



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.