

Common Recycling Contamination

The items listed below contaminate curbside recycling.
Please keep them out of the can.

NO	Problem	Reason	Solution
	Plastic bags and film	Bags and film jam equipment at the sorting facility and create slow downs in processing. Removing the film from the processing equipment is difficult and dangerous.	Plastic grocery bags are accepted for recycling at many local grocery stores. (Or dispose of as trash.)
	Plastic clamshells	There is no current market for this material. Processors receiving a high level of these contaminants can potentially reject entire loads of recycling.	Dispose of as trash.
	Food residue	Food residue can cause the processor to reject materials. Food residue can also leak onto and contaminate other materials in the recycling	Always rinse and clean out food residue before recycling.
	Styrofoam	Unwanted by processors. Breaks up into small pieces and contaminates other recycling.	St. Vincent De Paul also has a styrofoam recycling program. For more information visit: www.svdp.us . (Or dispose of as trash.)
	Napkins and paper towels	Unwanted by processors. Can contain food/liquid which contaminates other recyclables.	Napkins and paper towels can also act as a good source of carbon for backyard compost piles. (Or dispose of as trash.)

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Type the name of a waste material and we'll tell you which bin it goes in.

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