



What Doesn't go in Recycling Matters

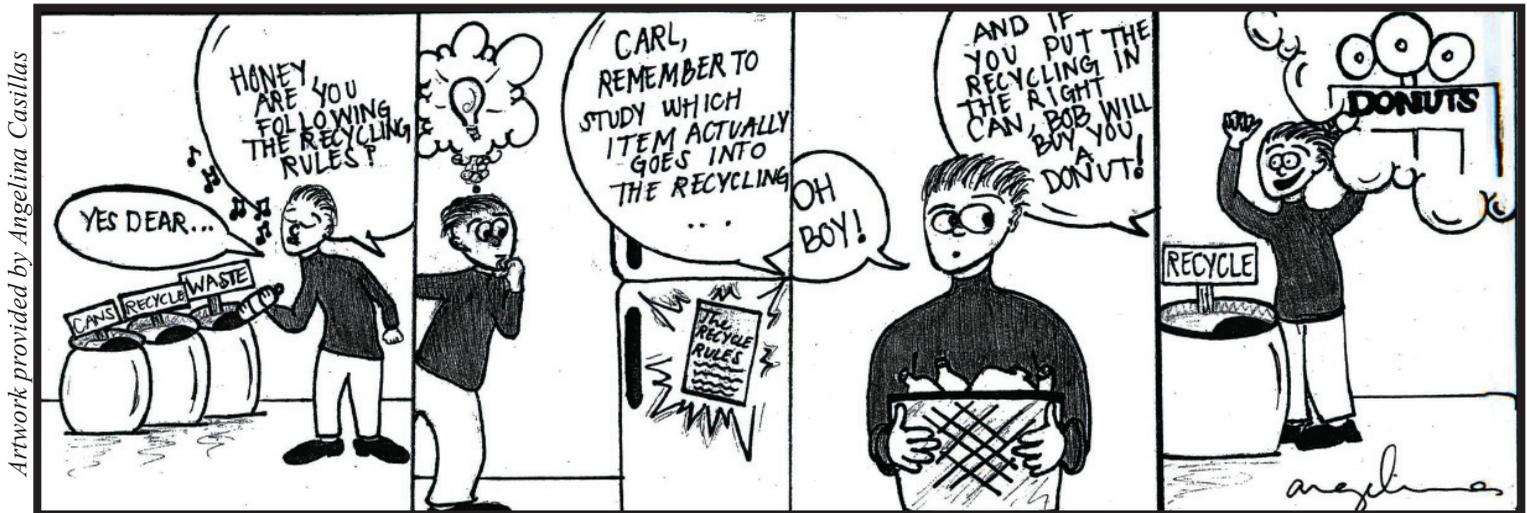
Throwing non-recyclable items in recycling is just as bad as throwing recyclable items in the trash. Everyone has been doing a great job of separating their recyclable materials into their carts, even though sometimes it can be confusing. For example, not all plastics are recyclable; only narrow neck plastic bottles and tubs (such as yogurt, margarine and cottage cheese) with the triangle arrows symbol with numbers 1-7 should be placed in the recycling cart. Unmarked plastics, like packaging on new products, that are not described above, are not recyclable and should be placed in the trash cart. A good adage is "If in doubt, leave it out" because missing one recyclable would be better than contaminating an entire load

of recyclable materials. It is important to understand that when items that are not recyclable get placed in the recycling cart it can contaminate the entire load of recyclable materials.

There is an excellent resource, the PGS "How-To" Brochure, that outlines what can and cannot be placed in the carts, visit: http://pleasantongarbage.com/services_res.html. Also, see our summary below under "We want our service to be the best, and you can help" for a summary.

We appreciate all your efforts to properly separate out your recyclables and thank you for your cooperation.

Everyone Needs To Follow The Recycling Rules. But Only Carl Gets The Donut!



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We want our service to be the best, and you can help

Please place your cart at the curb edge with **at least 3 feet of clearance** from other objects, including other carts, basketball hoops and motor vehicles. Make sure your cart lid is down completely. Thank you for helping us provide you with the best possible service. Together we can keep our neighborhoods safe and clean.

Please, no dirt, rocks, batteries, fluorescent lights, sharps or overloading - lids must be closed to prevent spills.



Recycling Cart Acceptable List Paper, cardboard, aluminum containers and foil, steel or tin cans, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and tubs (such as yogurt, margarine and cottage cheese, numbers ♻️ through ♻️).

Recycling Cart Non-Acceptable List Waxed paper containers, plastic bags, foam packaging, paper towels & napkins, food soiled paper & cardboard, aerosol cans and diapers.

Greenwaste Cart Acceptable List Grass and weed clippings, shrubs and tree prunings (less than 4" in diameter), leaves, plants and flowers, food scraps and food soiled paper products.

Greenwaste Cart Non-Acceptable List No household garbage, no plastic bags, **no dirt or rocks**, no overloading - lid must be closed to prevent spills.

We Have Earned an Award!

The textile recycling program has been very well accepted and you, our customers are responsible for earning this award.

USAgain has awarded Pleasanton Garbage Service with a "Certificate of Sustainability" for recycling 2,826 pounds of textiles in 2014 with the following environmental impacts:

- **Water:** Saved enough water to supply 27 homes for a year.
- **Carbon Emissions:** prevented carbon emissions equivalent to a car driving 24,094 miles.
- **Landfill Waste:** avoided 17 cubic yards of landfill waste.

We are excited because, while these numbers are modest, you accomplished this in just a few months from October to

December last year. Imagine what our numbers will look like for the entire year of 2015! This is one of the most exciting new additions to our recycling efforts that adds to our continuing goal of reducing trash that goes to our landfill.

If you have not had the opportunity to participate yet, think about this program when you do your spring cleaning and separate out your textiles from your trash and feed the USAgain bins at the transfer station. Oh, and by the way... its Free!



Garbage Truck Safety

Our drivers are the best in the industry and have excellent safety records. They are like artists when it comes to maneuvering their garbage trucks through obstacles on their neighborhood routes. Safety is our number one concern. We would like to share some of their ideas to help keep you and your kids safe.

Be Careful When a Garbage Truck is Near:

- Especially dangerous; *never* walk alongside a garbage truck on the curb as the big arm comes down to grasp a cart. Additionally, if a customer has overfilled their cart to the point that the lid doesn't shut it is possible debris can fall on the street... if it is glass it can shatter. It is important that customers realize the hazards of overstuffed carts.
- Never walk or stand within 50 feet behind a garbage truck, there are blind spots in such a big truck.

- Bicyclists: be very careful when passing a garbage truck, you can appear "out of nowhere" to the driver. Due to the weight of the truck, empty or loaded, it takes 3 to 5 seconds to stop not counting the driver's reaction time.

Please discuss all the garbage truck safety rules above with your children. Especially, what the loud beeping noise is that a heavy piece of equipment makes when it backs up. Explain that a child can easily fit into a blind spot to the driver, so *never* get too close to the back of any big equipment.



PLEASE DETACH HERE AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT.



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One stamp will be given for each 25 lbs. of recyclable material presented at the Buy Back Center. A total of 75 lbs. (3 stamps) of recyclable material must be presented during any given quarter to receive a credit. If you have an automated 96 gallon service, your quarterly credit will be \$3.51. If you have an automated 35 gallon service, your quarterly credit will be \$2.22.

To ensure proper credit, please fill out the information below:

Account Number: _____

Your Name: _____

Service Address: _____