

Environmental Benefits of Recycling

Recycling has significant environmental benefits

 Metal, paper and plastic recycling avoids the most GHG emissions by using less virgin material to make new products

End markets matter

- If it's not recycled into a new product, it's not recycling
- There must be a demand for the finished products made with recycled content (counties/cities can update procurement codes)

Waste-to-Energy is Not Recycling













Waste Management's Reuter Recycling in Pembroke Pines

Cooper City has a Recycling Processing Contract with Waste Management Inc. of Florida

- 11,105 homes eligible for service
- 2,135 tons processed (June 2020 May 2021)
- Residents are billed monthly for sanitation and recycling services through the City's Utility Bill
- Most residents currently pay \$4.87 month for recycling:
 - o Recycling collection \$3.29
 - Recycling processing \$1.58







Cooper City Recycling Processing Costs

Your Monthly Processing Fee payment to WM is \$16,669 (was \$14,984 11/1/20 – 5/31/21)

Waste Management sends a check to Cooper City each month based on the Average Market Value/Commodity Price of its tons – approximately 200 tons per month.

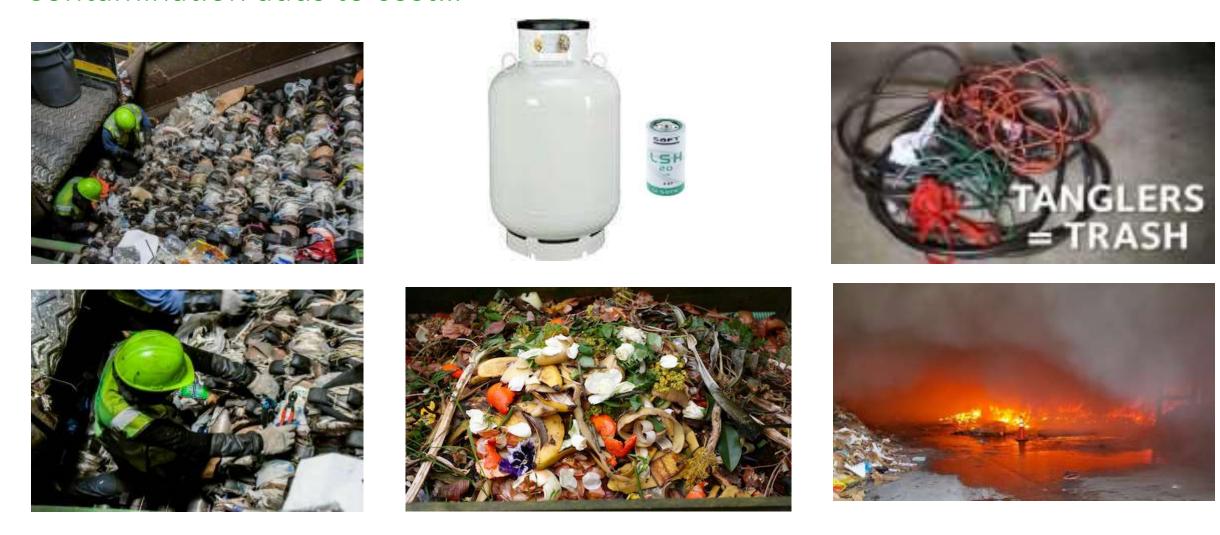
WM Payment to Cooper City		Net Cost to Cooper City to Recycle
November 2020	\$ 5,215	\$9,769
December 2020	\$ 9,051	\$5,933
January 2021	\$10,917	\$4,067
February 2021	\$ 9,012	\$5,972
March 2021	\$ 8,679	\$6,305
April 2021	\$12,419	\$2,565
May 2021	\$12,249	\$2,735
June 2021	\$12,869	\$3,800
July 2021	\$21,615	\$4,946 positive rebate to Cooper City

Cost to take Recyclables to Wheelabrator WTE: $200 \text{ tons } \times \$46.57 \text{ ton} = \$9,314$

For every month in 2021, it was more cost effective to Recycle than take those tons to WTE... and the right thing to do for the environment.



Contamination adds to cost...



Cities are charged \$55 a ton over 10% contamination (for transportation and disposal costs). Cooper City's contamination rate is 27% (better than many Broward cities). Reduce contamination to improve economics of recycling.

Educational Resources – wm.com/recycleright















Are you in the clear on recycling contamination?

Nationally, on average, 25% of all items in recycling bins are actually trash. That's a big problem impacting recycling efforts around the world. You can help by following three simple rules:

1. Recycle empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.

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- 2. Keep foods and liquids out of your recycling.
- 3. Keep plastic bags out of your recycling.

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