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 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 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.

**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 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

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