

Date: September 14, 2020

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From:  Eric Lopez, Director of Public Works

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Updates to Residential Curbside Recycling Materials Collection**

The Public Works Department, Environmental Services Bureau (ESB) just announced updates to the City's curbside recycling program. The updates to the types of materials that can be recycled are necessary due to global changes within the recycling processing industry, largely in response to the implementation of China's National Sword Policy. This policy has resulted in a significant decline in the export of previously recyclable materials and continues to drastically impact the global recycling market.

ESB along with its recycling partners, Potential Industries and Waste Management, conducted a thorough evaluation to determine the most efficient and sustainable way to adapt to these market changes. This evaluation resulted in the modification of collected recyclable materials to reduce contaminants and facilitate recovery of all eligible recyclable goods. This change will also make recycling overall easier for all Long Beach residents.

Effective immediately, the City will only accept the materials outlined in the attached flyer as part of the residential and City-serviced commercial/multi-family recycling program.

Educational outreach efforts and additional information regarding these new recycling program updates will be provided to all Long Beach residents and City-serviced customers immediately. Multilingual information is available at <http://www.longbeach.gov/lbrecycles>. Information will be disseminated through direct mailers, monthly virtual workshops, social media, and the ESB's monthly EcoGuide electronic newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact Diko Melkonian, Environmental Services Bureau Manager/Deputy Director of Public Works, at (562) 570-2856.

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RECYCLE

EMPTY • CLEAN • DRY



YES! **RECYCLE** these items in your purple recycling cart. Place directly into cart. Do not put in plastic bags.

Plastic Bottles, Jugs and Tubs

Bottles: Water, Soda, Juice

Jugs: Laundry Detergent, Milk

Tubs: Margarine, Yogurt, Sour Cream

Lids on!



Metal Cans and Aluminum

Cans: Soda, Soup, Meat, Juice, Vegetable, Pet Food, Aerosol (tip removed)

Aluminum: Trays, Pie Tins, Clean Foil



Paper and Cardboard

Paper: Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs, Brochures, Office, Envelopes

Cardboard/Boxes: Cereal, Shoe, Tissue, Shipping Boxes, Paper Tubes

Flatten Boxes!



Glass Bottles and Jars

Bottles: Wine, Beer, Oil, Soda

Jars: Sauce, Pickle, Preserves



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REFUSE

NO RECYCLABLES



ONLY REFUSE goes in your gray refuse cart. No recyclables or hazardous waste.

Refuse/Trash



Plastic and Plastic-Lined
Cups, Plates, Containers



Plastic Bags, Plastic Wrap,
Snack Bags, Candy Wrappers



Beverage and Food Cartons,
Pouches, Freezer Boxes



Padded Envelopes,
Foam Packaging Material



Plastic and Foam Containers, Utensils, Cups,
Lids, Straws, Compostable Plastics



Diapers, Pet Waste



Hoses, Wires, Cords, Hangers,
Strapping



Ceramics, Broken Glass

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