



Waste & Recycling

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Why is Recycling Important?

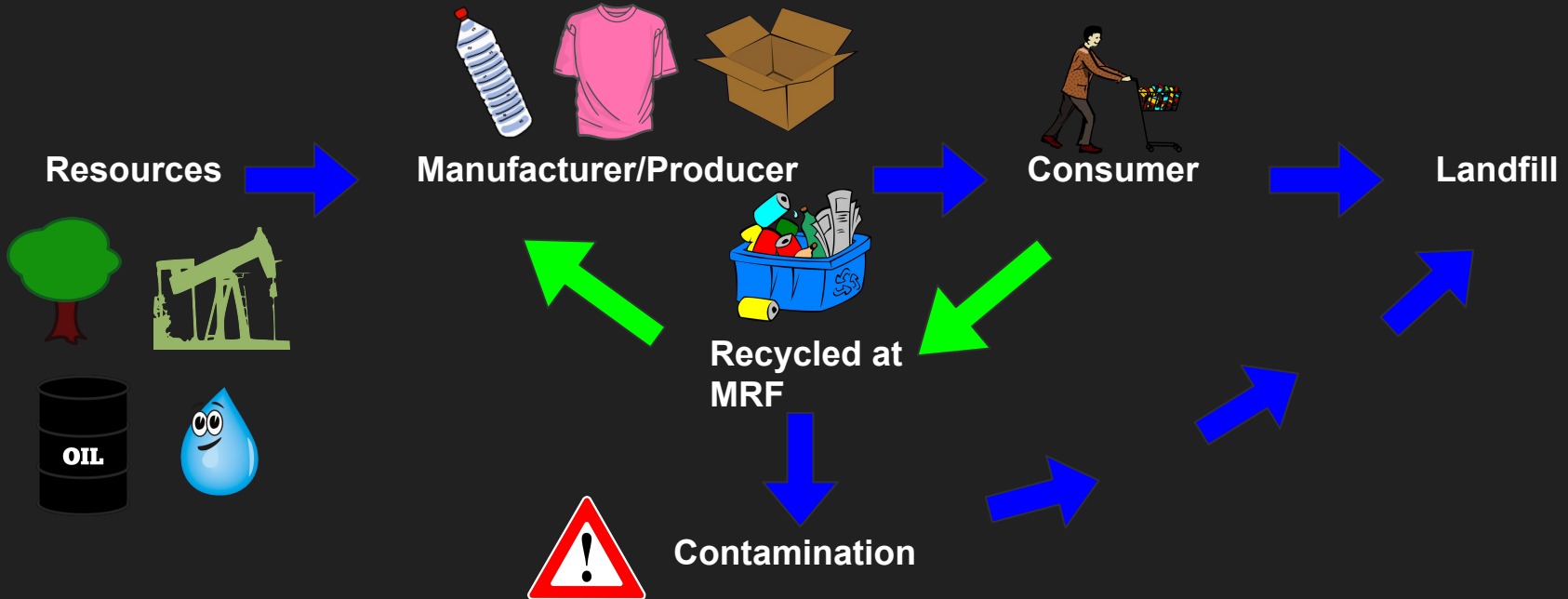
What I've learned:

- There are many ways to recycle (just to name a few)
 - Curbside recycling
 - Electronics
 - Compost/Organics
 - Plastic Bags
 - Clothing, Textile & Shoe
 - HCW, Pharma, Paint
- Everything has a value including trash/recycling!
- Out of sight \neq Out of mind



The Recycling Industry

The recycling industry is made up of different stakeholders that all work together to help make, take & use waste! Let's explore the life-cycle of waste:



SWALCO's Recycling Guidelines

Recycling guidelines vary depending on where you live and depending on what your community's MRF accepts. This is an example of our guideline tool that we use to educate members about contamination to their curbside bin.

What can YOU do to find out more about recycling in your community?

- Look on your municipality's website for recycling resources
- Check out any local waste management organizations in your community
- Go to your waste haulers website
- Get involved in local environmental grassroots & non-profit organizations

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

YES!



METAL
Steel & aluminum
containers and foil

PAPER
Cardboard (flattened),
office paper, newspaper, magazines

**Clean &
Empty**
LEAVE CAPS
& LIDS ON



**FOOD &
BEVERAGE
CARTONS**



GLASS
Bottles & jars only



PLASTIC
Bottles, tubs,
& jugs only

NO!



**Do Not Bag
Recyclables**



**No Plastic Bags
or Product Wrap**
Return clean
to retailer



No Tanglers
Hangers, hoses,
wire, cords,
ropes or chains



**No Food, Liquid,
Diapers, Batteries,
or Needles**



No Big Items
Electronics, wood,
propane tanks, scrap
metal or styrofoam
For other options,
visit swalco.org
for our online "Where Do
I Recycle This?" guide



**No Clothing,
Textiles or Shoes**
Visit swalco.org for a list
of Clothing & Textile or
Reuse-A-Shoe collection
drop-off sites

To find out more about recycling in Lake County, Illinois, or what you can do with items not accepted in your recycling cart (including other recycling and reuse programs), visit swalco.org or contact SWALCO at 847-377-4950.

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Recycling in Action



Thanks for listening!

