

## Recycle Right with Q&A

Thank you for joining us, we will  
reappear momentarily.



# Panelists and Agenda

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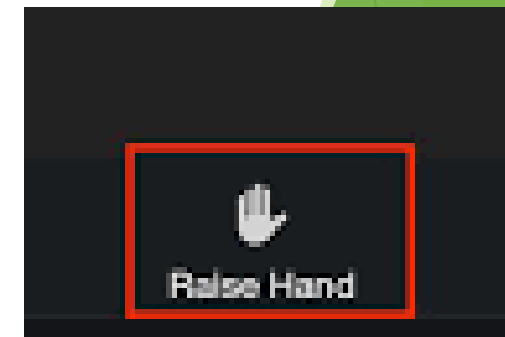
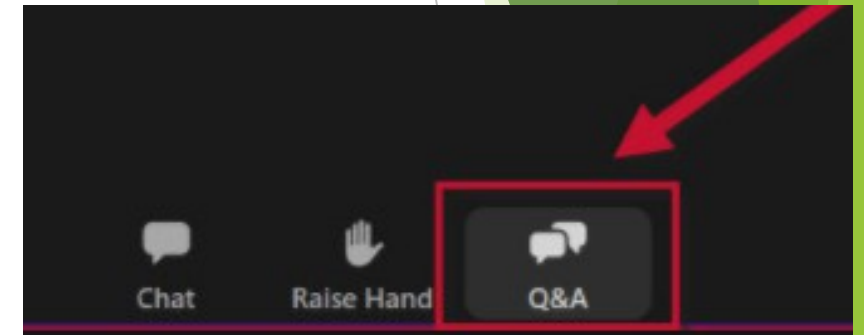
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- ▶ JT Douglas, Conservation Program Coordinator
- ▶ Brandi Neal, Business Program Development Officer

## ▶ Agenda

- ▶ Introductions
- ▶ Virtual Community Reminders
- ▶ Meeting Presentation
- ▶ Questions and Feedback

# Virtual Community Reminders

- ▶ All attendees are muted
- ▶ All attendees videos are disabled
- ▶ Short presentation by staff
- ▶ Questions
  - ▶ Q&A - Questions will be answered at the end of the presentation in the order they are received, and will only display in the Q&A after they are answered
  - ▶ Select “Raise Hand” to request to speak -For people wishing to verbally ask a question, those questions will be answered at the end of the presentation. If you raise your hand, the presenter will call your name and you will need to unmute after you have been called on to ask your question
- ▶ Presentation will be available at [www.cityofdenton.com/virtualcommunitymeeting](http://www.cityofdenton.com/virtualcommunitymeeting)



# What is Recycling?

- ▶ Recycling is defined as the process of converting waste materials into new materials and objects

# Why is Recycling important?

- ▶ Reduces landfilling, conserves landfill space
- ▶ Conserves resources
- ▶ Saves energy
- ▶ Creates job

# What is contamination?

- Any item that is non-programmatic and can affect other recyclables that it is grouped with
  - Liquids, grease, Styrofoam, donation items
- Recyclables that have been contaminated can no longer be processed, and instead pose a further risk to other recyclables. This can mean that entire bins of valuable recycling can be diverted to the landfill.

# What can contamination do?

- ▶ Degrade quality
- ▶ Contaminate other recyclables
- ▶ Safety concern
  - ▶ Cause Fires
  - ▶ Harm employees
  - ▶ Damage machinery



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What is NOT accepted in Denton's recycling program?



# Plastic Bags & Plastic Film



[how2recycle.info](http://how2recycle.info)

Look for this label  
on film products  
like these:

## Recycle clean, dry plastic bags and film packaging



Air Pillows



Grocery & Retail Bags  
labeled #2 (HDPE) or #4 (LLDPE)  
*Tip: Store in plastic bag until  
next trip to the store*



Case Wrap



Newspaper Bags



Bread Bags  
(with crumbs shaken out)



Produce Bags



Food Storage Bags



Napkin, Paper Towel,  
Bathroom Tissue and  
Diaper Wrap Packaging

[plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org)

# Bagged Recyclables

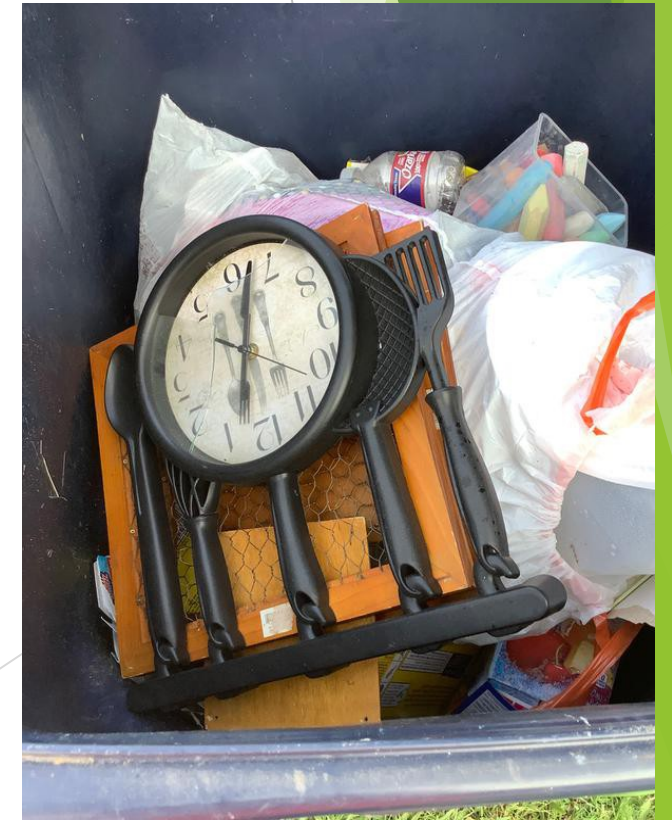


# Tanglers





# Donation Items





# Yard Waste

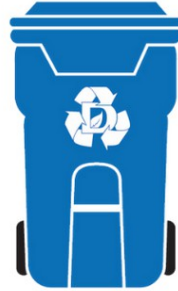


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recycling program?



**Recycle these  
HERE**



**EMPTY, CLEAN,  
DRY & LOOSE**



Plastics #1-7



Mixed Paper



Cartons



Aluminum & Steel  
Cans



Cardboard



Glass Bottles  
& Jars

**Trash these HERE**

**BAG ALL ITEMS BEFORE PLACING IN TRASH**



Soiled Food  
Containers



Styrofoam



Food



# EMPTY, CLEAN, DRY & LOOSE

Everything you put in the recycle bin must be



**EMPTY**  
Pour out liquid  
and scrape out  
food



**CLEAN**  
Give food  
containers a quick  
rinse



**DRY**  
Shake out  
excess water or  
air dry



# Plastics bottles, tubs, jugs (Cap on)



# Paper/Cardboard





# Can I recycle my PIZZA BOX?

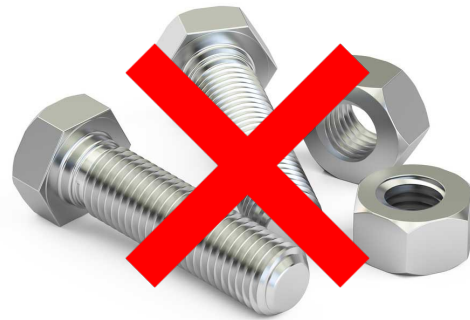


**YES**

\*Remove clean lid for recycling



# Aluminum & Steel Cans



# Glass Bottles & Glass Jars (Cap off)









# Waste Wizard

WASTE WIZARD

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Waste Wizard

  
Need help?

TYPE THE NAME OF A WASTE ITEM AND WE'LL TELL YOU HOW TO RECYCLE  
OR DISPOSE OF IT.

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When in doubt, throw it out





# Cart Tagging



## YOU ARE A RECYCLING STAR!

The City of Denton Solid Waste & Recycling wants you to know that your recycling cart looks great!

Keep up the good work!

We appreciate you recycling right.



## WARNING

WE FOUND SOME CONTAMINANTS IN YOUR CART TODAY. WHILE YOUR CART WILL STILL BE COLLECTED, IT IS IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER WHAT DOES AND DOES NOT GO IN YOUR BLUE CART.

KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT:



STYROFOAM



PLASTIC BAGS  
PLASTIC FILM



SOILED FOOD  
CONTAINERS



SINGLE USE PAPER PRODUCTS  
(NAPKINS, TISSUES, PAPER PLATES)



BAGGED  
RECYCLABLES

### RECYCLE ONLY THE FOLLOWING:



PLASTIC BOTTLES, TUBS & JUGS



ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS



MIXED PAPER



CARTONS



GLASS BOTTLES & JARS



FLATTENED CARDBOARD





## OOPS!

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE IN OUR PROGRAM AND CONTRIBUTE TO RECYCLING CONTAMINATION. PLEASE KEEP THEM OUT OF YOUR BLUE RECYCLING CART.

☐ PLASTIC BAGS  
PLASTIC FILM



☐ SOILED FOOD  
CONTAINERS



☐ CLOTHING OR  
BEDDING



☐ OTHER

☐ STYROFOAM



☐ BAGGED  
RECYCLABLES





☐ YARD WASTE  
OR LUMBER



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