MOST COMMON CONTAMINANTS

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.

NO RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS

Empty recyclables directly into your bin and leave the plastic bag out.

NO FOOD & LIQUIDS

Compost instead! Otherwise it belongs in the trash.

NO ELECTRONICS & SMALL APPLIANCES

Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available. Contact rutherfordboronj.com for collection.

NO TEXTILES, BEDDING, RUGS & CARPET

Donate these items if they are in good condition. Large quantities may require special disposal.

NO TANGLERS, HOLIDAYLIGHTS, HANGERS & EXTENSION CORDS

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

NO PLASTIC BAGS, FILM/ SHEETING & FLEXIBLE FILM PACKAGING

Take plastic bags back to local retailers to keep them out of the recycling stream. Visit **plasticfilmrecycling.org** to find a drop-off location near you.

NO PAPER NAPKINS, PLATES, CUPS & TISSUES

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

NO POLYSTYRENE FOAM

Foam and plastic containers are not recyclable curbside. Find drop-off programs for items like foam packing peanuts at **earth911.com.**

NO TIRES, AUTO PARTS& SCRAP METAL

(Not in recycling or trash.) All can damage equipment and are safety hazards. Contact your local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores for recycling options, or check **earth911.com** for a drop-off center near you.

NO CONCRETE, WOOD & CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. You may be able to schedule a bulky item pickup - otherwise throw it in the trash

NO YARD WASTE & WOOD

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

NO NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC

Not everything that is plastic is recyclable! Recycle only food & beverage bottles, jugs and tub

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