

What Can and Can't Be Recycled

Don't turn recycling into trash! Contamination happens when trash gets into your recycling bin, food or liquids contaminate your recyclable materials, or when you put your recyclables in plastic bags. For recyclable materials to have a second life and create new products, they must be clean and free from contaminants.



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RECYCLE RIGHT.**

Recycling FAQs.

Are these items recyclable in my commercial recycling cart/bin?



Plastic Bottles & Containers

Plastic bottles, jars, jugs and tubs. Make sure containers are rinsed, dry and empty.



Paper

Cardboard, paper, newspaper, paperboard, magazines



Glass

Make sure glass bottles and containers are rinsed, dry and empty.



Flattened Cardboard, Paperboard & Pizza Boxes

Flatten all boxes (do not bundle/tie up) clean pizza boxes without leftovers, grease or liners. Tear off the soiled parts, place in trash, and recycle the rest.



Food & Beverage Cans

Tin, aluminum, steel food and beverage cans. Make sure containers are rinsed free of food and liquid.



Shredded Paper

ONLY If it is contained in a closed paper grocery bag. Shredded paper in plastic bags is NOT acceptable.



Food Waste

NO Compost if available.



Plastic Bags

NO Return loose plastic bags to local grocery stores. Loose plastic bags are damaging to the processing of our recycling facilities as they shut down the equipment.



Recyclables in Plastic Bags

NO Leave empty, loose recyclables in cart/bin but leave the plastic bags out.



Hoses

NO They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility!



Polystyrene Foam

NO Foam and plastic to-go containers are not acceptable in the commercial recycling program.



Electronics & Small Appliances

NO Donate if in good condition. Contact local E-waste recycling services.



Lawn & Patio Furniture

NO Donate if in good condition.



Concrete, Wood & Construction Debris

NO Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. You may order a roll off bin by contacting Waste Management Customer Service at (800) 665-1898



Scrap Metal, Auto Parts & Tires

NO (Not in recycling or waste) Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. Contact local scrap recycler or retail tire stores for recycling options.



Hot Beverage Cups

NO A plastic or waxed coating makes paper cups unrecyclable. Same thing with plastic lids. Compost if possible.



Paper Towels & Napkins

NO Compost if possible, and remember to recycle the cardboard tube.



Flexible Packaging

NO This type of packaging is made from multiple materials preventing it from being recycled in commercial programs.



Green Waste (Grass, branches & leaves)

NO Compost or place in brown kraft bag or designated container for yard waste collection, if available.



Needles

NO Keep medical waste out of recycling. Place in safe disposal containers and contact local medical waste services.



Textiles, Bedding & Rugs

NO Donate these items if they are in good condition.

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