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CITY-WIDE RECYCLING AUDIT PRESS RELEASE

The City of Lowell’s solid waste and recycling contractor, Waste Management, will have an audit completed on city-wide recycling beginning on Monday, January 13, 2020 and continuing through Friday, January 24, 2020. The audit consists of an analysis of a daily sample taken from recycling material collected within neighborhoods. The percentage of non-recyclable items within the sample is calculated. Higher percentages of non-recyclable materials may result in higher recycling fees for the City.

In advance of this audit, the City reminds the community of best recycling practices. In addition to the guidelines listed below, some other non-recyclable items that the City typically finds in recycling bins include styrofoam, coated wrapping paper, toys, wood, lights, bulky items (broom, fake Christmas trees), and shredded paper.

Should you have any questions about recycling, please contact Chris Haley, the Solid Waste/Recycling Coordinator, at 978-674-4309. Additional information is also available www.LowellRecycle.org. We appreciate everyone’s cooperation in this effort.



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KEEP THE DIRTY DOZEN OUT OF YOUR RECYCLING CART.

You have heard the saying, “one bad apple can spoil the bunch.” The same goes for recycling. We need your help to keep the dirty dozen out of the recycling cart.



Go to RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com to learn more.



RECYCLING RULES

1. RECYCLE ALL BOTTLES, CANS AND PAPER
2. KEEP ITEMS CLEAN AND DRY
3. NO PLASTIC BAGS

Always recycle:



Plastic Bottles & Containers
Plastic bottles, jars, jugs and tubs



Food & Beverage Cans
Tin, aluminum, steel food and beverage cans



Paper
Cardboard, paper, newspaper, paperboard, magazines



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard
Flatten all boxes (do not bundle/tie up)

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