

Top 10 Recycling Contaminants

Know your Recycling NOs on what can and cannot go into your recycling bins.



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NO PLASTIC BAGS OR FILM

Return clean, dry plastic bags, wraps and packaging to your local retailer. For locations and acceptable items, go to: bagandfilmrecycling.org/.



NO FOOD CONTAINERS

Paper and foam food containers are not recyclable in your curbside recycling bin. Check to see if your city allows plastic food containers by searching online.



NO BAGGED RECYCLABLES

Keep recyclables loose and free! Bagged recyclables take the long road to the landfill!



NO BATTERIES

Never place batteries in the recycling bin. They are one of the top reasons for recycling fires. Instead, look for drop off options at: call2recycle.org/locator/.



NO POLYSTYRENE FOAM

Polystyrene foam never goes in your home recycling bin. Look for reuse options for packing peanuts and drop off programs for foam packaging.



NO TEXTILES

Donate textiles to your local thrift store or to people in need. Check out reusearizona.org.



NO GREEN WASTE

Green waste can send the entire load to the landfill! Look for composting options for your green waste or place in the trash.



NO PERSONAL PAPER PRODUCTS

Paper towels, napkins and tissue are at the end of their life and can not be recycled anymore. Compost or place in your trash bin.



NO PIZZA BOXES

Never place pizza boxes in the recycling bin if they have grease or food. Instead, rip off the clean half and recycle it. Another option is to compost the entire box.



NO TANGLERS

Hoses, holiday lights, cords, etc. get wrapped up in the recycling sorting equipment and cause shutdowns to cut out the material. Look for reuse options or dispose in the trash.

