

Do you need to improve or start your Recycling Program? We can Help!

Milpitas Sanitation representatives are available to:

- Visit your business to conduct waste assessments
- Make service suggestions
- Help train employees/tenants
- Provide posters, service guides and collection containers



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Recycling is Changing

Last year, China announced “National Sword,” a change in its import policies that has a profound impact on recycling efforts in California.

Strict new contaminant thresholds have been applied to certain grades of paper, and import bans on mixed paper and various grades of post-consumer plastics are in effect.



California recyclers are familiar with market changes, plan for the occasional, significant drop in the recycling market and can anticipate some fluctuations in commodity pricing. **What is happening today is completely different.** The mixed paper market, the largest component of the recycling stream, has largely disappeared with no sign that it will return anytime soon.

What's Next?

See inside for more information on what you can do to help!

SEE INSIDE

Recyclables continue to be collected and recovered,

but there are very limited markets for the material. Until this year, 85% of California's mixed paper and cardboard was exported to China. China no longer wants a large portion of our material and the rest of the Asian export market cannot absorb the entire volume that is being rejected. We are years away from developing sustainable domestic markets for these materials. In the interim, we are challenged with finding alternative outlets for mixed paper and various plastic containers.



What do we do now?

Keep up the good work!

Be sure to avoid contamination to maintain the cleanest stream possible. See proper sorting tips listed to the right. **Thank you!**



SOURCE: "China's New Import Standards and the Impact on Waste Recycling in California," California Refuse and Recycling Council White Paper, February, 2018.

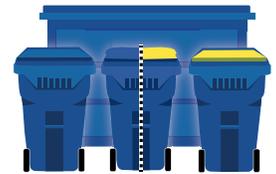
Proper Recyclables Sorting is Now More Important Than Ever Before!

The cleanest and most efficient sorting to achieve high quality recovered materials starts with you, the generator. We thank you for all of your efforts.

SUPPORT THE SORT! Please place recyclable materials in either the proper side of the blue split **RECYCLABLES** cart or the correct dedicated **RECYCLABLES** cart and/or bin.

JUST SAY "NO" TO CONTAMINANTS!

Garbage, Food Scraps and Yard Trimmings **DO NOT**



belong in the blue split or dedicated **RECYCLABLES** carts and/or bins.

MAINTAIN A CLEAN STREAM!

When possible, empty and rinse recyclable plastic, metal and glass food containers before placing them in the recyclable containers side of the blue split **RECYCLABLES** cart or the blue dedicated recyclable containers cart.



KEEP AN EYE ON SIZE!

Corrugated cardboard and paper boxes should be flattened and large pieces cut to 2' x 2' or smaller if placed in carts. This prevents container overflow and helps keep materials from blocking the split hopper of the cart collection vehicles.

