



IMPORTANT RECYCLING NEWS

Regarding China's Restrictions on Imported Recycling

Salisbury Township has been alerted that costs will increase due to China's restrictions on contaminated recyclables.

Termed the "China Sword", in July 2017, China announced changes for imported recyclables which included a drastic reduction in acceptable contamination levels in recycled paper and plastic and a ban on imported mixed paper. The changes took effect March 1, 2018. Municipal recycling programs are now being affected.

- DO NOT RECYCLE:**
- Plastic bags or wrap
 - Aluminum foil or pans
 - Pizza boxes
 - Food waste
 - Tissues, paper towels, napkins
 - Medicine, syringes, needles
 - Styrofoam, batteries, aerosol cans
 - Metal pots and pans, small appliances

- DO RECYCLE**
- Newspaper & inserts
 - Magazines & catalogs
 - Junk mail, envelopes, file folders, shredded paper
 - Office white, colored and computer paper (staples & paper clips ok)
 - Corrugated cardboard boxes (flattened)
 - Cereal & gift boxes, etc. that tear – brown or grey (remove liners)
 - Paper bags & phone books
 - Aluminum cans (beer & soda)
 - Glass bottles & jars (food & drink only)
 - Plastic bottles, jars, tubs and rigid containers labeled #1-#7 (soda, water, milk, juice, liquor, shampoo, detergent, condiments, yogurt, margarine, pet food, etc.) ***must be clean and dry**
 - Metal food cans (tin/steel); metal lids ***must be clean and dry**
 - Wax coated boxes or cartons (juice, milk, etc.) ***must clean and dry**

Salisbury Township is requesting residents to cooperate in attempting to eliminate contamination in the recyclables.

Practice EMPTY.CLEAN.DRY with your families to help ensure recycling materials are in fact recyclable, to help the environment and to keep costs down.

EMPTY

Make sure there is no food or product residue. Food/product residue goes in the trash or garbage disposal.

CLEAN

Rinse out empty recyclable containers. No ketchup, no mustard, no butter left behind in the containers. If it can't be cleaned thoroughly, throw container in trash.

DRY

Let containers dry before placing in recycling bin so paper and cardboard do not get wet. Wet or soiled paper and cardboard cannot be recycled.



WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT.