything!
- Contamination rate (VPPSA wide): 10 - 25%
- We can do better!



# Consistent with Strategic Priorities

- Environmental Stewardship
- Customer Service



# Accepted Items

- #1 and/or #2 Plastic Bottles and Jugs
  - “narrow neck”, pour spouts
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Cardboard and Mixed Paper
- Metal Cans



# Accepted Items



# Cap or No Cap?

ALSO....

- NEVER bag recyclables!
- Please do not crush cans!



# NOT ACCEPTED

## (IN CURBSIDE PROGRAM)

**“WHEN IN DOUBT,  
THROW IT OUT!”**

- Plastic Bags
- Greasy Paper/Cardboard
- Wax Covered Fiber
- Napkins, paper towels, tissues
- Ceramic dishes/ovenware
- Plate Glass
- Lightbulbs
- Medical Waste
- Scrap Metal (clothes hangers, pots and pans, chair frames, etc.)
- Paint or aerosol cans
- Household chemical containers (pesticides, automotive products, poison)
- Styrofoam and other foam plastics
- Diapers/personal care products
- Yard Waste
- Clothes
- Plastic Food Containers

# Not Accepted

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# Worst Offenders?

- Plastic Bags (Just say no to plastic bags!)
- “Tanglers” (extension cords, Christmas lights, garden hoses, etc.)
- Lithium Ion Batteries



# July Fire: Recycling Truck Contents



# October Fire: Recycling Truck Contents



# Alternatives?

- Plastic Bag Recycling
- “Upcycling”
- Household Hazardous Waste/Computer Recycling
- Yard Debris Collection Program
- Drop-off Facility – additional items
  - Oil and Antifreeze
  - Cooking Oil
  - Tires
  - Batteries
  - Books



# Educate, Educate, Educate!

- Market Events
- School Presentations
- Community Presentations/Facility Tours
- Print Media – Citizen News, Special Mailings, Email Lists
- Social Media – Facebook; Websites
  - [www.yorkcounty.gov/recycle](http://www.yorkcounty.gov/recycle)
  - <https://youtu.be/jrfPdVA8EXk>
- AskHRGreen.org – Emphasis on commonalities
  - <https://askhrgreen.org/gtk-gtd/recycling-lookup/york-county/>



# Questions?

