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HRRA's Efforts to Decrease Contamination

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Plastic Bag and Film Contamination in Mixed Recycling at the Winters Bros. Transfer Station Danbury, CT

Goal: Reduce contamination through public education



Plastic Bag and Film Contamination in Mixed Recycling at the Winters Bros. Material Recovery Facility in Shelton, CT.

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Wipe Out Waste!

GUIDE BOOK

How to Successfully Recycle

1. Rinse containers from food and debris
2. Empty bottles and put cap back on
3. Put everything in ONE BIN
4. NO Loose elastic bands (see information below)
5. NO Styrs
6. NO Dish
5. Learn more at www.hrra.org

CÓMO RECICLAR CON ÉXITO

1. Enjuague los contenedores quitando la comida y desechos
2. Vacíe las botellas y coloque sus tapa
3. Coloque todo en un solo CONTENEDOR
4. Aprenda más en www.hrra.org

RECICLAJE DE FLUJO ÚNICO: Es muy fácil y conveniente... ¡NO REQUIERE CLASIFICAR!

¿Sabía que?
Una amplia variedad de bolsas, envolturas y forros de plástico pueden ser depositados en contenedores de reciclaje para bolsas de plástico en su supermercado o tienda favorita. Estos artículos NO pueden depositarse en los contenedores de la acera. Para saber más sobre reciclaje de bolsas de plástico visite: plasticfilmrecycling.org

Plastic Bag and Film Contamination in Mixed Recycling Solutions:

- Wipe Out Waste Guide
- Flyers – Hauler Invoices
- Newspaper Ads
- Bus Ad
- Facebook
- Website
- Billboard contest
- WRAP Campaign
- Trex Contest

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Plastic Bag and Film Contamination in Mixed Recycling.

Results:

- Quality material
- Strong relationships with transfer stations and MRF operators
- Maintain tip fees and rebates.

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Food Scraps Contamination

Goal: reduce amount of contamination in food scrap programs.

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Food Scraps Contamination

Solution

1.) Clear signage at drop-off locations

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Solution 2.) Control access to containers

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REMEMBER - ONLY FOOD Scraps are allowed in your bin. No PLASTIC items, stickers, rubber bands or twist ties!

Acceptable Food Waste Items for Curbside Pick-up

- Meat, Poultry (bones also) Fish (including shellfish)
- Dairy Products
- Flower & Vegetable Garden Waste
- Houseplants & Flower Bouquets
- Fruits & Nuts (including pits)
- Vegetables ****Remove stickers, bands and ties****
- Bread, Pasta & Grains
- Sauces, Soup & Gravy
- Coffee Grounds & Filters
- Tea Bags
- Paper Towels & Napkins
- Egg Shells
- Plate Scrapings

If you are having issues with animals, feel free to use a bungee cord.

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Solution 3.) Email communication to every participant

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Results Clean stream of material

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Communication is the key to a successful program

- Consistent
- Concise
- Consequences

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