

RECYCLING'S DIRTY DOZEN

NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN!

1 
PLASTIC BAGS
Reuse, donate to food banks, or recycle at the grocery store.

2 
BAGGED ITEMS
Place recyclables loose in your recycling bin.

3 
LIQUIDS
Empty liquids from all recyclable containers.

4 
FOOD
No food or containers with food residue (e.g., greasy pizza boxes).

5 
CLAMSHELLS
Containers used for takeout food or berries are not taken by most recycling programs.

6 
ROPE-LIKE ITEMS
String lights, water hoses, and wire can jam recycling equipment.

7 
SCRAP METAL
Heavy metal items can damage machinery. Donate or take these to recycling drop-offs.

8 
BATTERIES
Batteries can cause fires or explode. Recycle via retail drop-offs.

9 
PACKAGING MATERIALS
No block foam, bubble wrap, peanuts, or shrink wrap.

10 
HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS
Check local program options or dispose of per label instructions.

11 
PROPANE & BUTANE CYLINDERS
Tanks can explode and cause fires. Check with your program for collection events.

12 
UNLISTED ITEMS
Learn what your recycling program accepts and place only those items in the bin.



WHEN IN DOUBT, **THROW IT OUT!**

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