**Plastic Recycling Changes Come to [organization name]**

[SHORT VERSION]

The types of plastics allowed in the recycling containers has changed. Moving forward, the only plastics allowed in recycling are empty soda and juice bottles, and milk and detergent jugs. No other plastic items can go in recycling (including water bottles and plastic bags). Continue to recycle cardboard, metal containers, and paper (office/copier paper, newspapers, magazines and catalogs) as normal.

[LONGER VERSION]

Last year, China announced changes to plastic recyclables coming into their country. These restrictions have impacted recycling programs across the west, including Boise.

The city has adapted to these events by adopting the following changes:

* The only plastics allowed in recycling are empty soda and juice bottles, and milk and detergent jugs.
* No other plastic items can go in recycling, including water bottles\*, and plastic bags and films (like shrink wrap).

*\*Water bottles tend to become flattened during transportation to the recycling facility and become sorted with paper, and plastic bags and films become wrapped around the recycling equipment, reducing its effectiveness and potentially causing damage.*

Continue to recycle cardboard, metal containers, and paper (office/copier paper, newspapers, magazines and catalogs) as normal. Visit [www.curbitboise.org/recycling/commercial](http://www.curbitboise.org/recycling/commercial) for a more detailed list of what goes in recycling.