



## Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



### No Recyclables In Plastic Bags

Empty recyclables directly into your bin and 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 Tanglers, 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 local retailers to keep them out of the recycling stream. 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 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.) All can damage equipment and are safety hazards. Contact your 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.