

November Spotlight: Celebrate America Recycles Day!

The Core Problem: Tangles and Contamination

WM is investing over \$1.4 billion in building new and upgrading existing recycling facilities, leveraging advanced technology and AI to capture more material and increase efficiency. However, contamination still threatens this progress.

One of the single biggest issues at our recycling facilities is “tangles”—items that wrap around equipment and cause shutdowns.

This America Recycles Day, please commit to these two core rules:

- **No Loose Plastic Bags:** Plastic shopping bags, plastic film, and flexible packaging tangle in sorting equipment, creating safety risks and facility shutdowns.
- **No Bagged Recyclables:** Recyclables placed inside a plastic bag often cannot be sorted and are sent straight to the landfill.

The Core Goal

Your community's efforts to **Recycle Right** directly support our shared goal to enable more materials to be Repurposed. For more resources on contamination and the core rules, visit <https://www.wm.com/us/en/recycle-right>.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our communities thriving!

