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Hello all,

I have just received very important information from the City of Eugene regarding [Eugene Area commingled recycling changes](#).

This heavily impacts the waste stream in our district.

Please read and share widely by email and at staff meeting. Every employee in our district needs to be made aware of this information.

We are a large entity and it is important that we continue to recycle and to "recycle right." When in doubt, throw it out.

The attachment is a visual that should be shared and can be printed and placed near recycling areas, or in the least, on building information bulletin boards.

Effective Immediately: Important Changes to Eugene Area Recycling

International market fluctuations are driving changes in the way recycling is processed in our area. Effective [April 9th](#) 2018, the waste haulers that serve customers within the City of Eugene will begin only accepting a redefined list of items for recycling.

Many commonly recycled items will still be accepted. Please continue to place the following items in commingled recycling bins:

- o Newspaper, ads and inserts, direct mail, magazines, and catalogues
- o Flattened cardboard boxes
- o Cereal, cracker, and shoe boxes (chipboard)(not refrigerated or frozen boxes!)
- o Office paper
- o Paperboard/cardboard egg-cartons
- o Steel and aluminum cans (no lids)

Certain plastic bottles and jugs will still be accepted: soda bottles, water bottles, milk jugs, and juice bottles (no lids...and remember the Oregon Bottle Bill: soda, water and most juice bottles are returnable for 10 cents each!)

Items that will no longer be accepted in our recycling stream:

- Plastic tubs
- Any plastic item that isn't a bottle or jug
- Aseptic containers (such as for milk cartons, or shelf stable soy milk)
- Shredded paper

Contamination reduces the economy and effectiveness of our recycling system. Plastic bags, take-out food containers, plant pots, and lids of any kind should never be placed in commingled recycling bins. Any items that are not clearly recyclable should be put in the trash—when in doubt, throw it out.

Sanipac, our hauler, will begin educating customers and implementing the new changes starting [April 9th](#). These necessary changes to our recycling stream will require updating information on program materials, websites and other communication platforms. Please see the attached flyer and share information about these important changes to the staff that you work with.

Thank you and I welcome your questions.

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There is no life without water."
-Albert Szent-Gyorgyi

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