



# PRCC QUALITY TIPS

FOR RECYCLING FACILITIES

## BOTTLES ONLY



PET Bottles with twist tops only. Items with metal closures such as tennis ball cans, spray bottles with metal springs, mini alcohol bottles with metal caps, etc. should be excluded, as well as trays, clamshells and other packaging.



## KEEP CLEAR

Color to clear ratio should not exceed 15%. Any amount over could lead to deductions and rejections.



## WEIGHT

Ideal bale weight is 1,000 pounds with a density of 23/lbs./cu/ft.

## INSPECT LOOSE BOTTLES

Inspect the loose stream of PET bottles before it goes into the baler and remove all non-PET items and contaminants.



## INSPECT BALES

Inspect each bale before loading. Catching off-spec bales will prevent rejections.



## CROSS CONTAMINATION

Thoroughly empty the contents of the baler when switching between materials, especially aluminum.

## KEEP CLEAN

Do NOT push bales across the ground. To transport, pick bales up off the ground and store on a dry surface. Preferably a covered area.



## MINIMAL MOISTURE

Minimize moisture and liquid. Allow time for liquid to evaporate before shipping. During the rainy season, cover the bales with a tarp.



## NO PLASTIC BAGS

No plastic bags or film in the bales. If bottles are in a bag, empty before baling.

