



RECYCLEWISE IN SURPRISE

THE CITY OF SURPRISE OFFERS CURBSIDE RECYCLING FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, BUT IF YOU DON'T RECYCLE THE PROPER ITEMS YOU CAN MISTAKENLY RUIN AN ENTIRE LOAD OF RECYCLABLES.

By being a wise recycler, you not only help the environment, you help yourself!

Why? Surprise receives money for the recyclables it collects – as long as there isn't a high level of contamination. The money we earn on recyclables helps stabilize your collection rates!

The Process



YOU RECYCLE

THE CITY COLLECTS



WASTE MANAGEMENT PROCESSES YOUR RECYCLABLES

Uncontaminated recyclables get weighed and recycled

The City earns money

The money helps stabilize your trash collection rates

Contaminated recyclables get tossed and your efforts go to waste (literally!)

The City doesn't earn money

There are fewer funds helping to stabilize your trash collection rates

The Payoff

Check out the recycling revenue you helped to earn each of the past five fiscal years.

FY 11	\$144,000
FY 12	\$151,340
FY 13	\$152,880
FY 14	\$165,320
FY 15	\$178,000

How you can help

In a recent audit, Waste Management found that our city recyclables exceeded the allowed threshold for contaminants. Contamination is measured by weight, not volume. That means just ONE unacceptable heavy item in the recycle bin, like a bowling ball, can push us past our allowed rate of contamination!

However, even light weight contaminants add up.

HERE ARE SOME OF OUR WORST OFFENDERS:

Plastic Bags (shopping and trash bags)

Plastic Wrap

Food

Styrofoam

Alice

I FREED THE RECYCLABLES FROM THE BAG... YOU'RE WELCOME!!

HELP BOOST OUR RECYCLING REVENUES, BY RECYCLING MORE OF THE RIGHT ITEMS!

Remember, we get paid for recycling, but are charged for trash disposal.

RECYCLING DO'S AND DON'T'S

PLEASE DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!

If you do, the whole bag gets tossed into the trash and is weighed as contaminated recycling.

Do Recycle



Glass

Excluding glass cookware, construction glass, mirrors and car windshields.



Paper

Place shredded paper in a clear plastic bag.



Cardboard

Remove plastic inserts from cereal boxes.



Aluminum Food & Beverage Cans



Empty Aerosol Cans



Plastics

Any plastic container labeled #1- #7

Don't Recycle



Styrofoam

That includes egg cartons, packing material and peanuts.



Garbage

Such as diapers, air or furnace filters, pet waste, food, garden hoses



Plastic Bags - Plastic Wrap



Yard Waste

Such as grass, rocks, leaves, branches



Clothing-Shoes



Other

Such as automotive parts, car tires, batteries, appliances or electronics

DON'T HAVE CURBSIDE RECYCLING? Use one of our drop-off locations:

AZ TechCelerator
12425 W. Bell Road

Fire Station 302
18600 N. Reems Road

DreamCatcher Park
14534 W. Tierra Buena Lane

Public Works Yard
13430 W. Westgate Drive

For more info on how to **Recycle Wise in Surprise**, visit www.surpriseaz.gov/recycle or call 623.222.6000.



Don't forget!

The same recycling do's and don'ts apply to the big bins.