

# WRONG ITEMS CAUSE BIG PROBLEMS

Garbage from your brown cart goes to the landfill.

Recycling materials from your blue cart go to the recycling facility. Here they are processed and re-sold as commodities and reused to make new products.

Organics materials from your green cart goes to the compost facility and becomes nutrient-rich materials for gardens, farms, parks and other botanical uses.

But here is what can happen when the wrong items go into the wrong carts.

- **If garbage or other non-recyclable materials go in your blue cart, the load is contaminated and now has to go to the landfill where it stays forever. No recycling - and that's bad for San Antonio.**
- **It's the same for putting non-compostable items in your green cart. Off to the landfill which affects our City's sustainability.**
- **Plastic bags are another big problem. When they are loose in the recycling cart and go to the recycling facility, they actually get caught in the machinery and break it.**
- **But worst of all are dirty diapers. These must ALWAYS be put in a bag and placed in the brown trash cart. Otherwise, they have to be removed by hand which is a health hazard and that costs San Antonio over \$1 million a year!**