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Recycling Contamination Program Outline

Customers who use their recycling containers as trash receptacles prevent our community from reaching its recycling goals. Northern Recycling and Waste Services is increasing education and monitoring to help prevent “over-recycling,” which occurs when non-recyclable items are placed in recycling containers.

This “over-recycling” may seem harmless, but it adds garbage, food waste, and hazardous materials to the recycling stream. As our trucks deliver mixed recyclable loads to sorting facilities, these contaminated items can damage good materials and jeopardize the success of our recycling efforts.

Here’s How the Program Works

Service Monitoring

- **State-required monitoring** will be conducted using onboard truck cameras. If contamination is found, it will be photographed and attached to the account
- **A follow-up letter** will be sent to the customer which will include a photo of the contamination for reference.
- **Education materials** about what belongs in the recycling container is provided. If it’s not on the list, it should not be placed in recycling containers

When Contaminations Occur

- **The first two** contamination events will result in notification letters.
- **The third and fourth** incidents will result in a notification letter and a fine
- **On the fifth** occurrence, the customer will receive a letter stating they are no longer eligible for the cost-free program and the recycling container is removed. The customer can then call to enroll in a paid program to keep their containers

Reminder for Paradise:

Weekly all 3-cart curbside services began Jan 5, 2026.

SB 1383, adopted in California, is a mandatory law that affects almost all California residents and businesses. Cities and Counties will eventually be required to issue penalties for non-compliance.

The law establishes a statewide effort to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (like methane) by directing food scraps, soiled paper, yard trimmings and other organic materials to compost sites.

How does SB 1383 impact each of us?

At work and at home, we’ll need to keep all our recycling and compost materials separate from our trash, in appropriately colored carts.

Northern Recycling provides residents living in single-family homes three colored carts when they start their recycling, compost, and landfill services.

If you do not yet have carts for these three services, please contact Northern Recycling to get started.

Spring 2026

 Holiday that will affect services

RCC
Recurring Payments

April						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	RCC 9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

May						
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June						
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The marked 2026 holidays will result in the following service schedules for those weeks:

Memorial Day — Monday, May 25th: services will not be impacted, normal collections will occur.

Thanksgiving — Thursday, November 26th: we will be closed. Each service day will occur 1 day after normal for this week only. Thursday's services will occur on Friday; Friday's on Saturday.

Christmas — Friday, December 25th: we will be closed. Friday's service will occur on Saturday.

New Years — Friday, January 1st, 2027: we will be closed. Friday's service will occur on Saturday.

RCC — Recurring payments run on the second Thursday of the billing cycle. Standard quarterly customers will be debited in January, April, July, and October, while monthly customers will be debited each month.

Recycling Do's & Don'ts

1. RECYCLE ALL BOTTLES, CANS, AND PAPER

2. KEEP ITEMS CLEAN AND DRY

3. NO PLASTIC BAGS

Always Recycle:



Plastic Bottles & Containers

Rinsed plastic bottles, jars, jugs and tubs.



Food & Beverage cans

Clean tin, aluminum, steel food and beverage cans.



Glass

Rinsed glass bottles and jars.



Paper

Paper, newspaper, paperboard and magazines.



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard

Breakdown and flatten all boxes.

*** REMEMBER PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE *** DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLING ***

KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF YOUR RECYCLING CART.

You have heard the saying, "one bad apple can spoil the bunch." The same goes for recycling. We need your help to keep these items out of the recycling cart.



NO Food, Food-soiled Paper, Waxed Cardboard



NO Plastic Bags, Tarps, or Film



NO Cords/Wires, Rope, or Hoses



NO Food Wrappers or Broken Dishes



NO Electronics or Batteries



NO Yard Waste or Grass Clippings



NO Foam Cups, Packaging, or Containers



NO Diapers or Pet waste



NO Clothing, Shoes or Fabric



NO Hazardous or Medical Waste