



## Less than half of the recyclables in U.S. homes gets recycled. We can do better.

That's why the City of Lorain has entered into an educational partnership with Republic Services, The Recycling Partnership, The Lorain County Commissioners and Ohio EPA to participate in a recycling-cart tagging program that will result in better recycling practices in our City. Ultimately, better recycling practices help keep the cost of recycling down which in return will help keep our landfills from reaching maximum capacity too soon and minimizes the necessity to raise garbage collection rates in our community.



*Here's how the program will work:*

Every household in Lorain that utilizes a Republic Services recycling container will have their recycle can inspected for proper recycling practices 4 weeks in a row sometime this summer. Anyone that has a can that is deemed to have excessive recycling mistakes will first have a WARNING TAG that will be attached to the recycling can explaining that they have recycled incorrectly and will get an OOPS TAG in subsequent weeks if they continue to have excessive recycling mistakes. Anyone that has received an OOPS TAG after receiving a WARNING TAG will not have the contents of the recycle container collected by Republic Services. In the following weeks, the resident will need to correct the mistakes if the contents are to be collected by Republic.

The intent of the TAGGING PROGRAM is to grab people's attention to proper recycling practices. Improper recycling can result in contamination of the entire recycling truckload and could cause delays and shutdowns of Republic's recycling process, damage the sorting equipment or even injure workers. **Decreased production and increased operational costs can ultimately cause your utility bills to go up.**

**OOPS!**  
PLEASE LEAVE THESE ITEMS OUT!  
*Articulos inaceptables!*

- No Non-Slag Recyclables
- No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap
- No Textiles
- No Yard Waste
- No Scrap Metal
- No Stumps
- No Bricks
- No Appliances

CORRECT THIS AND WE WILL COLLECT NEXT TIME.

cityoflorain/182/garbage-waste-information  
Questions about your curbside recycling service?  
2-1-1

**Please do your part to recycle smart.**  
Turn this letter over to learn about the right items to recycle in your cart, and thank you for participating.

NO PLASTIC BAGS IN THE RECYCLING CART

**DO NOT BAG**  
Recyclables

Collecting recyclables in a bag? Empty the contents into the cart.

Return plastic bags to retailers.

TO LEARN MORE, call **2-1-1** or visit  
**cityoflorain.org/182/Garbage-Waste-Information**





# RECYCLE

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:

*Reciclables Acceptables:*

**Cans**  
Latats de Metal



**Aluminum and Steel Cans**  
empty and rinse

**Glass**  
Vidrio



**Bottles and Jars**  
empty and rinse

**Cartons**  
Cartón



**Food and Beverage Cartons**  
empty and rinse

**Paper**  
Papal



**Cereal Boxes, Newspaper, Magazines, Mail, Flattened Cardboard and Paper Tubes**

**Plastic**  
Plástico



**Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Jugs**  
empty and rinse  
*Jarras / Botellas de Plásticos*

**NO!**  
*Articulos Inacceptables:*



**Do Not Bag Recyclables**  
(no garbage)



**No Plastic Bags or Plastic Wrap**  
(return to retailer)  
*No Bolsas de Plástico*



**No Yard Waste**  
*No Desechos de Jardín*



**No Textiles**  
*No Ropa*



**No Scrap Metal**  
*No Chatarra*

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