

REPUBLIC SERVICES

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Wilkins Township
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RE: Recycling Collection in Wilkins Township

The global recycling crisis spurred by China has led communities across the country - including many of your neighboring surrounding municipalities - to recognize that today's recycling business model is broken. Contamination has become rampant through local recycling programs. And, these factors jeopardize the future of our local recycling programs.

Consumers play an important role in understanding what to recycle and how to avoid recycling contamination, or unwanted substances such as residual food or liquid that can be harmful to the recycling process. Recycling contamination can be anything other than what is intended to be collected and recycled. A contaminated item placed in the recycling container can come into contact with other recyclables, and potentially contaminate the entire truckload of recyclables.

As a leader in the recycling industry, Republic Services is committed to recycling and to bringing simple solutions to customers in an effort to help preserve local recycling programs. We're devoted to our customers throughout Pittsburgh, and passionate about providing simple solutions to their emerging recycling needs.

Republic Services is partnering with its local municipal partners to design a more durable, sustainable recycling business model. This means acknowledging the true cost of recycling, which includes the collecting and processing of recycled material, disposing of residual material and the sale of processed materials to buyers around the world.

As you know, the new agreement between Wilkins Township and Republic Services adjusts the materials to be accepted moving forward for the Curbside Recycling Program. Beginning in the near future Republic Services will be address the "contamination" portion of

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the acceptable materials at the curb. Residents may have service delayed or not occur if unacceptable levels of contamination are inside the recycling container. Non-serviced containers will be tagged with instructions on proper handling of materials to be placed in the recycling container.

In addition, Republic is developing improved recycling education programs that help to change recycling behaviors at home and at businesses in order to preserve these recycling programs. To learn more about how to be a better recycler and to find holiday recycling tips visit recyclingsimplified.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John McGoran". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John McGoran
Republic Services
Manager of Municipal Services



What can be recycled?

Recyclable

These items can ALWAYS be placed in your recycling container.



Paper

Paper (staples okay)
Newspaper
Envelopes
Junk mail
Phone books
Brochures
Magazines



Cardboard

Ream wrappers
File folders
Poster board
Frozen-food boxes
Cardboard boxes
Milk cartons



Plastic

Water bottles
Soda bottles



Metal

Aluminum beverage cans
Food cans



Empty.



Clean.



Dry.

Please make sure your recyclables are **empty, clean and dry** before placing them in your recycling container.

Special Handling

These items should never be mixed with regular recycling and require special handling.

Incandescent light bulbs
Fluorescent tubes
Computers & electronics
Batteries
Needles or syringes
Hazardous waste
Paint
Toxic material containers

Non-recyclable

These items can NEVER be placed in your single stream recycling container.

Aerosol cans
Aluminum foil
Bagged film plastics
Food waste
Glass
Mirrors or ceramics
Stickers & address labels
Polystyrene foam
Tissue, paper towels or napkins

For more information on recyclables, visit RepublicServices.com



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