REDUCE CONTAMINATION IN THE RECYCLING CART

Recycling contamination is a serious problem. Luckily, there are steps we can all take to prevent this.



NO WISHCYCLING

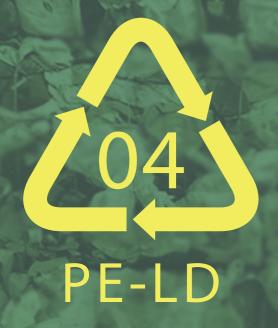
Just because you think something is recyclable at the curb doesn't mean it is. Common items such as plastic bags, lithium batteries, medical sharps, and shredded paper must be handled differently. Always remember: When in doubt, throw it out.

KEEP IT CLEAN & LOOSE

DO NOT bag your recyclables. Recyclable items should be empty, dry, and have no food remnants. **ALWAYS** rinse your recyclable items before placing in the bin. Besides, it's just gross!



SYMBOL CONFUSION



People often confuse this plastic identifying symbol by thinking the item is recyclable. This symbol, like the one to the left, is actually a Resin Identification Code that identifies types of plastic #1-7. Not all communities accept each type, so check with your service provider before recycling.

POWER IN EDUCATION

We all want to protect our planet. It can begin by recycling smarter. Waste companies and municipalities can help educate consumers on what belongs in their bin by providing feedback using "oops" stickers. Spread the word to reduce contamination.





Learn more about recycling smarter at:
www.wasterecycling.org