

# Are Your Carts Clear of Contamination?

If not, you could be subject to a contamination surcharge.



RECYCLING AND GREEN WASTE CART  
CONTAMINATION SURCHARGE:

**\$10.00** PER CART



Stay clear of contamination charges, look inside for tips to recycle right.



# Keep a Lid on it!

**Avoid an overage charge. Materials must fit inside a container with the lid shut for regular service.**

Eliminating excess materials in containers helps:

- Minimize Service Delays
- Decrease Litter
- Prevent Animal Hazards
- Reduce Equipment Failure
- Eliminate Safety Risks
- Reduce Truck Fires



**If you regularly have excess materials, we're here to help you put a lid on overages.  
Call Customer Service at 800-xxx-xxx to help you right-size your service.**



# Don't Let Your Recycling Efforts Go to Waste.

Today's material processors have strict standards; they won't accept contaminated loads. Contaminants can result in an entire load of recyclables or organics being landfilled. This drives up collection and disposal costs for everyone. Contamination surcharges were approved to defray these costs and motivate behavior change. When you recycle right, you avoid contamination surcharges and help our community to be green.

**SEE BELOW FOR TIPS ON AVOIDING RECYCLING CONTAMINATION**



**Only place allowable materials in your recycling and green waste containers.**  
*Only materials free of contaminants are recyclable.*



Recycle only empty hard plastic bottles/containers, glass jars/bottles, and clean paper and cardboard. Keep lid closed to avoid paper getting wet.



No plastic bags. Place recyclables directly into your container.



Keep food and liquids out of the recycling.



Collect only yard trimmings and where permitted, food and food-soiled paper.



No plastic bags. Place recyclables directly into your container.



No plastic, glass, metal, treated wood, hazardous or pet waste.

**Visit [sacramentovalley.wm.com](http://sacramentovalley.wm.com) for recycling tips and more information.**