THE RECYCLING BIN’S DIRTY DOZEN

Please keep these materials OUT of the recycling bin.

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 participating grocery stores.

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:** Please avoid shredding paper whenever possible. Compost shredded paper or recycle it in the bin marked “Shredded Paper” at the Boulder County Recycling Center or in the bin marked “Shredded Paper” 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
   **INSTEAD:** Dispose of these materials at the Boulder County Hazardous Materials Management Facility.

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).

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

**COMPOSTABLE**

**CHaRM MATERIAL**

**HAZARDOUS WASTE**

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT.

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