RECYCLING'S DIRTY DOZEN

NEVER PLACE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR **CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN!**

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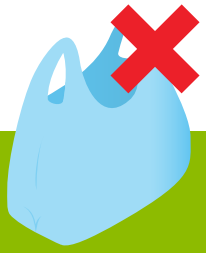

PLASTIC BAGS

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

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BAGGED ITEMS

Place recyclables loose in your recycling bin.

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LIQUIDS

Empty liquids from all recyclable containers.

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FOOD

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

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CLAMSHELLS

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

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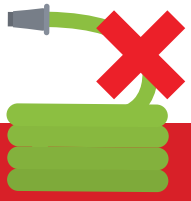

ROPE-LIKE ITEMS

String lights, water hoses, and wire can jam recycling equipment.

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SCRAP METAL

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

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BATTERIES

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

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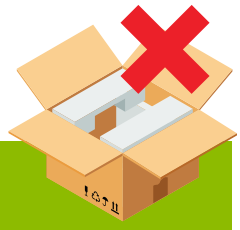

PACKAGING MATERIALS

No block foam, bubble wrap, peanuts, or shrink wrap.

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HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS

Check local program options or dispose of per label instructions.

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PROPANE & BUTANE CYLINDERS

Tanks can explode and cause fires. Check with your program for collection events.

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UNLISTED ITEMS

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

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