

# Container Recycling



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#### **PURPOSE**

VIM Recyclers is dedicated to ensuring the safety of their employees by reducing risks and hazards in the workplace. In addition to workplace safety, we need to comply with Federal and State regulations as they pertain to material handling and chemical awareness.

Managing the process of safely recycling Barrels/Buckets/Gaylords (with liquid liners)/Totes/Drums, which previously held a substance with properties that made it dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment, will greatly reduce the risk of exposure to our employees as well as the environment.



# CONTAINER PROGRAM

In order for VIM Recyclers to recycle containers which previously held hazardous materials, we will require that the containers are empty as defined by the RCRA (Resources Conservation & Recovery Act 1976) regulation.

Wastes covered in this program fall under the (EPA) F, K, P or U List of wastes, or have one of the following characteristics:

- · Ignitability
- · Corrosivity
- Reactivity
- Toxicity

## RCRA Empty

Containers can only be considered "empty" and free from hazards if they following criteria are met:

- No more than 1 inch of residue remains on the bottom of the container; or
- No more than 3% by weight of the total capacity remains in the container less than or equal to 110 gallons in size; or
- No more than 0.3% by weight remains if the container is greater than 110 gallons in size
- Liners removed

VIM Recyclers will also require any container that has held a waste that exhibits one of the four hazard characteristics (Ignitibility, Corrosivity, Reactivity, and/or Toxicity) to be TRIPLE rinsed or cleaned by another method that has shown to achieve equivalent removal. These containers need to have the "this container has been triple rinsed" RCRA label affixed to it in order to be recycled by VIM Recyclers.

### **EXAMPLES**





#### RETURNS

VIM Recyclers will start returning any containers that do not meet these guidelines. The inventory will be returned with a label (see example), indicating reason(s) for return.

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We encourage communication, and if you have any questions, regarding this program, please feel free to contact your VIM Recyclers Account Manager for more details.