**August Social Media Captions – Do Recycle paper, Don’t Recycle Food Waste**

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| **Facebook** | |
| Image1-FB-August2022 | Newspapers, sheets of paper (printed on or not), and even envelopes and junk mail can all be recycled at many drop-off locations and curbside programs. Just make sure the paper is clean and dry before you toss it in your bin (and make sure your bin is clean and dry before you toss anything in there! Be sure to check with your municipality or waste hauler for more information about recycling in your community. #RecycleRightTexas |
| Image2-FB- August2022 | Did you know that foods and liquids can contaminate your entire recycling bin before it’s picked up? Never toss food waste or beverages into your recycling bin. If you can’t compost it at your home or find a local composting program, just throw it away. Be sure to check with your municipality or waste hauler for more information about recycling and other programs in your community. #RecycleRightTexas |
| Image3-FB- August2022 | Wondering if you can recycle paper bags in your curbside recycling bin? The answer is yes. Paper bags can be recycled with other paper products in most curbside programs, but make sure you check with your municipality or waste hauler for more information about recycling in your community. #RecycleRightTexas  https://earth911.com/recycling-guide/how-to-recycle-paper-bags/ |
| Image4-FB- August2022 | If you’re thinking about putting food waste in your recycling bin, think again. Food waste is one of the leading causes of contamination in recycling. Throw it away or compost it, if you can. Check with your municipality or waste hauler for more information about recycling and other programs in your community. #RecycleRightTexas |
| Image5-FB- August2022 | Don’t like wasting food? The U.S. Food and Drug Administration offers some steps you can take to reduce food waste in the first place, like preplanning your shopping lists to buy just what you need for you and your family, asking for smaller portions when dining out to reduce leftovers in your fridge, and storing foods at the proper temperatures. https://www.fda.gov/food/consumers/tips-reduce-food-waste |

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| **Instagram** | |
| Image1-IG- August2022 | Got money to burn? How about $370? That’s how much money the average person in America loses each year by wasting food. Try these handy tips from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration – pre-plan and buy just what you need, send extra food from parties or events home with your guests, and consider buying and using “ugly” fruits or vegetables in your menus. <https://www.fda.gov/food/consumers/tips-reduce-food-waste> |
| Image2-IG- August2022 | Paper products are great for recycling, just make sure they are clean and dry before tossing them in the bin. #RecycleRightTexas |

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| **Twitter** | |
| Image1-TW- August2022 | To avoid contamination and improve value, be sure your recycle bin is clean and dry before tossing in your recyclables, like paper, cardboard, and plastic. #RecycleRightTexas |
| Image2-TW- August2022 | Food waste is not recyclable. Compost it if you can, throw it away if you can’t, or consider reducing the amount of food you buy and (potentially) waste in your home or business. |