



March 2022 Community Newsletter



Magna Recycling Spotlight

The largest contaminant in the District is plastic packaging. Items such as bubble wrap, Styrofoam, padded envelopes and plastic wrap are not recyclable in our curbside bins. One way we can look to improve recycling in the District is by reducing the amount of flimsy plastic that is placed in our curbside recycling bins. Remember, if it is plastic and you can ball it up in your fist, it is garbage!

What is recycling contamination? Every day we collect your recyclables and drop them off at a sorting facility here locally. However, nearly 25% of the material in the blue recycling bins we collect are trash. Trash in our curbside bins like garbage bags, packaging plastics, wire and food are recycling contamination!

Recycling contamination affects the recycling process in multiple ways. One way contamination negatively affects the process is when these contaminants jam the sorting machines, causing a huge delay. Recycling contamination also happens when trash ruins good recyclables during the sorting process. For example, food or liquid that ends up in the sorting process will contaminate otherwise clean materials, causing them to no longer be recyclable making them trash.

2022 Driver of the Year

Congratulations to Chuck Orencole on winning the National Waste & Recycling Association's 2022 Driver of the Year award for the Public Sector. The award is presented to the driver that exemplifies safe and responsible operations, has outstanding performance records and whose contributions have enhanced the overall safety and image of the solid waste industry.

Chuck has been an operator with Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District since July 2011. The District has been competing in this national competition since 2011, and since that time, we have had six driver of the year award winners and four runner up winners, with Chuck being the sixth. We are so proud of Chuck! The National Waste & Recycling Association will present the award May 10th at the Waste Expo in Las Vegas, Nevada.

