



Most Common Contaminants

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



No Recyclables In Plastic Bags

Empty recyclables directly into your bin.



No Food or Liquids

Compost instead! Otherwise it belongs in the trash.



No Batteries, Power Tools, Flammables or Hazardous Waste*

(Not in recycling or trash.)

Batteries, propane tanks, and similar items can be a fire or explosion hazard.



No Loose Plastic Bags or Film

Take plastic bags back to local retailers where available.



No Electronics or Small Appliances

Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available.



No Textiles, Bedding, Rugs or Carpet

Donate these items if they are in good condition. Rugs and carpets can be placed in a Bagster® bag. Visit thebagster.com to learn more.



No Tanglers, Holiday Lights, Hangers or Extension Cords

They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility! They all go in the trash.



No Paper Towels, Napkins, Plates or Tissues

Compost if possible, and remember to recycle the cardboard tube.



No Foam Cups, Containers or Straws

Foam is not accepted in single stream recycling.



No Tires, Auto Parts or Scrap Metal

(Not in recycling or trash.) Can damage equipment and are safety hazards. Contact your local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores for recycling options.



No Concrete, Wood or Construction Debris

Can damage equipment. Consider ordering a roll off container on wm.com or a Bagster® bag by visiting thebagster.com.



No Yard Waste

Compost or put in your yard waste cart, if available. Otherwise it belongs in the trash.

* Visit www.wmlamptracker.com or contact your local public works department for proper disposal to explore battery recycling services.