

THE RECYCLING BIN'S DIRTY DOZEN

Please keep these materials OUT of the recycling bin.



* COMPOSTABLE * CHaRM MATERIAL
* HAZARDOUS WASTE

1) NO Plastic Bags

They bind up sorting equipment. **INSTEAD:** Take clean, dry and empty plastic bags to the CHaRM (Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials), or ask us about our CHaRM on the Road services for businesses.

2) NO Materials in Plastic Bags

3) NO Flattened Containers
Automated sorting equipment separates 2-dimensional or "flat" materials (paper) from 3-dimensional or "round" materials (containers). The equipment will accidentally sort flattened containers as paper.

4) NO Shredded Paper

Shredded paper is too small to sort — the pieces gum up sorting equipment. **INSTEAD:** Compost shredded paper or recycle it in the Shredded Paper bin at the Boulder County Recycling Center or at the Longmont Waste Diversion Center.

5) NO Caps or Lids on Glass Bottles or Jars

Metal or plastic lids left on glass create dangerous flaws in the new glass bottles. **INSTEAD:** Recycle metal caps and lids loose.

6) NO Non-Recyclable Plastics like Styrofoam, Plastic Cups, Clamshell Containers, or Berry Containers. No stable markets exist to remanufacture these materials into new items.

7) NO Ceramics, Drinking Glasses, Light Bulbs or Other Non-Recyclable Glass

These create dangerous flaws in new glass bottles.

8) NO Hazardous Waste such as Motor Oil or Solvents

9) NO Frozen Food Boxes or Ice-Cream Containers

Their plastic coatings are not recyclable.

10) NO Liquids Left in Aerosol Cans or Containers
The liquids can cause a harmful explosion.

11) NO Scrap Metal

It damages sorting equipment. **INSTEAD:** Recycle scrap metal items at the CHaRM (Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials) or ask us about CHaRM services for businesses.

12) NO Syringes, Needles, Sharps or any other kind of medical waste

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