Why We Use Plastic Bags

- **Improves local air quality!** We emit 7.9x <u>less</u> pounds of CO_2 into the local air! By using bags we're able do pickups using pickup trucks instead of large garbage/recycle trucks.
- **Improves ease of recycling**. Most people already use 13 gal bins inside their homes to collect recycling.
- **Improves efficiencies**. Improves efficiencies for driver pickups and transportation.
- **We use recycled material**. Our bags are made from at least 50% recycled content and where possible, we make sure our bags are recycled themselves after being dropped at a recycling facility.
- **Safer in your neighborhood!** The larger the truck the more dangerous it is for your kids to be around. By using smaller trucks we keep everyone safer.
- **Recyclables stay cleaner!** When recycling is bagged contaminants* don't spread. When your recycling is cleaner more recycling is able to be recycled.

Why Recycling Facilities Don't Want Plastic Bags

- The single biggest reason is because plastic bags gum up the facility's equipment, causing downtime and equipment failures.
- They are often quite contaminated* from being mixed up with the rest of the recyclables in route to the facility.
- Unfortunately, plastic bags are made from several different types of plastic resins. In order to be recycled, most reclaimers need a consistent feedstock of the same type of plastic resin. However, plastic bags of different resin types are prohibitively expensive to sort.

So Why Do Recycling Facilities Accept Recyclops Bags

- First and foremost, we explain to the recycling facilities ahead of time how our process works so they aren't caught off guard when we drop off recyclables in Recyclops bags.
- Thanks to our superstar community of Recyclops recyclers, we have developed a reputation for delivering well below average contamination* rates so recycling facilities really want what's INSIDE all those Recyclops bags!

  *For clarity, "contamination" is any material placed in a recycling stream that cannot be recycled.