

STRATFORD RESIDENTS:

Due to the recent changes in recycling markets, please note Stratford's

UPDATED GUIDELINES FOR OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM.

Recycling processing facilities are now requiring that each load delivered must not exceed certain levels of contamination. To simplify this new policy, we listed the new recycling rules on the opposite side of this letter.

WE ALL NEED TO WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP THE COST OF RECYCLING DOWN AND ENSURE THAT WE ARE RECYCLING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF PRODUCT.

If the loads collected from Stratford are determined to be contaminated, the Borough can be fined as much as \$600.00 per load. Those contaminated loads will then be sent to a trash disposal facility. If we continue to send contaminated loads, our town could be shut down from recycling at the facility. That could create a very serious financial burden for our taxpayers.

THE BEST WAY TO APPROACH THIS NEW PROCESS IS:

IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IF AN ITEM SHOULD BE RECYCLED OR IF YOU ARE NOT SURE IT IS CLEAN ENOUGH TO RECYCLE, PLEASE PUT IT IN WITH YOUR REGULAR TRASH.

We always want to recycle as much as possible, so please keep in mind, if a recycling load is contaminated with trash, we risk the entire load being rejected. This would not only result in an unnecessary financial burden, but could cause a substantial quantity of otherwise recyclable material, to be disposed of, and not recycled. The Borough relies on grant money that is based on the success of its recycling program. We ask that you please do your part with this effort!

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Comprehensive, litter-abatement program.***



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GUIDELINES FOR THE STRATFORD RECYCLING PROGRAM

*****DO NOT PUT RECYCLING ITEMS IN PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY COLOR OR SIZE*****

BEFORE PLACING ITEMS IN THE RED BUCKETS:

EMPTY AND RINSE
(Please get them as clean as possible)

DO NOT CRUSH BOTTLES OR CANS

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR THE RED RECYCLING BUCKETS

- PLASTIC CONTAINERS WITH A NUMBER 1 OR 2 ON THE BOTTOM – LEAVE CAPS ON
Plastic items with other numbers should be placed in the regular trash.
- GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS – REMOVE LIDS AND PUT THEM IN THE RED BUCKET
- METAL CANS - NEWSPAPER - CARDBOARD

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR THE RED RECYCLING BUCKETS

- PLASTIC CONTAINERS WITH A NUMBER OTHER THAN 1 OR 2.
- CONTAINERS THAT ARE NOT RINSED OUT
- NO PIZZA BOXES OR OTHER CARDBOARD ITEMS WITH FOOD RESIDUE
- NO FROZEN FOOD CONTAINERS – THESE ARE COATED AND NOT RECYCLABLE
- NO CERAMICS, LIGHT BULBS, WINDOWS, OR MIRROR GLASS
- NO SHREDDED PAPER – *Please bring confidential documents to a free Camden County Shredding Event or place already shredded paper into the regular trash.*
- NO HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTAINERS – *Motor oil, pesticides, chemicals, etc.*
- NO SCRAP METAL
- NO DIAPERS OR BIO-HAZARDOUS WASTE
- NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING BUCKETS – *Please take them to local stores that have collection bins for the bags.*
- NO YARD WASTE IN THE RED BUCKETS

If you are not sure about an item, it would be best to put it in with the regular trash.