**January Social Media Captions – Recycle Right/Contamination**

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| **Facebook** | |
| Image1-FB- **Recycle Right/Contamination** | Many items can be recycled. Many others can’t. Tossing items that aren’t recyclable into your recycling bin can contaminate the bin or even the whole load going to the recycling center. Why does that matter? Contamination may not only prevent items that could be recycled from being recycled, but it may also cost your community time and money because of increased sorting, processing, and disposing of contaminated materials. Always check with your municipality or waste hauler to find out what is recyclable in your community. #RecycleRight |
| Image2-FB **Recycle Right/Contamination** | Recycling is great for the environment and the economy. Just make sure you are recycling right and not creating contamination by putting items in the recycling bin that aren’t recyclable or aren’t accepted by your curbside or drop-off program. Don’t assume that because an item has the chasing arrows on it that it is automatically recyclable. Always check with your municipality or waste hauler to find out what is recyclable in your community. Taking the extra step to make sure only recyclables are in your bin, and that your recyclables are properly sorted when required, can help make recycling in your community efficient and effective. #RecycleRight |
| Image3-FB- **Recycle Right/Contamination** | Batteries aren’t recyclable in any curbside programs. Single-use alkaline batteries can be thrown away in the trash bin or recycled by a specialty recycler. However, rechargeable or lead-acid batteries can’t simply be tossed in the trash bin and must be properly disposed of by taking them to a specialty disposal location, home improvement store, or tech retailer that accepts them – be sure to ask before you take your batteries to a store for disposal. Batteries not properly disposed of can cause fires and injure waste haulers or damage equipment. Always check with your municipality or waste hauler to find out what is recyclable in your community. #RecycleRight  https://earth911.com/recycling-guide/how-to-recycle-single-use-batteries/ |
| Image4-FB **Recycle Right/Contamination** | Plastic is easy to recycle, but not all plastic is created – or recycled equally. Most plastic bottles and tubs are widely accepted in recycling programs, but expanded polystyrene, plastic bags, and other plastic film aren’t recyclable in your community’s curbside program and are only occasionally accepted at community run drop-off facilities. Items that aren’t recyclable but that end up in the recycling bin are considered contamination. Contamination may not only prevent items that could be recycled from being recycled, but it may also cost your community time and money because of increased sorting, processing, and disposing of contaminated materials. Plastic bags and other plastic film are particularly problematic when placed in the recycling bin as they can become tangled in sorting machinery leading to lost time and possibly damage to machinery or injury to workers. Always check with your municipality or waste hauler to find out what is recyclable in your community. #RecycleRight |
| Image5-FB **Recycle Right/Contamination** | Bringing home to-go containers from restaurants or putting away leftover food after a family meal are good ways to stretch your dining budget. But trying to recycle bowls and boxes that contain food scraps is a big no-no! Food items in the recycling bin cause contamination. Contamination may not only prevent items that could be recycled from being recycled, but it may also cost your community time and money because of increased sorting, processing, and disposing of contaminated materials. Always check with your municipality or waste hauler to find out what is recyclable in your community. #RecycleRight |

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| **Instagram** | |
| Image1-IG – **Recycle Right/Contamination** | Tossing items that aren’t recyclable into your recycling bin can contaminate the bin! Contamination may not only prevent items that could be recycled from being recycled, but it may also cost your community time and money to manage the contamination. Always check with your municipality or waste hauler to find out what is recyclable in your community. #RecycleRight |
| Image2-IG - **Recycle Right/Contamination** | Food items in the recycling bin cause contamination. Contamination from food items may prevent items that could be recycled from being recycled. Always check with your municipality or waste hauler to find out what is recyclable in your community. #RecycleRight |
| **X, Formerly Known asTwitter** | |
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| Image2-X - **Recycle Right/Contamination** | Many items can be recycled. Many others can’t. Tossing non-recyclable items in the recycling bin can contaminate the bin or even the whole load going to the recycling center. Be sure to ask your municipality or waste hauler what is recyclable in your community. #RecycleRight |