

Dear Edelweiss Homeowners,

This letter is to introduce the newly formed Edelweiss Recycling Committee. We are a group of seven Edelweiss home-owners with a passion for recycling, who are meeting weekly to put together a plan to improve our recycling efforts.

The mission of the Edelweiss Recycling Committee is to educate Edelweiss residents about proper recycling practices to ensure recyclable materials get recycled.

We know that lots of you share our passion for recycling because our WasteWise blue bins are always beyond full. But this reveals a bigger problem. The blue bins have many things in them that WasteWise cannot recycle. This is called contamination and causes the entire load to become garbage.

The committee is here to help! Every couple of weeks we will send out an email with tips on what to put in and what to keep out of the blue bins. With everyone doing their part, WasteWise can pick up a load that is acceptable for recycling and keep it from heading to the landfill.

PRIORITY #1: No recyclables can be left on the ground. These automatically become garbage.



A typical day before pickup



After pickup, all recyclables on the ground become garbage

PRIORITY #2: Recycling must be loose and UNBAGGED in the bin. Bagged recycling requires staff to sort through potential contaminants to ensure a clean product.



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CORRECT

The committee is also working on updating the Edelweiss website page on recycling. Our message is: ***“If in doubt, check it out”*** meaning, do a little research to ensure you are not contaminating the recycling bin. Please refer to the following website for a complete list of what can and can not go in the blue WasteWise bins for curbside pick-up:

- www.wastewisemethow.com/recycling-guide

We thank you in advance for making our recycling efforts the best they can be!

Sincerely,

Your Edelweiss Recycling Committee

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