



CONFRONTING CONTAMINATION

Tactics from the Tarheel State

OVERVIEW OF NORTH CAROLINA

Statewide education campaigns: Recycle Guys, Re3, and Recycle More NC

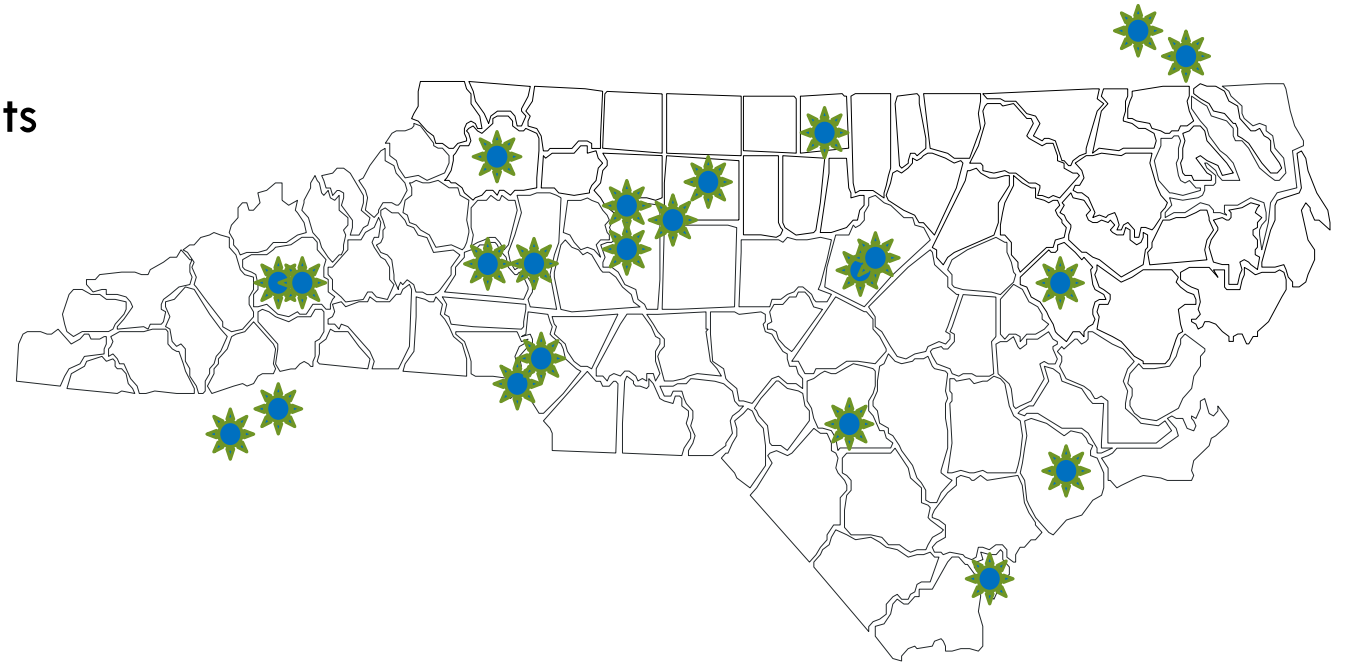
100 Counties, over 500 local governments

- Curbside > Drop-off
- Most are Single Stream

NC landfill bans

Over 700 recycling businesses

Developed MRF infrastructure



CHALLENGES TO RECYCLING COMMUNICATION

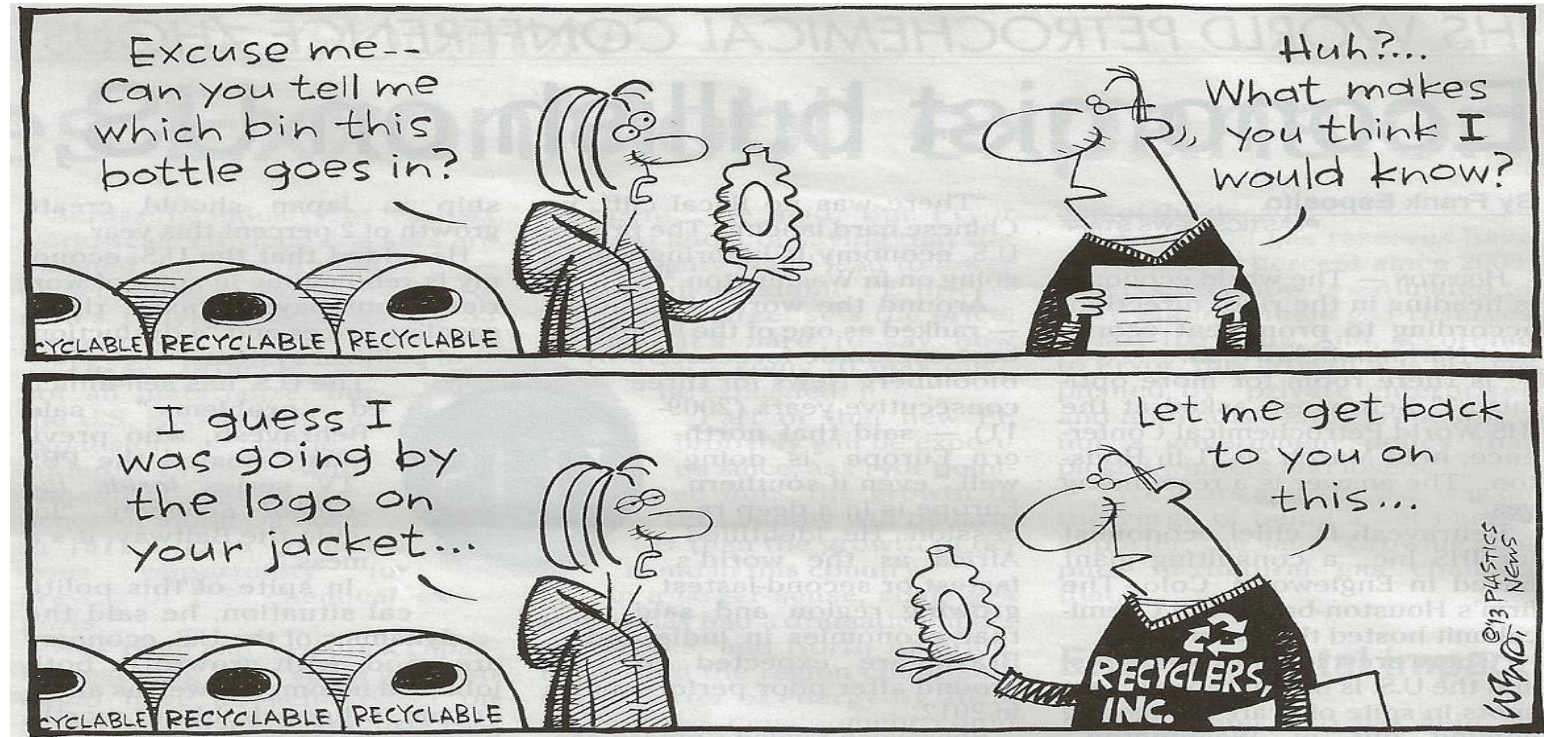
- Not everything is recyclable
- Complex process, complex messaging
- Contracting from early SS mentality (easier=more volume)
- Packaging is constantly changing
- Chicken and the egg approach to markets
- MRF technology changes evolve the accepted materials list
- Nothing is uniform
- Most effective communication tool (face to face, trusted source) is most time consuming
- Frustrating to understand what is and what isn't sometimes



TAKING ON CONTAMINATION ON TWO FRONTS

Recycling and Solid Waste Professionals

The Public



TALKING WITH YOUR MRF

REALLY understand the separation process

- Small things
- Tanglers
- Materials not in their original shape

Talk about materials that could be problematic

- Shredded paper
- Large metal objects
- Unrecyclable plastic



Balance pressure to add more materials with the feasibility of their recovery

Know the top contaminants and threats to quality

RESOURCES



IMPROVING MATERIAL QUALITY

Strong and healthy Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) are essential to the future of county and municipal recycling programs in North Carolina. MRFs are better able to support your program and possibly share market revenues if they receive high quality materials.

KNOW WHERE YOUR MATERIALS GO

Whether you use public staff or a contractor to collect recyclables, make it a priority to know which MRF receives your recyclables and what materials your MRFs can successfully process and market from your program. Visit and talk to your MRF as often as you can. MRFs will appreciate your efforts to improve material quality and will support those efforts. As MRFs see their residue costs drop and their material quality increase, they also may have more revenue to share. Everybody wins if the right stuff is in the bin.

QUALITY MATTERS

Here are some simple ways your community can positively influence MRF material quality:

Get the bags out plastic bags and other film plastic are very difficult for MRFs to handle and can cause shutdowns and contamination of outgoing commodities. Educate your citizens to keep plastic bags out of recycling carts and drop-off bins. Encourage them to use alternative outlets such as retail stores instead. A good resource to share on your Website or other outreach materials is: <http://plasticfilmrecycling.org/>

Clean and dry are best Food and liquids create moisture that can seriously reduce material quality. Educate residents to empty bottles, cans, and jars before recycling them and instruct them to keep food or containers with food still in them out of the recycling. Related contaminants include napkins, paper towels, and usually paper plates. Check with your MRF for specific questions about acceptable materials.

Rethink shredded paper many communities allow citizens to put bagged shredded documents in recycling carts and dropoff bins. Unfortunately, because of how recyclables are processed at MRFs, much of that shredded paper ends up mixed with glass or is lost in residue streams, not even making it to a recycling market. Most shredded paper also comes in plastic bags, which makes that problem worse, and bits of wet paper are costly contaminants for glass processing facilities. Take shredded paper out of your material mix and point citizens to alternative outlets, such as commercial shredding companies or their backyard compost bin.

Be clear about plastics Citizens are easily confused by plastics and will often use the recycling symbol and number on the bottom of plastics to make recycling decisions. MRFs then end up with unrecyclable or very low value material, which costs them money and reduces the value of the plastics they receive and therefore what they can pay communities. Take care to understand what your MRF can handle and then communicate carefully and consistently to the public about plastics. Avoid phrases like "all plastics" or "#1 through #7." Consider not even referring to the numbers at all but instead specify the shape or type of plastic your MRF wants, such as "plastic bottles" or "only plastic bottles and tubs" or "only food, beverage, personal care and household plastic containers." Remember to also clearly and simply say what you don't want – e.g., "no Styrofoam or plastic bags." Citizens should also get the message to leave their caps on their plastic bottles.



ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS WORKSHEET

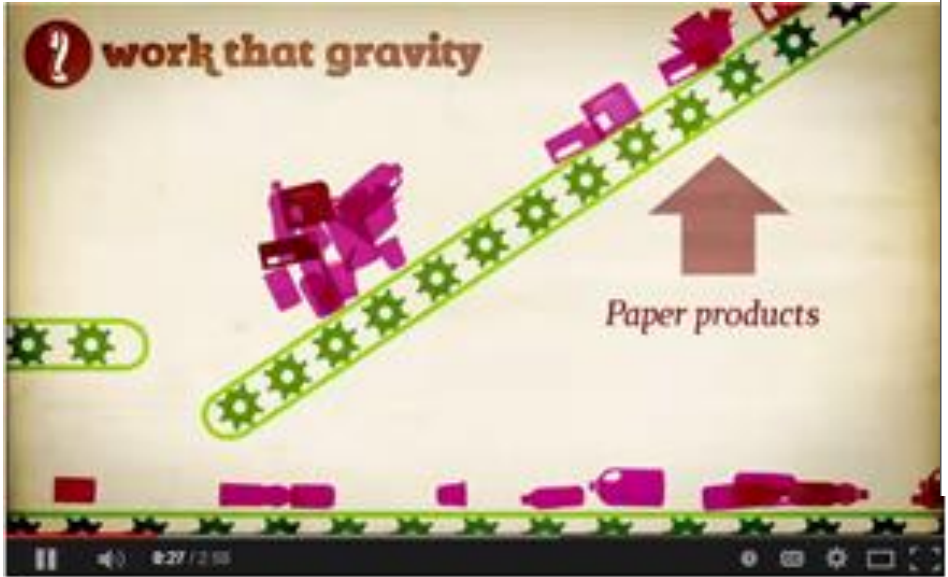
MRF: _____
 CITY: _____ DATE: _____

This worksheet serves to ensure that local programs and MRFs remain on the same page regarding acceptable and problematic materials. Use this document to identify and address issues, inform front line staff, and create materials to educate residents. It is recommended that the local program representative and MRF representative complete this worksheet together every 6 months and during the creation or renewal of processing contracts. We encourage this document be used in the RFP process as well.

When creating educational materials, use this document to understand the ins and outs of acceptable items, then create broader categories, images, and definitions to inform residents.

Please go through the entire worksheet and mark whether each item is acceptable or not acceptable. You will see two categories under the "Do Not Accept" column. Here is how they are defined:
Non-detrimental: Item is not sent to a market for recycling, but does not cause any major problems if found in the stream.
Detrimental: Item can shut down or damage equipment, harm employees, and/or substantially degrade the value of material.

PAPER PRODUCT	ACCEPT	DO NOT ACCEPT		DO NOT WANT ON LIST BUT ACCEPT
		NON-DETRIMENTAL	DETRIMENTAL	
Cartons (gable top containers like milk and orange juice, and aseptic containers like juice boxes and soup)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cold Cups (e.g. paper fountain drink cup)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hard Cover Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hot Cups (e.g. coffee cup)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice Cream Container	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junk Mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kraft Bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newspaper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OCC	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Office Paper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paperback Books	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paperboard Boxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pizza Boxes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shredded Paper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Directions on how to prepare</i>				
Take-out Containers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tissue Paper	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



TWO (OVERSIMPLIFIED) SOURCES OF CONTAMINATION

Never Recyclers

Generally unaware of how to recycle.

Using the recycling cart as a second trash can.

Likely to require a more aggressive approach like code enforcement, cart hangers, and direct contact, or fines.

Overzealous Recyclers

Think they know how to recycle.

Keep messages positive and proactive.

Explain why some materials are problematic.

Provide alternative recycling options when possible.

Avoid overwhelming people, tackle the 3 most common/problematic sources of contamination. Fix those, then move down the list.



TAKING THAT TO THE PUBLIC IN A SIMPLE WAY

Update outreach with images and words that people can understand

Prioritize messaging with top contaminants

Promote alternatives

Be positive

Be consistent

BROCHURES AND SIGNS

Uses images

Prominent NO BAGS message

Uses words that people recognize

“Milk and Juice Cartons” not “gable top containers”

“Butter Tubs” instead of “rigid plastics”

Avoids messaging like “Plastics 1-7”

Plastic Bottles, Jugs and Tubs

Plastic Food Containers (getting a little slippery?)

Has a clear yes AND no list

No bags, Styrofoam, food/liquids, etc.

RECYCLE ALL TOGETHER
PLEASE EMPTY OUT ALL FOOD AND LIQUIDS

PLASTIC	PAPER	METAL	GLASS
Bottles, containers and jugs 	Mixed paper, newspaper, cartons, phone books, envelopes, magazines, junk mail and FLATTENED cardboard 	Aluminum steel or tin cans and EMPTY aerosol cans 	Jars and bottles

PLEASE DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!
Return bags to grocery stores and participating retail stores for proper recycling.


NOT ACCEPTED IN MIXED RECYCLABLES
Please keep the following out to avoid contamination.

- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Household trash
- Disposable food trays, cups or cutlery
- Receipts
- Hardcover books
- Clothing or fabric
- Dishes or cookware (plates, cups, ceramics)
- Electronics
- Light bulbs
- Hazardous waste
- Liquid waste (paint, cleaners, etc.)
- Garden hoses
- Window or mirror glass
- Tires
- Construction debris or yard waste

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IF YOU SAY THIS... WILL YOU GET THIS?

METAL




Aluminum, Steel, Tin Cans, Aerosol Cans

TOP OFF




Pots and Pans



Aluminum Foil, Pans, Trays

NO



Cords, Auto Parts, Electronics



ENFORCEMENT



WHEN IN DOUBT,
LEAVE IT OUT

OOPS!
AVOID COMMON RECYCLING MISTAKES

Your cart contained items **NOT** recyclable curbside. Improperly recycled materials can contaminate whole recycling loads and cause problems with the recycling equipment. These items are **NOT** recyclable curbside:

- Household trash
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Clothes
- Food & liquids
- Ceramic & dishware
- Books
- Hazardous waste
- Electronics
- Plastic cups & trays
- Hoses

PLEASE DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!

Print and Go
Click to download

Customizable Template

Oops!
Some materials don't belong in your recycling cart.

Tangles. Chains, coat hangers, garden hoses, wires, rope and plastic bags tangle in our equipment.

Compostables. Food waste or other organics can be composted, but not recycled in this cart.

Non-Curbside Recyclables. Clothing, electronics, some metal, and some other items can be recycled locally, but not in this cart.

Other. Not recyclable at this time.

Comments:

Five Communities all Using the same MRF

Town of Cary

- Yes- Bottles and tubs #1-7, lids placed back on bottle, tub, or jar, rigid #2 plastics
- No- bags, frozen food trays, clamshells/hinged containers, toys, flower pots

Town of Wake Forest

- Yes- Narrow-necked, screw-top bottles, such as soda bottles, dairy containers, plastic milk and water jugs and colored bottles labeled with the RICs, six pack rings with rings cut
- No- bags, Styrofoam, and plastic bottles containing oil or hazardous substances

City of Durham

- Yes- plastic bottles, jugs and jars
- No- take-out 'clamshell' containers

Franklin County

- Yes- plastic soda bottles or milk jugs
- No- bags or bowls

Nash County

- Yes- plastic drink bottles and milk jugs
- No- non-bottle plastics



COMMON SUITE AND REGIONAL MESSAGING

All communities feeding same MRF.

Communities came together to create new outreach.

Same messaging and terms where you work, live and play.

Ayden * Bethel * Falkland * Farmville * Fountain * Greenville * Grifton * Grimesland * Simpson * Winterville

FOR PITT'S SAKE, RECYCLE!

Pitt County Residents can recycle the following together:
Please empty out food and liquids

Food and juice cartons Plastic containers Plastic bottles Mixed paper: catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail

Flattened cardboard boxes Aluminum/Tin cans Glass bottles and jars

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED IN MIXED RECYCLING:
NO plastic bags
NO styrofoam
NO pizza boxes
NO napkins, toilet paper or paper towels
NO construction debris or yard waste
NO ceramic or glassware
NO plastic food trays & cups
NO pots and pans
NO hazardous waste
NO household waste

PLEASE DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!

PITT COUNTY CONTAINER SITES
Pitt County offers 14 drop-off sites including the Transfer Station that accept the recyclables described above. The sites also accept the following:

Tires	Yard Waste	Chemical Jugs
Anti-Freeze	Appliances	Clothing/Shoes
Batteries	Bulk Items	Thermostats
Motor Oil	Electronics	
Eyeglasses	Cooking Oil	

Find the site closest to you:
pittcountync.gov/depts/solidwaste/sites/

For a detailed list and more information, please visit:
pittcountync.gov/depts/solidwaste/

or call:
Paula Clark
252-902-3353



CLINTON, NC

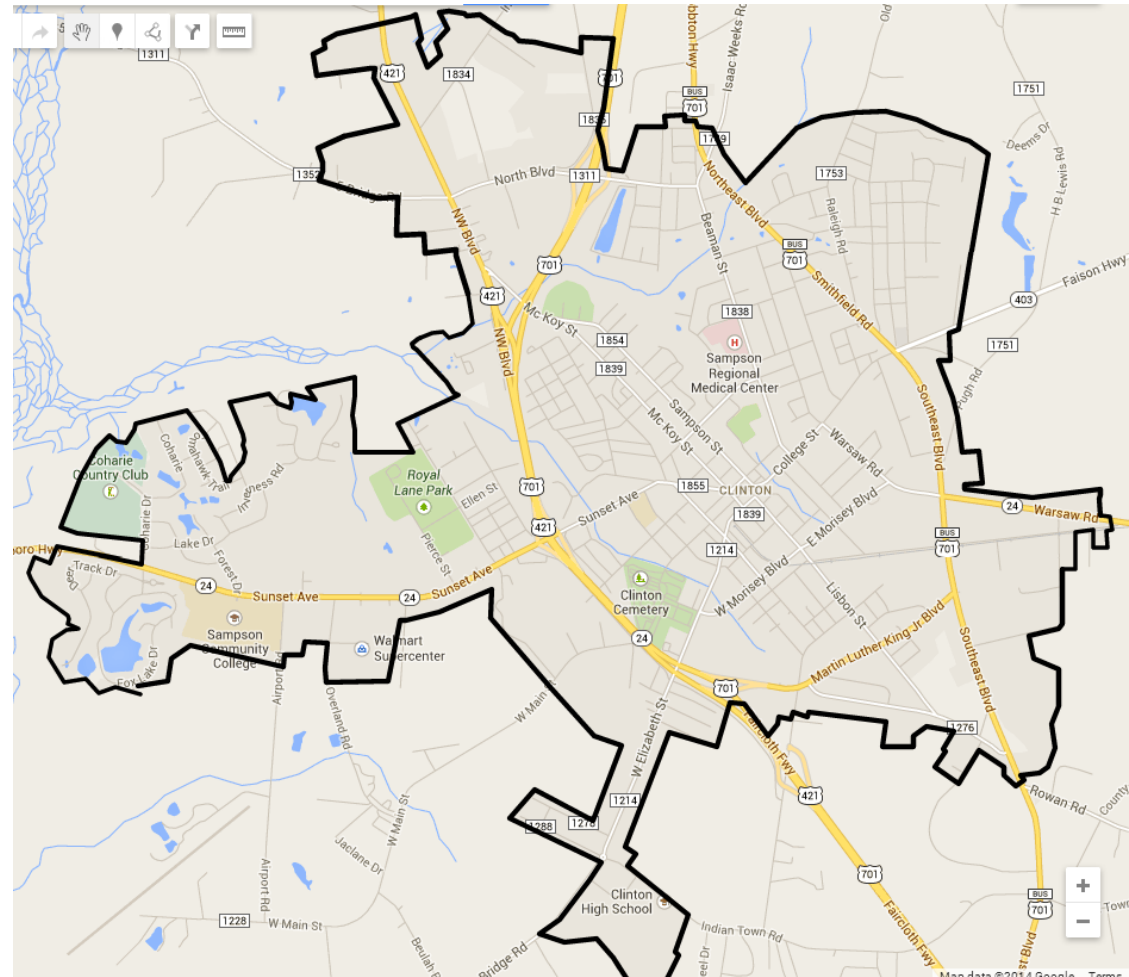
Located in Sampson County

- Tier 2 (economically distressed)

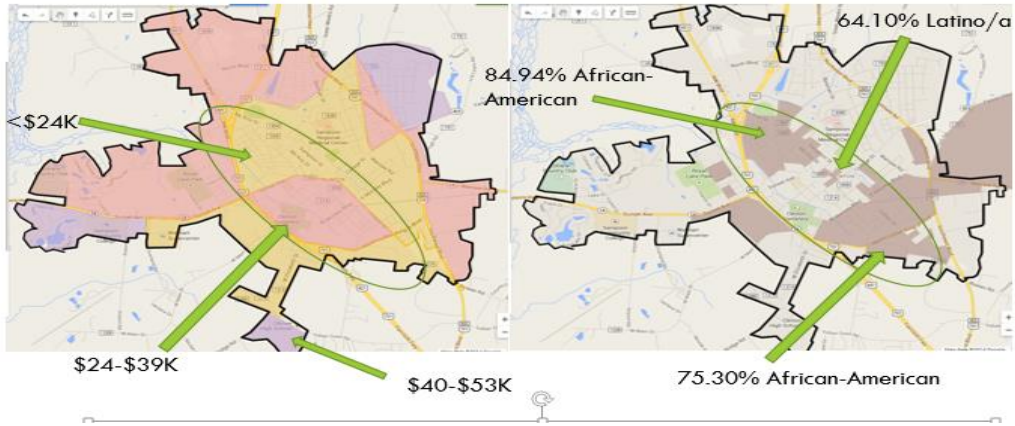
Population – 8,743

Underserved population demographics:

- Rural
- Per capita income \$24, 973
- Language spoken at home, other than English (7.9%)
- Race/Ethnicity: African-American (40%), Native American (0.8%), Latino/a (8.1%)
- **Project Objective:** How to appeal to hard-to-reach/underserved populations in an effort to increase recycling participation and decrease incidences of contamination



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME & RACE/ETHNICITY CLUSTERS



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YES

SOAP & SHAMPOO BOTTLES



PHONE BOOKS



MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS & INSERTS



ENVELOPES



DETERGENT & FABRIC SOFTENER



TOILET & PAPER ROLLS



REMEMBER: DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!

NO

HOUSEHOLD TRASH



PLASTIC BAGS



FOODS & LIQUIDS



CLOTHING



STYROFOAM



CERAMICS & DISHWARE



BE CART SMART!

Here is a guide to help you learn what belongs in your blue cart. Find out when your collection week is through our website. Start making a difference today!

PAPER



Mixed paper
Phonebooks
Junk mail
Paper bags
Food boxes
Paper egg cartons
Paper towel rolls
Newspapers & inserts
Magazines & catalogs
Flattened cardboard boxes
Cartons: milk, juice, soup

PLASTIC



Beverage bottles & jugs
Food tubs & containers
Soap, shampoo & conditioner bottles
Detergent & softener jugs

METAL



Aluminum & tin cans
Empty aerosol cans

GLASS



Bottles & jugs
Mixed colors

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ALTERNATIVES

While these materials are NOT accepted curbside, there are alternative solutions to keep them out of the landfill. Visit our website for full details.



PLASTIC BAGS: Plastic bags are recyclable, but not curbside. Check with your city's retail stores if they accept returned plastic bags.



ELECTRONICS: Computers, TV's, monitors, cell phones and many other electronics are accepted in our recycling program. For a full list of accepted materials and instructions on how to recycle them, please visit our website.



USED COOKING OIL: Used cooking oil and grease can be recycled and turned into a valuable biofuel. Please visit our website for drop-off locations.



CLOTHING: Many charities accept clothing donations.



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LEAVE IT OUT,**

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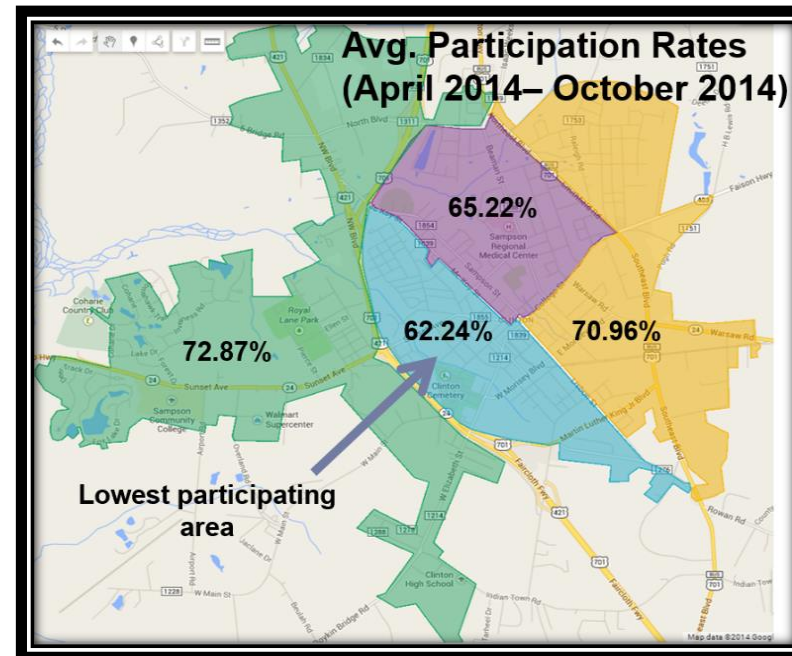
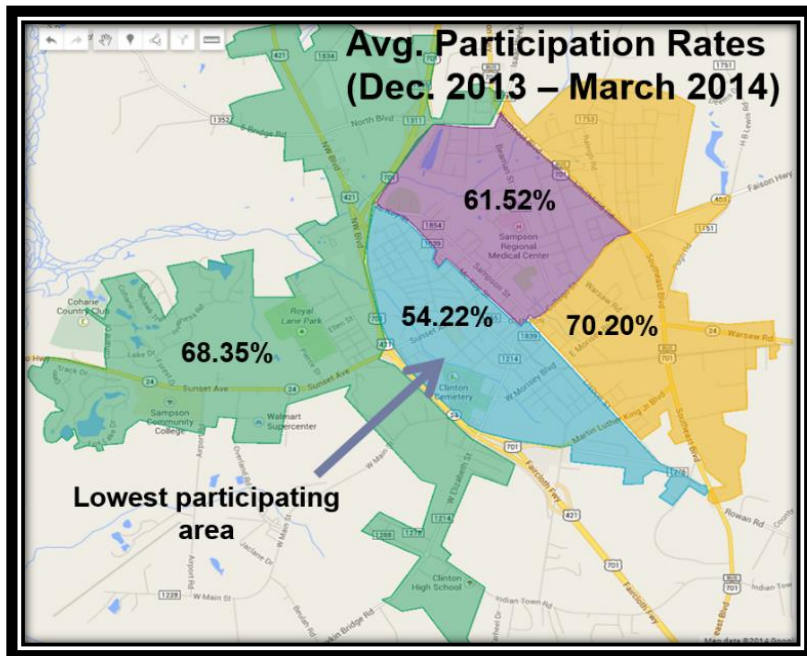
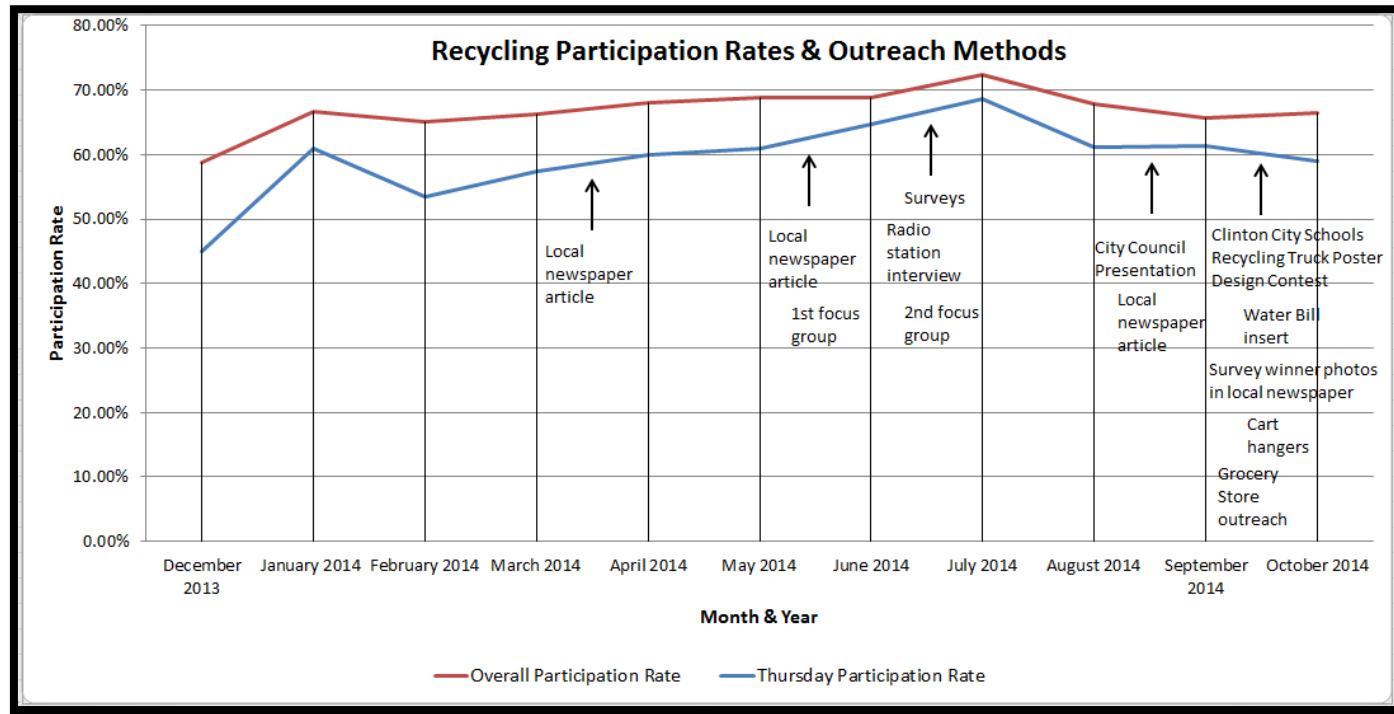
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- Styrofoam
- Clothes
- Food & liquids
- Ceramic & dishware
- Books
- Hazardous waste
- Electronics
- Plastic cups & trays
- Hoses

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CARY, NC CONFRONTS CONTAMINATION

Cary Begins Recycling Survey to Help Citizens Curb Contamination

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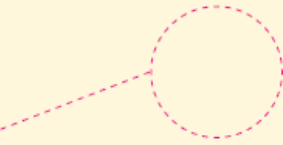
Crews to touch every curbside recycling cart now through September

CARY, NC – Don't call 'em snoopers or looky loos – now through September, Town of Cary recycling crews will be individually surveying recycling carts as they look for and filter out popular contaminants in an effort to reduce Cary's recycling contamination while simultaneously educating curbside customers. Beginning with Tuesday, July 14's blue week service, a three-person crew will manually dump recycling carts; large contaminants, like bubble wrap, plastic bags, bagged recycling, and pizza boxes will be left in the cart along with educational information on the proper ways to participate in the Cary Recycles program. It will take roughly 12 weeks to survey every recycling cart one time in Cary. In 2015, the Town's recycling contamination, or "residue," rate was 9.87 percent, which mirrors the state's average municipal rate for single-stream recycling but is well above Cary's goal of five percent.

"Thanks to citizen support, our curbside recycling program has grown so much over the years. However, when we collect a contaminated cart we risk having the entire truckload of recyclables sent to the landfill, which is something we know nobody wants to happen. This survey is a check-in to ensure our collective efforts don't go to waste," said Scott Hecht, Public Works Director. "By adhering to the Cary Recycles program, we all can recycle more by doing less, keeping the program cost-effective and efficient." For the best result, Hecht asked that recyclers remember to keep it loose in the cart: reduce contamination by keeping plastic bags and bagged recyclables out of your cart and only tossing in accepted items.

Implemented in 1989, Cary's recycling program is just one example of how the Town works to lead the state in preserving and protecting natural resources. In Fiscal Year 2014, Cary residents helped to divert over 50 percent of waste from the landfill with about 30 percent coming from recycling. The Town holds year-round workshops and special events focused on recycling, including biannual litter sweeps, Earth Day, Reuse Rodeo and America Recycles Day. Cary Recycles is open to all Town of Cary solid waste customers and individually owned multi-family complexes; an estimated 79 percent of customers participate in the Town's curbside recycling program. This is the first Town-wide recycling survey.

For a comprehensive list of the more than two dozen items accepted at the curb in Cary, and for tips for proper recycling, search "Curbside Recycling" at www.townofcary.org or call (919) 469-4090.


Date: _____

NO, THANKS!

We appreciate your efforts to recycle; unfortunately, today our crews noticed your recycling was not properly prepared and/or contained the unaccepted item(s) noted below:

- Item(s) contained in bags
- Plastic bags, plastic wrap, plastic film
- Other incorrect plastic(s)
- Pizza boxes
- Trash/food waste
- Yard waste
- Other unaccepted item(s) – household hazardous waste, building material, Styrofoam™. **See back for a list of items accepted in your recycling cart.**

Including any unaccepted items in your cart could mean that the entire truck's worth of recyclables has to be dumped into the landfill instead of recycled, something we know no one wants to see happen.

Please prepare your recycling correctly for future collection.

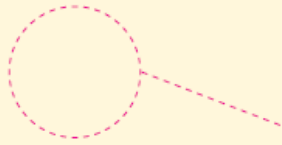
- Collection was provided today and items were correctly disposed, however this may not be possible in future.
- Collection was provided today however unaccepted items were left in the cart so that you can dispose of them properly.

YES, PLEASE!

Together we can reduce contamination and maintain an efficient recycling program.

- Keep it loose in the cart; do not bag items.
- Put plastic bags in the trash, reuse or return to your local grocery store for recycling.
- Keep trash and yard waste out of your recycling cart.
- Only recycle items accepted in our Cary Recycles program; search "Recycling" at www.townofcary.org for details on all of our recycling services.

Questions? Call (919) 469-4090.
TOWN of CARY



ACCEPTED IN YOUR CART

Plastics

- Bottles (neck smaller than body) and tubs #1 - 7
- Lids (placed back on bottle, tub or jar)

Specific Rigid Plastics Labeled #2 HDPE

- Laundry baskets
- Lawn furniture
- 5-gallon buckets
- Storage containers and lids
- Soda crates
- Garbage cans/cart
- 18-gallon recycling bins

If your #2 rigid plastic on this list will not fit in your cart, please call (919) 469-4090 for a free, special collection.

Paper

- White and color paper/cardstock/manila
- Newspaper/inserts, magazines/catalogs
- Mail including envelopes with windows and postcards
- Non-foil gift wrap and wrapping tissue
- Greeting cards with no electronic devices
- Telephone books
- Shredded paper that is contained in a clear plastic bag that is tied closed

Metal

- Aluminum cans, foil and pie pans
- Tin/Steel food cans
- Lids (placed back on bottle, tub or jar)
- Pots, pans and lids

Chipboard & SBS/White Paperboard

- Paper towel rolls
- Cereal-type boxes and other paperboard packaging
- Egg cartons (only paperboard, not Styrofoam™)
- Cup holder trays (only paperboard, not Styrofoam™)

Corrugated Cardboard

- Boxes
- Packing paper okay. Properly dispose of all other packing material.
- Flatten and/or cut to ensure that it fits in the cart/bin.

If you have more cardboard than will fit in your cart/bin, call (919) 469-4090 to schedule a free, cardboard collection.

Glass

- Bottles and Jars

Gable Top Cartons & Aseptic Packaging

- Milk and juice cartons
- Drink and soup boxes

Remember to rinse containers and put lids back on so they, too, will be recycled.



RECYCLE MORE DOWNLOADABLES



DON'T TRASH RECYCLING, IT'S EXPENSIVE!

To increase recycling's value and decrease environmental costs, keep these **CONTAMINATORS OUT!**

- NO PLASTIC BAGS**
Plastic bags tangle up and shut down recycling equipment at the processing facilities. Don't bag your recyclables, keep them loose and free! Take clean and dry plastic bags back to grocery stores for recycling.
- CLEAN, DRY & EMPTY**
Food, liquids and trash do not belong in your recycling carts and can ruin the good stuff. Drain bottles then replace the caps and don't recycle containers that have food or liquid left in them.
- NO TANGLERS**
Electronic cords, hoses and even wire hangers are not meant for commingled recycling- they tangle things up. While some of these materials may be recyclable through separate collections, they do not belong with your bottles, cans and paper.

[Find out more](#)

Click here to insert your contact information

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REDUCE YOUR SINGLE USE

The following single-use items are **NOT RECYCLABLE** through local programs. Try to find reusable alternatives and reduce your use!



- PLASTIC LIDS AND STRAWS**
- PLASTIC SOLO CUPS**
- PLASTIC UTENSILS**
- SNACK AND CONDIMENT BAGS**
- STYROFOAM TRAYS AND CUPS**
- NAPKINS AND PAPER TOWELS**

It's best to reduce usage of all single-use packaging. However, when you find yourself with a plastic bottle or bag, please recycle! Bottles are easily recycled curbside and plastic bags should be brought back to retail/grocery stores that accept them. Remember that plastic bags should not be placed in the curbside bin and to not bag your recyclables- keep them loose and free.

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YES	NO
SOAP & SHAMPOO BOTTLES 	HOUSEHOLD TRASH 
PHONE BOOKS 	PLASTIC BAGS 
MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS & INSERTS 	FOODS & LIQUIDS 
ENVELOPES 	CLOTHING 
DETERGENT BOTTLES 	STYROFOAM 
PAPER ROLLS 	CERAMICS & DISHWARE 
	

REMEMBER: DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!

BEYOND CURBSIDE

Remember your *Away From Home* recycling too!

Only ask for the materials that are there, nothing more.

Use labels and pick the right containers/lids to prevent contamination.



LET'S GET STARTED

1. Have you called your MRF today?
2. Talk to your neighbors about regional efforts.
3. Adopt more effective outreach materials.
4. Invest a little time in evaluating your community.
5. Tackle contamination one thing at a time-

Start with BAGS!

RECYCLE
clean & dry
plastic film packaging,
bags & wraps
HERE

NOT in Curbside Recycling

Produce Bags, Plastic Shipping Envelopes, Bread Bags, Dry Cleaning Bags, Case Wrap, Air Pillows, Newspaper Bags, Food Storage Bags, Product Overwrap, Bubble Wrap

and Carryout Bags
Also look for any packaging with this How2Recycle label

NO candy bar wrappers, chip bags, six-pack rings or degradable bags

PlasticFilmRecycling.org

Recycle if Clean & Dry
Store Drop-off
PLASTIC
BAGS / FILM / WRAP
how2recycle.info

Please...
Don't Bag your Recyclables.
Let your recyclables loose and free!

Thank you for keeping plastic bags
OUT of the carts,
bins and
drop-offs.

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