

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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Leave 'em out.

These items don't belong in the recycling bin.



NO PLASTIC BAGS

They wrap around sorting equipment & cause shutdowns. Instead: Bring clean, dry, and stretchy bags to a grocery or hardware store for special recycling. Otherwise put in trash.



NO BATTERIES

They are the leading cause of fires at sorting facilities. Instead: Bring to a drop off location for special recycling.



NO STUCK-ON FOOD/DRINK

It's gross—and it reduces the value of other recyclables. Instead: Rinse clean first.



NO SCRAP METAL ITEMS

They can damage equipment.

Instead: Bring to a drop off location for special recycling.



NO CLOTHING

It gets wrapped around equipment and causes shutdowns. Instead: Donate for reuse, or bring to a drop off location for special recycling.



NO ELECTRONICS

They break, damage equipment, and endanger workers. Instead: Bring to a drop off location for special recycling.



NO HAZARDOUS CONTAINERS

They pose a risk to workers, even if empty (there's always residue).

Instead: Take to hazardous waste event or facility, or trash if empty.

This is only a partial list. For more details, visit VTrecycles.com.