New Recycle Guidelines

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Effective July 1, 2018, Penn Waste is implementing **new recycle guidelines**. The new recycle guidelines are a result of the current recycling crisis created by China. Back in the fall, the largest buyer of recyclable material in the world, **China, set unachievable contamination limits**on the recyclable material they receive resulting in the **recycling markets crashing**. Previously, bales were allowed to have around 5% contamination in them which equates to 92lbs of contamination in a 1,850lb paper bale . At the beginning of 2018, China imposed a 0.5% contamination limit on imported recyclables from any country which equates to only 9lbs of contamination in a 1,850lb bale of paper. This is an **impossible** level of contamination for recycling companies to achieve.

Subsequently, Penn Waste has taken a **“Back to Basics”** approach in an attempt to try and meet the new contamination limits.  Please see below for our new recycle guidelines.

**If it is not listed below, do not place it in your recycle bin.**

