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To all Orange County Licensed Solid Waste Haulers:

Please be advised that per Local Law No. 2 of 1989, solid waste generators are required by law to source separate recyclable commodities from refuse. In order for source separation of recyclables to be effective in providing materials ready for markets, there must be minimal contaminants in the recycling streams. A major source of contamination are plastic bags and bagged recyclables. While well intentioned, bagged recyclables cause problems at the materials recovery facilities downstream and the materials inside the bags are never recovered.

Please ensure that all solid waste generators in your service area are aware that plastic bags are not accepted, and the bagging of recyclable materials is not an effective practice to ensure the recycling of curbside recyclable materials. All recyclable materials are to be deposited loosely into the containers.

Attached you will find our "Do One Thing" postcard on bagged recyclables, as well as a flyer containing a full list of accepted materials in Orange County's Single Stream Recycling.

For additional questions, please use the new Recycle Coach app at <https://www.orangecountygov.com/efs> or feel free to reach out to Orange County Recycling Coordinator, Ermin Siljkovic, at (845) 291-3246 or esiljkovic@orangecountygov.com.

Sincerely,

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