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**Dear Member Communities** 

Please note that shredded paper should <u>not</u> be placed in recycling bins or carts.

As a result of recent evaluations to the operational efficiencies at the materials recovery facility, it has been confirmed that we can <u>not</u> effectively capture shredded paper. When shredded paper is put into paper bags and into the recycling bin or cart, those bags open or tear and the shredded paper becomes mixed with the other recyclables. As a result, it becomes uncapturable and constitutes a contaminate to those other materials.

We've also found that many residents place shredded paper into plastic bags. Those plastic bags also constitute a contaminate and those plastic bags reduce our operational efficiencies and increase facility costs.

Shredded paper should be placed in regular trash.

Thank you for sharing this information with your residents.

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