



ARE YOU A WISH-CYCLER?

Simple Tips to Reduce Recycling Contamination

Do you put things in the recycling that you hope will be recycled without knowing whether they really can be? Many people are avid recyclers but don't realize that certain items do not belong in the recycling bin. These wish-cycled items contaminate the recycling and are difficult to sort out, even by hand. They often get caught up in the recycling machines and can cause them to break down. This makes recycling cost more and reduces the quality of the final product. Check out this [video](#) to see a recycling machine, or Materials Recovery Facility, in action.

RECYCLING PRO-TIPS:

Always...

- Rinse recyclables
- Recycle:
 - Paper and cardboard
 - Plastic bottles and containers (except black plastic)
 - glass bottles and jars
 - metal cans and clean pie pans

Keep these 5 objects out of your curbside recycling bin...

1. No plastic bags or plastic film – product overwrap from cases of drinks, bubble wrap or air pillows
2. No long stringy items – rope, chains, garden hoses
3. No textiles – clothing of any kind
4. No coffee cups
5. No styrofoam of any color

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