

Dear Orange County Resident,

A 'recycle right' sticker was applied to your cart as part of the new 'Recycling Stars Program' from the Orange County Solid Waste Department. Over the next several months, residential recycling carts will be inspected by solid waste staff in an effort to improve the quality and quantity of materials recycled. Carts with no contamination will receive a star sticker. Households that receive two star stickers in a row will be entered in a raffle to win a prize. The prizes include a \$50 gift certificate to a local farmer's market, a \$50 VISA gift card or an Earth Machine backyard composter (\$50 value).



Contamination occurs when unacceptable items are placed in a recycling cart. Contamination is costly and can cause safety issues at recycling facilities. Please check the recycle right flyer (attached) and cart sticker to familiarize yourself with the County's recycling guidelines. **Plastic bags are NOT allowed in your recycling cart.**



Carts with contamination will receive an "oops" tag and will **NOT** be collected during that collection cycle. Residents are responsible for removing **all** contamination from the cart. The cart will be collected in the next collection cycle provided there is **no contamination**. For more information, visit orangecountync.gov/RecyclingStars.

It is important to note that just because an item has a recycling symbol on it or says it is recyclable, it may not be true. If you are unsure if something can be recycled, please contact the Solid Waste office for guidance. Alternatively, when in doubt, keep it out of your recycling.

To help with recycling information, an app called 'OCNC Recycles' is being developed and will be available to download free in the app store & Google play store in the coming weeks. Please subscribe to the monthly e-newsletter via our website and follow us on social media for further updates.

We appreciate your participation in the County recycling program and effort to recycle right!

Sincerely,
Orange County Solid Waste Staff

