



# Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



## 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.



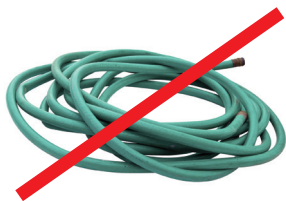
## NO Electronics & Small Appliances

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.



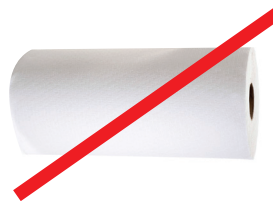
## NO Hoses, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords

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 (Including Propane Tanks)

(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.

For more information on recycling, visit  
**[RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com](http://RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com)**



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## RECYCLE OFTEN:



### Metal Cans

Steel, tin & aluminum soda, vegetable, fruit & tuna cans



### Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Jars (#1 and #2)



### Paper

Brown paper bags, non-confidential office paper, newspaper, magazines



### Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard

## RECYCLE RIGHT:

Things you can do to ensure quality material is recycled:



**DO NOT INCLUDE:** Food waste, plastic bags, or polystyrene foam cups & containers

Paper and cardboard must be dry and free of food debris.

Paper food containers must be rinsed out, no caps.

Tissues, paper towels or other paper that has been in contact with food is not acceptable.

Make sure food contamination and caps are removed from cans and plastics and all containers are empty.

Separate plastic lids from plastic bottles (often made from different materials)

Keep medical waste (syringes, needles) out of recycling containers or place in safe disposal containers like Waste Management's MedWaste Tracker® box.