

# Most Common Contaminants



Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling.



## NO Recyclables in Plastic Bags

Empty loose recyclables in bin but leave the plastic bag out.



## NO Food & liquids

Compost instead! Otherwise, it belongs in the trash.



## NO Electronics & Small Appliances

Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available. Check [earth911.com](http://earth911.com) for a local drop off site.



## NO Textiles, Bedding, Rugs & Carpet

Donate these items if they are in good condition. Large quantities may require special disposal.



## NO Hoses, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords

They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility! They all go in the trash.



## NO Plastic Bags, Film/Sheeting & Flexible Film Packaging

Take plastic bags back to a local grocer to keep bags clean and dry, and prevent them from shutting down recycling facilities. Visit [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org) to find a drop off location near you.



## NO Paper Napkins, Plates, Cups & Tissues

Compost if possible, and remember to recycle the cardboard tube.



## NO Polystyrene Foam

Foam and plastic to-go containers are not recyclable curbside. Find drop off programs for items like foam packing peanuts at [earth911.com](http://earth911.com).



## NO Tires, Auto Parts & Scrap Metal

(Not in recycling or trash) Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. Contact local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores for recycling options, or check [earth911.com](http://earth911.com) for a drop off center near you.



## NO Concrete, Wood & Construction Debris

Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. You may be able to schedule a bulky item pickup - otherwise throw it in the trash or order a roll off bin by contacting Waste Management Customer Service.



## NO Yard Waste & Wood

Compost or put in your yard waste cart, if available. Otherwise, it belongs in the trash.



## NO Non-Recyclable Plastic

Not everything that is plastic is recyclable! Recycle only food & beverage bottles, jugs and tubs.



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