DIRTY DOZEN
NEVER PLACE THESE 12 ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

1. PLASTIC BAGS
Recycle these at your local grocery store or food bank.

2. BAGGED ITEMS
Don’t bag recycled items. Keep them loose in your bin.

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

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

5. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
Recycle them at a county drop-off center.

6. FLATTENED CANS & BOTTLES
These cause issues at sorting facilities.

7. UNRECYCLABLE PLASTIC
See if it is accepted in your program first.

8. CAPS ON GLASS BOTTLES
Remove and discard before recycling them.

9. FOOD & LIQUIDS
Empty and rinse containers that can be recycled.

10. UNRECYCLABLE GLASS
Don’t recycle dishes, bulbs or windows.

11. ROPE-LIKE ITEMS
Hoses, wire and string lights jam sorting equipment.

12. BIO-HAZARDOUS WASTE
Diapers and syringes can hurt workers.

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