



RECYCLING BIN'S DIRTY DOZEN

CONTAMINATION IN RECYCLING BINS IS A HUGE PROBLEM.
DO YOUR PART BY RECYCLING RIGHT!

BELOW ARE ITEMS TO KEEP OUT OF YOUR RECYCLING BIN — AND HOW TO PROPERLY DISPOSE OF THEM.

INCORRECTLY PREPPED MATERIALS



FLATTENED CANS AND CONTAINERS
(difficult to separate from paper)



LIQUIDS LEFT IN BOTTLES OR CONTAINERS
(liquids attract rodents and stinging insects to the recycling plant; ruins paper)

INSTEAD: DON'T FLATTEN CONTAINERS, AND EMPTY LIQUIDS BEFORE RECYCLING CONTAINERS IN YOUR BIN

FOOD



INSTEAD: COMPOST YOUR FOOD SCRAPS
SEE FULL COMPOSTING GUIDELINES ON PAGE 10

HARD-TO-RECYCLE MATERIALS



SCRAP METAL
(damages sorting equipment)



WHITE BLOCK FOAM AND BUBBLE WRAP



SHREDDED PAPER
(too small to sort)



PLASTIC BAGS
(binds up sorting equipment)

INSTEAD: BRING THEM TO THE CHaRM TO BE RECYCLED!
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CENTER FOR HARD-TO-RECYCLE MATERIALS ON PAGE 13

AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVE MATERIALS



INSTEAD: CONTACT SHERIFF'S OFFICE

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



MOTOR OIL AND SOLVENTS, SYRINGES, NEEDLES, SHARPS

INSTEAD: TAKE TO THE HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT FACILITY
SEE PAGE 16

LANDFILL ITEMS



NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTICS
(no stable markets exist for these items)



CERAMICS, DRINKING GLASSES
(not the same melting temperature as recyclable glass)



FROZEN FOOD BOXES OR ICE CREAM CONTAINERS
(their plastic coatings render them non-recyclable)

INSTEAD: THESE ITEMS MUST BE LANDFILLED
SEE LANDFILL GUIDELINES ON PAGE 19