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Hello from Sanipac!

As you may have heard, there has been recent volatility in the worldwide recycling markets related to the levels of contamination in recycling. As a response to this, the best thing we can all do is make sure our recycling is as clean as possible. Please see below for a list of the most common items contaminating recycling, as well as a list of acceptable items on the back page.

Thanks so much for continuing to keep our area a leader in recycling!

**The items listed below contaminate curbside recycling.
Please keep them out of the can.**

NO	Problem	Reason	Solution
	<p>Plastic bags and film</p>	<p>Bags and film jam equipment at the sorting facility and create slow downs in processing. Removing the film from the processing equipment is difficult and dangerous.</p>	<p>Plastic grocery bags are accepted for recycling at many local grocery stores. (Or dispose of as trash.)</p>
	<p>Plastic clamshells</p>	<p>There is no current market for this material. Processors receiving a high level of these contaminants can potentially reject entire loads of recycling.</p>	<p>Dispose of as trash.</p>
	<p>Food residue</p>	<p>Food residue can cause the processor to reject materials. Food residue can also leak onto and contaminate other materials in the recycling stream.</p>	<p>Always rinse and clean out food residue before recycling.</p>
	<p>Styrofoam</p>	<p>Unwanted by processors. Breaks up into small pieces and contaminates other recycling.</p>	<p>St. Vincent De Paul also has a styrofoam recycling program. For more information visit: www.svdp.us. (Or dispose of as trash.)</p>
	<p>Napkins and paper towels</p>	<p>Unwanted by processors. Can contain food/liquid which contaminates other recyclables.</p>	<p>Napkins and paper towels can also act as a good source of carbon for backyard compost piles. (Or dispose of as trash.)</p>



Doing good in our community, keeping our area a leader in recycling!

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Veneta residents and businesses recycled 407 tons of commingle in the past year!

For more information on waste reduction and recycling please see the City webpage at: venetaoregon.gov/community/page/garbage-recycling

YARD DEBRIS RECYCLING

IF IT GROWS IT GOES

Place in your grey yard debris cart anything that grows above the ground.

Including:

Raw fruits and raw vegetables, coffee grounds (no protein). Grass, leaves, branches up to 4" in diameter, brush, fruit tree discards and plant vegetation.

- Close the lid
- 120 pound limit
- No dirt or rocks
- No bags
- No Pet Waste
- No Poison Oak

In the City limits of Veneta, yard debris will be picked up **weekly** during the months of **April, May & November**

Separating recyclables from your trash reduces the amount of waste that ends up in landfills, saves energy, and reduces emissions!

Commingle Recycle Instructions:

ALL RECYCLING MUST BE CLEAN!

INCLUDE ONLY THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:



• **CARDBOARD** - must be flat



• **PAPER** - mail, newspaper, magazines, phone books, computer paper, colored paper



• **PLASTIC** - jugs, tubs & bottles only - NO LIDS



• **METAL** - food and beverage cans (NO UNATTACHED LIDS) & clean aluminum foil crumpled into a ball no smaller than a fist



Would you like to volunteer, discuss, or have questions about recycling? We value your input on recycling education! Please call PJ Silva at 541.736.3614.

For questions on recycling at the Lane County transfer sites please call: 541.682.4120

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