

# 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 or compost collection day.*

## 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.

## Bring bins in ASAP

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

## 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, duct tape a paper with your street address on the underside of the lid of each bin.

## Bag it

You can use paper bags to bag your recycling and are encourage to bag all your trash, especially smaller pieces. 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.

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