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Dear Valued Customer,

This letter is regarding a **major change in your recycling program.**

As you may be aware, the recycling programs across the United States as well as many other countries are at risk due to policy changes from China, which has been the United States' largest recycling end user.

Due to these developments, our recycling program will be impacted and there are changes coming to our current program. In addition, as we are faced with ongoing contamination issues, we find it necessary to implement a program that has the least margin for error. **Effective immediately, we will be assessing contamination fees for any recycling container found to have more than 15% contamination (non-recyclable material).**

Below is a link which contains an article and two videos on the China recycling crisis to help explain the reason for these changes to our local program. "Recycling at risk" and "The China Sword".

<https://q13fox.com/2018/07/18/recycling-at-risk-chinas-new-rules-put-programs-in-jeopardy/>

As the contamination restriction will be very stringent, it will be extremely important to keep contaminants out of the recycling container, as one bad container can contaminate an entire load of clean recyclable material. We have enclosed an updated list of acceptable recyclable material at the following link: <https://recyclingsimplified.com/>

Please be aware that food waste of any type is prohibited. This means that cardboard that has food waste on it is considered contaminated and not acceptable. For example, a pizza box that has oils from the pizza on it should not be recycled.

Should your container be identified as contaminated, you will receive notification and your account will be charged a \$150.00 contamination fee. Additional occurrences of contamination will result in a charge of \$150 and may also result in the recycling container being converted to a trash container, in addition to the added fee.

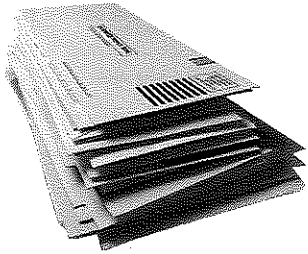
Republic Services appreciates the time and effort you put into your recycling programs. We are committed to offering recycling programs and will continue to do so as we work with our residential and municipal partners to reduce contamination.

Should you have any questions, please contact your Republic Services' Account Manager.

Sincerely,

Republic Services of Elyria

# WHAT CAN ALWAYS BE RECYCLED



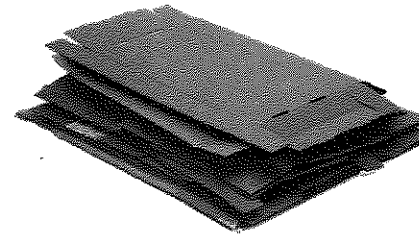
## PAPER

Paper (staples okay)  
Newspapers  
Envelopes  
Mail  
Phone books  
Brochures  
Magazines



## PLASTIC

Water bottles  
Soda bottles  
Milk jugs  
Shampoo bottles  
Detergent containers  
(remove any food or liquid)



## CARDBOARD

Flattened cardboard boxes  
Food boxes with liners removed  
File folders  
Poster board  
(remove any food or liquid)



## METAL

Aluminum beverage cans  
Food cans  
(remove any food or liquid)



## GLASS

Glass bottles  
Glass jars  
(remove any food or liquid)

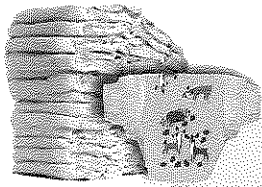
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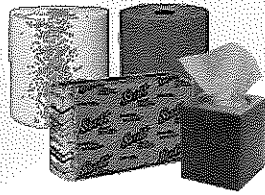


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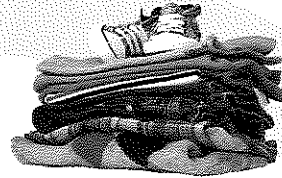
# WHAT CAN **NEVER** BE PLACED IN YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER



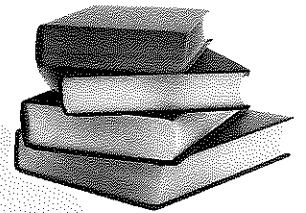
DIAPERS



TISSUES, PAPER  
TOWELS OR NAPKINS



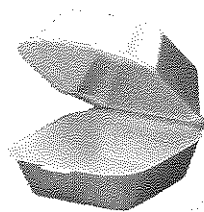
CLOTHES/SHOES



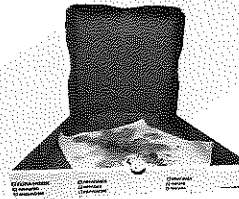
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BOOKS



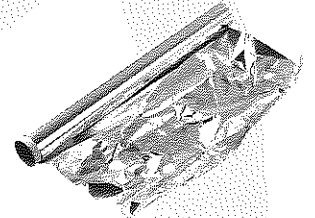
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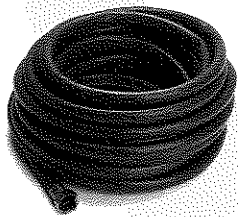
STYROFOAM



GREASY  
PIZZA BOXES



ALUMINUM  
FOIL



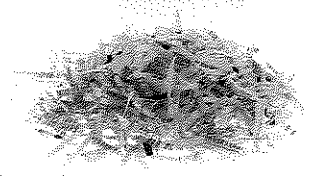
ROPES, CHAINS,  
CORDAGE,  
GARDEN HOSES



PLASTIC  
SHOPPING  
BAGS



YARD WASTE



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