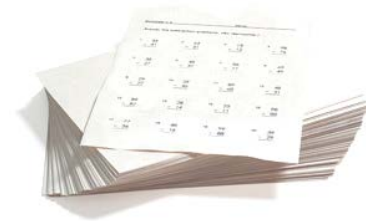


Help El Cerrito Preserve Value of Recycled Materials



The City of El Cerrito operates both the curbside recycling program and the El Cerrito Recycling and Environmental Resource Center. Due to the changes in the international recycling markets, prices for commingled materials (such as what is collected in your gray bin at the curb) have fallen. Commingled materials command lower prices because they often contain high levels of contaminants like food-soiled paper or plastics and items that should have gone in the trash. However, some materials continue to do well in the market and are valuable to manufacturers if they are Empty, Clean, and Dry. These materials include:

- **Beverage containers—(aluminum, glass, and plastic)**
- **Narrow-neck #2 plastic bottles**
- **Cardboard**
- **White bond paper**
- **Scrap metal**



Better yet, the City receives the best pricing for materials that are collected at the Recycling and Environmental Resource Center. While it is still perfectly good to use your gray bin for recycling, the Recycling and Environmental Resource Center provides another option for people who wish to support our recycling programs. Bringing your beverage containers, cardboard, white bond paper, and scrap metal to the Recycling Center (in addition to your harder to recycle items) will help ensure this material retains top value and ends up being recycled into new products.