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FULL LOAD OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL CONTAMINATED

Result – Materials Disposed of in Landfill

Recently a full load of collected curbside recyclable material was contaminated due to dirt, dog feces and grass being put into a residential recycle cart that was set out for collection. This negligence contaminated 4.52 tons of recyclables and cost the City of Pocatello \$126.56 in landfill fees to dispose of the load properly.

Citizens are asked to put only accepted recycling materials in the blue, residential curbside carts. Please **do not put** grass, dirt, weeds, branches, blankets, towels, clothes, Styrofoam, glass or any type of plastic bag in recycle carts. These items are contaminants, and if they are put in the blue recycle carts, it will result in the City disposing of the entire load at the landfill.

Sanitation Department personnel will be diligently checking recycle carts throughout the city to ensure only accepted materials are being put into carts. Recycle carts may be removed if residents are found to be abusing the system by placing unacceptable items in the recycle carts.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding items that can or cannot be recycled in your recycle cart, please contact the Sanitation Department at 234-6193.

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