
Keep These Plastics Out of Your Recycling Bin!

Some plastic items cost too much to recycle, cause problems at recycling facilities, are unwanted by manufacturers or are recyclable only through separate recycling programs. Please ***do not add these*** to your household or municipal recycling mix:

- Plastic bags, plastic wrap
- Black plastic (microwavable containers, food trays, etc.)
- Forks, spoons, knives & serving utensils
- Plastic plates, plastic cups that are opaque or colored (clear plastic cups now accepted in recycling)
- Tubes (e.g. toothpaste, cosmetics, shampoo)
- Plastic containers greater than 2.5 gallons in size
- Plastic containers which once held toxic substances (e.g. automotive oil)
- Containers labeled "biodegradable" or "compostable"
- Foam items (e.g. "aka Styrofoam®" cups, egg cartons, food containers & trays, packing material)
- Molded plastic packaging (the type that requires a sharp object to open)
- Binders, folders & plastic-coated (usually shiny) paper
- Compact disks and cases, video & audio tapes
- Plant pots & garden trays
- Six-pack rings (cut them up & then put in trash)
- Plexiglass
- PVC products (pipes, siding, etc.)
- Manufactured plastic wood (decking material)