



## City of Galveston Recycling Center

### Recycling Committee Facility Tour April 27, 2021

Attendees; Scott Van Slyke and Cindy DeWitt city staff. Committee members; David Collins, Susan Syler, Stephanie Vasut, Jackie Cole and Joanie Steinhaus.

#### **Lower Level Operations**

1. Introduction @ Welcome Sign; new sign in works will share with committee for comments.
2. Self-Sorting Center; Per Commodity
3. E-Waste; Commodity Breakdown; separated into batterie, copper, printers, computers-cords cut off
4. Metals; Tin and Aluminum Cans- staff uses magnet to pull out tins; aluminum foil/pans pulled out
5. Bulk Drop-off; Paper, Plastic, & Cardboard;
  - any style paper/cardboard accepted
  - Plastics; sorted by Federal and plastic bags are not separated out but left in the bundles
  - Black plastic is accepted and is recycled into black plastic trash bags
  - Loose plastic is taken straight to the bailer for compacting and shipping
6. Glass; Processing & Staging-Strategic is vendor and does not require separation of clear and colored glass. Does not cost the city to recycle glass
7. Oil & Tires; per regulation- residents only,
  - Tires; 5 tires at a time. City pays \$2 per tire to be hauled away
  - Oil; Origin Oil 15,000 gallons is \$150 fee and is recycled into synthetic products
  - Federal provides boxes and lids to reduces use of plastic wrap when packing recyclables for shipment
  - Committee requested a Federal employee speak at a future meeting

#### **Upper Level Operations**

8. Processing; Baler Materials, Oil & Tires, & E-Waste- tour of storage facility
9. Staging; Paper, Plastic, & Cardboard, & Non-Ferrous- committee viewed the compactors and staff working to sort materials

Additional information:

- No market for Styrofoam but city has machine to process
- Educational campaign;
  1. videos are being developed and will be shared on city social media
  2. pamphlet to be completed and included in city water bill
- Committee suggested; additional signs on site with more details. (example; aluminum foil- educate public what may be recycled to reduce staff time sorting.

Articles that may be of interest to the committee:

[https://apple.news/AoYkuBPu1ShqZ9MqoC\\_uGMw](https://apple.news/AoYkuBPu1ShqZ9MqoC_uGMw)

[https://www.npr.org/2021/04/21/987111675/video-is-recycling-worth-it-anymore-people-on-the-front-lines-say-maybe-not?utm\\_source=npr\\_newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=20210425&utm\\_term=5341458&utm\\_campaign=best-of-npr&utm\\_id=33742113&orgid=220&utm\\_att1=](https://www.npr.org/2021/04/21/987111675/video-is-recycling-worth-it-anymore-people-on-the-front-lines-say-maybe-not?utm_source=npr_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_content=20210425&utm_term=5341458&utm_campaign=best-of-npr&utm_id=33742113&orgid=220&utm_att1=)

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