## URGENT NEW RECYCLING INFORMATION KEEP IT CLEAN, LOOSE, & DRY!

#### **PLEASE DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES**



## STOP



NO HAZARDOUS WASTE!! These items are NOT accepted for

Trash or Recycling. Hazardous Waste

O Tires

Ø Batteries

- ⊘ TVs/Computer
- Ø Monitors
- Closed Containers
- Oil or Paints
- Fluorescent Light
- Tubes & Bulbs
- Medical Needles & Sharps

## For HHW disposal options, call (805) 658-4323





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# **RECYCLING NEWS** YOU NEED TO KNOW

## **DID YOU KNOW**

that China is the world's largest buyer of recycled materials, controlling 86 percent of the recycling market? IT'S TRUE!

On January 1st, for economic and environmental reasons, China implemented the National Sword policy, aimed at reducing the importation of recycled materials to their country. This new policy not only impacts solid waste companies and US recyclers, but everyone with a curbside recycling cart.

New efficiency measures have been implemented at local facilities, including the hiring of additional sort line employees to minimize the impacts on you, at your home or at your business.

We do, however, need your help to keep the recycling stream clean.

#### Here's what you need to know – and what you can do to help:

### DON'T BAG IT, AND KEEP IT CLEAN

Please don't bag your recyclables. Place them loosely into your curbside recycling cart. Make sure ALL items in your curbside recycling cart are free of food, liquid, and other contaminants.

## LEARN WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE

There's a lot we can recycle, but there's a lot we cannot. Check out the illustration on the reverse side of this flyer for more details. Learn what is NOT recyclable and keep those items out of your curbside recycling cart. Please remember that a high quality, low contaminant recycling stream is very important to ensure those materials actually get recycled.

### WHAT TO DO WITH PACKAGING MATERIALS

According to a 2016 Pew Research study, 8 out of 10 Americans shop online. This means a lot of cardboard boxes and packaging ends up in the curbside recycling carts. Not all of it belongs there! Here are a few helpful suggestions for properly disposing or recycling packaging materials:

- Cardboard boxes and paper envelopes: Curbside recycling cart (breakdown boxes)
- Styrofoam: Curbside trash cart
- **Packing pellets:** Return to a participating local mail store for reuse OR bagged in curbside trash cart
- **Bubble wrap:** Return to a participating local mail store for reuse OR curbside trash cart
- Shipping pillows: Return to a participating local mail store for reuse, deflate and recycle at a local grocery store for recycling (see website below) OR curbside trash cart.
- Poly mailers (padded envelopes): Curbside trash cart

### SAY NO TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS

Avoid using single-use plastics whenever possible. Straws, disposable utensils, sandwich bags, and single-use grocery bags are not recyclable curbside. Recycle clean, dry plastic bags and film packaging (i.e. newspaper sleeves, bread bags, and wrappers for TP packs and water cases at participating grocery or retail stores. For a location near you, visit http://www.how2recycle.info/sdo.