



# 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.

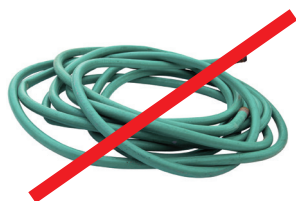


## **NO Electronics & Small Appliances**

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 Paper-Based Dairy & Juice Cartons**



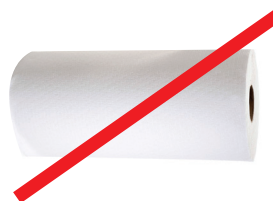
## **NO Hoses, Holiday Lights, Hangers & Extension Cords**

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 Medical Waste**



## **NO Textiles, Bedding, Rugs & Carpet**

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

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