

RECYCLING'S MOST UNWANTED

Please keep these items out of household recycling. At the recycling facility, plastic bags, hoses and holiday lights cause safety hazards and shutdowns when they wrap around conveyor belts and equipment.



For a complete YES & NO list of what can be recycled, visit www.springfieldmrf.org or call the recycling hotline at 888-888-0784 ext. 52293 or 413-784-1100, ext. 52293 for more detailed information

Pls post reverse side.



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Important Notice – Recycling Contamination

Dear MRF Community/MRF Hauler:

Due to the significant changes that are affecting the recycling industry world-wide, the importance of delivering clean loads of acceptable recyclables to our Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) is higher than ever. Please join us in the battle against contamination by ensuring that your recycling loads are delivered to our MRF with minimal contaminants (including excess water/snow/ice).

There are a number of actions you can take to help. On the reverse side of this letter we have detailed the contaminants that pose some of the most significant challenges to processing and marketing recyclables and worker safety. Your efforts in eliminating these materials will help ensure the long term sustainability of our recycling program. For more detailed information on the do's and don'ts of recycling, please visit www.SpringfieldMRF.org.

Please be aware that should a recycling load from your community be delivered with contamination greater than 10% by weight, the MRF operator may reject the load or accept the load and separate the contaminants for disposal. Should this occur, your community will be assessed contamination charges for the difference between the percent contamination identified through visual inspection and the 10% threshold. Your community will be provided with a load summary and photos for assistance in determining the unacceptable items. Your community will have the right to dispute the amount of these charges and/or your responsibility for such. Charges for contamination will be invoiced by the MRF operator.

The contamination charge is assessed at a rate of \$155/ ton and the charge is only applied to the percentage of the load that is contaminated above 10%. The \$155 fee represents \$75 per ton to process/handle the contaminants and \$80 per ton to transport and dispose of them. Loads that contain appropriate program materials that are saturated with water may be deemed un-processable and calculated as contamination prior to their separation and disposal. Please work with your community and hauler to keep your recycling clean and dry.