

Actions to Reduce Wind-Blown Trash & Recycling

The following procedures can be used at all times but are specifically recommended when high winds are forecasted for - or occur during - trash/recycling collection day.

Bag it

Bag your recycling and trash, especially smaller pieces, or at least bag a portion and place it **inside the bin near the top** (lid fully closed) with enough weight to weigh down the contents. Tying multiple bags together helps also. Paper is always best, but Waste Connections has approved using large plastic trash bags to bag **recycling** within the recycling bin for this purpose. (Note: only use larger trash bags over 30 gallons – grocery bags and other smaller plastic bags are never allowed).

However, do not mix trash or compost-ables into the recycling bin. (If you wish to bag your recycling on a regular basis – not just on windy days – good bags to use are the recyclable 30 gallon Kraft paper bags available at home stores such as Lowe's or Home Depot).

Lids closed

Make sure your lid is completely closed with no material extending outside of the bin. Do not place anything on top of the closed lid to weigh it down or in any way latch or secure the lid closed. This can be dangerous to you, pedestrians, the truck operator, or cars.

Turn bins against the wind

Turn your bins 90 degrees, so that the side is parallel to the curb and the wind is mostly directed at the back of the bin. The arm on Waste Connections' trucks can easily handle the bins from either the front or side position.

Delay

Wait as long as possible to put your bins at curbside, up to 7 am on collection day. If you can, hold back your recycling bin until next week's collection.

No extra trash or bags

If it doesn't fit in your bins with the lid closed, hold it back for the next collection.

Mark your bins

To help identify and recover bins that blow away, use a permanent marker to write your street address on the underside of the lid of each bin. Waste Connections is okay with this.

Bring bins in ASAP

Empty bins are even more likely to blow away. Try to stow your bins as soon after collection as possible.

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