

Whitefield to Sort # 1 Plastics

Fourth Recycling Bin will be added April 7 to town's Recycling Center

WHITEFIELD - Residents are being asked to do their part to keep plastics from being dumped into the landfill due to changes in national importing policies.

Last spring, China announced it would no longer import 24 types of paper and plastics that previously had been recycled.

Whitefield residents must now separate No. 1 plastics from No. 3-7 plastics. This will ensure that Lincoln County Recycling can continue to collect and bale these plastics to sell to a third party. Any plastics not sorted will be rejected and sent to the trash. A fourth recycling bin



clearly marked for No. 1 plastics will be available at the Recycling Center on April 7.

Lincoln County Recycling saved local towns over \$642,000 in 2017 in tipping and transportation fees when compared to single-stream recycling used by other transfer stations. Efforts in sorting recyclables from trash makes a difference in one's property tax bill. And of course, our efforts will also help the environment.

Examples of No. 1 plastics.

How can you help? Separate clean recyclables correctly and use the right collection bin. Whitefield will now have four plastic bins: No. 1; No. 2 color; No. 2 clear; and No. 3-7.

Only recycle clean paper, boxes, and containers. If a plastic container does not have number and recycling triangle printed on it, throw it away. Keep trash out of the recycle bins. When in doubt, ask for help.

Let's keep up the good work! Whitefield has a strong reputation for providing clean recycled materials to Lincoln County, who sells the materials recycled by our residents and uses any profit to reduce our tax bills. These recyclables are used to make new products, reducing the need to cut trees, mine materials and extract oil. This saves energy and prevents pollution.

The Recycling Center located behind the Town Office is open Saturdays 8 a.m. to noon. For more information contact the Town Office at 549-5175, or talk with one of our attendants.