



Ways to Expand and Improve Contamination At Recycling Drop-Off Centers

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The Objectives For the Session Are:

- 1. To inspire improvement at Drop-off Centers.
- 2. To insight interest on how to improve/fight contamination at Drop-off Centers.
- 3. To give creative ideas on how to expand the collection items at Drop-off Centers.





Goals for Convenience Centers

- Friendly, helpful, and properly trained staff
- Good signage
- Clear traffic control
- Proper spacing/room
- Education for residents (brochures, literature, etc.)

Entrance



Personnel and Safety



Safety



Spacing/Signage



Signage



Recycling



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Swap Shops



Swap Shop Sign





Swap Shops

- First Convenience Center Opened in 1996 (Charity Church)
- First Swap Shop opened at the same time
- The Swap Shops were renovated with 12'X16' metal buildings and rules were re-established in 2007
- Simple Swap Shop Rules: 1) Only good, re-usable items are to be placed in the building; 2) Take only what you need; 3) No liquids, chemicals, flammables, or explosives are accepted; 4) No textiles accepted-this includes clothing, bedding, or fabrics of any kind; 5) No mattresses or box springs; 6) Please be kind and courteous to other residents.
- Now, the Swaps Shops are open from 8:30-5:30 or 3:00-5:30. No textiles, and no broken/non-working items. Everything at the end of the day is placed into the appropriate container to discourage breaking in and entering after closure.

Questions to Address – Swap Shop

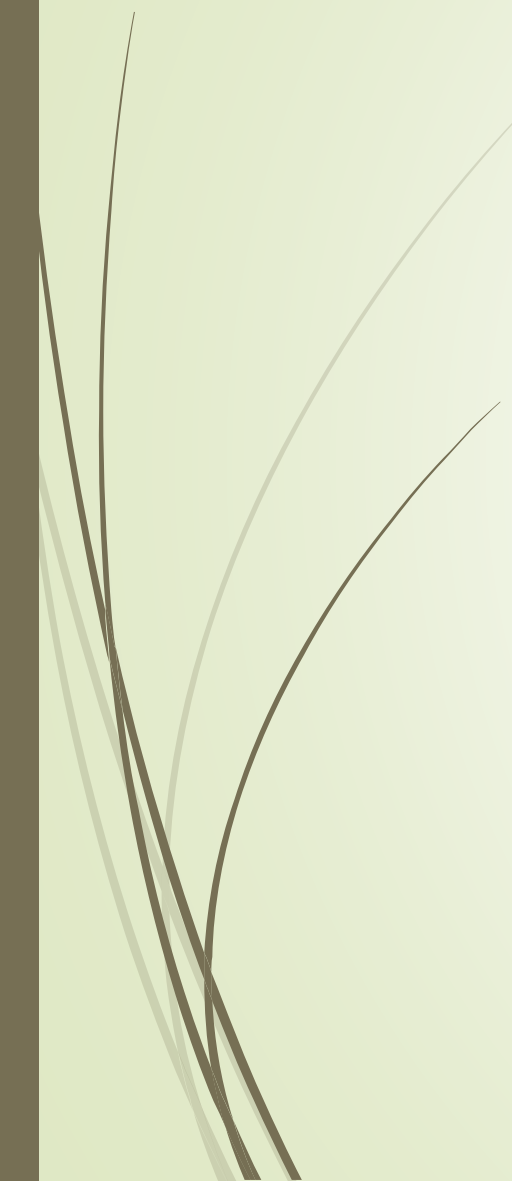
- - **What are the most common items that people bring?** Furniture, household domestic items, working TVs, decorations, books/magazines, and children's items/toys.
- - **What disappears the fastest?** Everything except below.
- - **Are some items rarely claimed?** Children's toys/items.
- - **Is disposing of unclaimed items a challenge?** No, everything can go into a recycling and/or disposal container.
- - **How many staff-hours are required to manage this project?** No extra hours, just a little extra effort.
- - **How have you measured success?** The majority of the items are gone by the end of the day with the rules followed.
- - **What advice would you offer other counties for starting a similar project?** Make sure you establish firm rules and have your operators enforce them.

Textile Recycling





Textile Recycling

- Began in 2007 and is currently only at Oakley Road
 - Bid will go out in 2019 to place containers at the remaining 8 convenience centers
 - The vendor services the textile container and pays Berkeley County for the textiles
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Questions to Address - Textiles

- - **What are the most common items that people bring?** All textiles
- - **Is disposing of unclaimed items a challenge?** No
- - **How many staff-hours are required to manage this project?** No extra hours, just a bit of effort.
- - **How have you measured success?** Pounds of textiles and payouts from our vendor.
- - **What advice would you offer other counties for starting a similar project?** Bid this project and have the vendor put textile containers at all of your convenience centers.



Are there any questions?

