



## 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 tubes.