

RECYCLING'S DIRTY DOZEN

NEVER PLACE THESE **12 ITEMS** IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

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PLASTIC BAGS

Recycle these at your local grocery store or food bank.

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BAGGED ITEMS

Don't bag recycled items. Keep them loose in your bin.

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SHREDDED PAPER

It can become litter or jam equipment at the recycling facility.

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SCRAP METAL

Some metal damages sorting machines. Most drop-off sites take it.

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Recycle them at a county drop-off center.

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FLATTENED CANS & BOTTLES

These cause issues at sorting facilities.

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UNRECYCLABLE PLASTIC

See if it is accepted in your program first.

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CAPS ON GLASS BOTTLES

Remove and discard before recycling them.

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FOOD & LIQUIDS

Empty and rinse containers that can be recycled.

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UNRECYCLABLE GLASS

Don't recycle dishes, bulbs or windows.

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ROPE-LIKE ITEMS

Hoses, wire and string lights jam sorting equipment.

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BIO-HAZARDOUS WASTE

Diapers and syringes can hurt workers.



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