

# THE RECYCLING BIN'S DIRTY DOZEN

Please keep these materials OUT of the recycling bin.



\* COMPOSTABLE \* CHaRM MATERIAL  
\* HAZARDOUS WASTE

## 1) NO Plastic Bags

They bind up sorting equipment. **INSTEAD:** Take clean, dry and empty plastic bags to the CHaRM (Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials) or participating grocery stores.

## 2) NO Materials in Plastic Bags

**3) NO Flattened Containers** Automated sorting equipment separates 2-dimensional or "flat" materials (paper) from 3-dimensional or "round" materials (containers). The equipment will

accidentally sort flattened containers as paper.

## 4) NO Shredded Paper

Shredded paper is too small to sort — the pieces gum up sorting equipment. **INSTEAD:** Compost shredded paper or recycle it in the bin marked "Shredded Paper" at the Boulder County Recycling Center or Longmont Waste Diversion Center.

## 5) NO Caps or Lids on Glass Bottles or Jars

Metal or plastic lids left on glass create dangerous flaws in the

new glass bottles. **INSTEAD:** Recycle metal caps and lids loose.

**6) NO Non-Recyclable Plastics** like Styrofoam, Plastic Cups, Clamshell Containers, or Berry Containers. No stable markets exist to remanufacture these materials into new items.

**7) NO Ceramics, Drinking Glasses, Light Bulbs or Other Non-Recyclable Glass** These create dangerous flaws in new glass bottles.

**8) NO Hazardous Waste** such as Motor Oil or Solvents

## 9) NO Frozen Food Boxes or Ice-Cream Containers

Their plastic coatings are not recyclable.

## 10) NO Liquids Left in Aerosol Cans or Containers

The liquids can cause a harmful explosion.

**11) NO Scrap Metal** It damages sorting equipment. **INSTEAD:** Recycle scrap metal items at the CHaRM (Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials).

**12) NO Syringes, Needles, Sharps or any other kind of medical waste**

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