

WHAT NOT TO PUT IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN OR CART

The following items cause significant problems at recycling facilities and should not be placed curbside in a bin or cart. Many of these items can be recycled at drop-off locations.

Item	How to safely recycle/dispose
Loose plastic bags, film or wrap	Reducing, reusing and recycling plastic bags and wrap
Batteries	Proper handling of used batteries
Cords, hoses, light strings, ropes and wires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For cords and light strings, check with local drop-off sites or electronics collection sites to see whether they accept these items. • Wires can be dropped off at scrap metal collectors. • Place hoses and ropes in the trash.
Needles/sharps (this includes sharps placed in a plastic container)	Managing household medical sharps
Propane cylinders	For larger models, check with local distributors to swap your tank. Smaller 'disposal' models might be accepted at local scrap metal collections when empty.
Textiles: <i>Includes All Furniture, Flooring, Cabinets, mattresses</i>	Check with nonprofit organizations like Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul; many will accept textiles for recycling as well as reuse