



Eagle Disposal of PA, Inc.

Recycling Commonly Asked Questions

Why the new recycling guidelines?

Back in the fall, the largest buyer of recyclable material in the world, **China**, set **unachievable contamination limits** on the recyclable material they receive resulting in the **recycling markets crashing**. Previously, bales were allowed to have around 5% contamination in them which equates to 92lbs of contamination in a 1,850lb paper bale. At the beginning of 2018, China imposed a 0.5% contamination limit on imported recyclables from any country which equates to only 9lbs of contamination in a 1,850lb bale of paper. This is an **impossible** level of contamination for recycling companies to achieve, but we still need to try.

I have items in my bin that used to be recyclable but are no longer recyclable under the new guidelines. Will you be picking up my recycling up or are you going to leave it behind?

The new guidelines went into effect in the end of June. We understand that not everyone knows about the new guidelines yet and that the change can be hard to remember in your day to day life. We will still pick up the recycling if they have some non-recyclable items in the container. We just ask that you do your best to change your habits as sometime in the new year we will have to start being more picky about what we are taking. The goal is to reduce the contamination in hopes to help stabilize the recycling market.

Is office paper recyclable? Not under the new guidelines.

Are magazines recyclable? Not under the new guidelines.

Are brown bags recyclable? Not under the new guidelines.

Can I put my recycling in a clear plastic bag or bundle items with twine?

The preference is not to use any bags or twine/rope for your recycling. To remove the items someone has to rip the bags open at the recycling center or everything in the bag gets thrown out. We want to ensure what you are recycling gets recycled so please make it easy for the recycling center to do their sorting.

If I can't use bags, I don't have enough room in my bin. What should I do?

Call Eagle Disposal or the township that you pay your trash and recycling bill to. Eagle Disposal would be happy to provide you with a bigger or additional containers for your recycling. If you pay Eagle directly for your services, you can stop by our office during business hours with your old bin to swap it out or you can call to set up delivery of the bin for a \$15.00 fee.

The guideline says to keep items like cardboard dry. How do I do that if I don't have a lidded container?

Keep items inside on rainy days. Wait for the following week to put them out if possible.