

Pendleton Sanitary Service, Inc.

Press Release & Customer Information

WHAT: Mixed plastics #1-#7 is no longer recyclable. Our depot collection containers for this material near Fallen Field and at the Transfer Station will be removed on or before January 1, 2018.

WHY: The only market for these materials was China. Effective January 1, 2018 China is implementing its “National Sword” policy to increase the environmental quality in its own country, which will stop all mixed paper and mixed plastics from being imported. This is a national and international issue, but the effects are very local. There are no markets to absorb what China has refused to accept.

WHEN: By January 1, 2018 the plastics collection containers will be removed and these plastics must be placed in the trash. Plastic water bottles and many other drink containers may still be taken for the \$0.10 redemption at grocery stores or redemption centers.

WHO: All Pendleton residents and surrounding areas who use Pendleton Sanitary Service recycling collection containers.

OTHER COMMUNITIES: Other communities that have “co-mingled” recycling (all recyclables in one roll cart at their home) will be very severely impacted by these market changes. Pendleton’s impact is small in comparison.

WHAT CAN I DO?: Continue to recycle whenever and whatever is possible. Recycling is still the right thing to do – it saves energy, natural resources, and creates a sustainable future, but be very careful about contamination. If an item is questionable for recycling - “When in doubt, throw it out” is the best policy. For complete recycling information, please visit our website at pendletonsanitaryservice.com or call our office at (541) 276-1271.

Pendleton Sanitary Service, Inc. is committed to offering a recycling collection program supported by our customers and turning this difficult situation into an opportunity to strengthen the future of recycling. If markets for recycled plastics become available in the future, we are committed to reinstate our collection of plastics and adapt to current market conditions.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Compost!