

SAN JUAN COUNTY

COMMINGLED RECYCLING GUIDELINES

PLEASE clean all items and flatten, if possible. Empty recyclables out of bags and boxes into the recycling drop boxes; REUSE bags and boxes!

Recycle These Clean Items Together:

- Mail (including window envelopes)
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Phone books and paperback books
- Cardboard
- Office paper
- Paper food boxes and egg cartons
- Paper grocery bags
- Paper cups (clean and empty)
- Paper milk and juice cartons
- Juice and soy milk boxes
- Frozen food boxes
- Plastic bottles, jugs, and dairy containers (labels OK, no lids, caps, dome tops or straws)
- Glass bottles, jars (all colors, no caps or lids)
- Aluminum and "tin" cans
- EMPTY aerosol cans

Recycle separately (Lopez & Orcas ONLY):

- Scrap metal (fee: \$0.083/lb, \$166/ton)

RECYCLE vehicle batteries, uncontaminated antifreeze and motor oil at your island's solid waste facility during open hours.

*REDUCING Waste is Even Better Than Recycling!
Before you buy, use or discard an item, ask yourself:
Reduce: Do I really need this? Can I buy this with less packaging?
Reuse: Can I or someone else use this again?
Recycle: Can I recycle this after I use it?
Buy Recycled: Can I purchase this item with recycled content (to stimulate recycling market)?*

NOT Recyclable:

- ✓ Food residue; food-soiled paper (add to compost or worm bin)
- ✓ Shredded paper (add to compost)
- ✓ Paper towels, plates, napkins, tissues
- ✓ Plastic bags (reuse or recycle at retail stores)
- ✓ Prescription vials
- ✓ Plastic food trays, plates, cups, utensils, take-out containers
- ✓ Styrofoam cups, plates, trays, take-out containers
- ✓ Styrofoam packaging and peanuts (reuse or take to mailing house)
- ✓ Styrofoam forms and dock material
- ✓ Bubble, shrink and food wrap
- ✓ Aluminum foil and trays
- ✓ Needles and syringes (speak to site attendant for special handling)
- ✓ Nursery pots and flats
- ✓ Disposable diapers
- ✓ Cloth and rags
- ✓ Construction & demolition materials
- ✓ Ceramics and dishes
- ✓ Mirrors and window glass
- ✓ Incandescent bulbs
- ✓ Household batteries
- ✓ Toxic containers (oil, antifreeze, pesticides, paints, etc.)
- ✓ Propane bottles
- ✓ Gas cans and tanks

COVER ALL LOADS SECURELY TO PREVENT LITTERING AND TO AVOID A SURCHARGE!

San Juan County Solid Waste: 360-370-0503