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RECYCLING BIN'S DIRTY DOZEN

Please keep these materials OUT of the recycling bin.



1) NO Syringes, Needles, Sharps, any other kind of Medical Waste or Diapers

2) NO Explosive or Hazardous Materials such as Ammunition, Motor Oil or Solvents

3) 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 — see pages 8-9) or participating grocery stores.

4) NO Food Waste
INSTEAD: Compost it — see pages 14-15.

5) NO Plastic Packaging such as Block Foam, Packing Peanuts, Bubble Wrap, Plastic Shrink Wrap or Film
INSTEAD: Take #6 white block foam and bubble wrap to the CHaRM — see pages 8-9. **Packing peanuts are NOT accepted at the CHaRM.**

6) 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 the Boulder County Recycling Center or Longmont Waste Diversion Center.

7) NO Scrap Metal
It damages sorting equipment. **INSTEAD:** Recycle scrap metal items at the CHaRM — see pages 8-9.

8) NO Liquids Left in Bottles or Containers
Liquids attract rodents and stinging insects to the recycling plant, and degrade the paper in the single-stream, making the paper non-recyclable.

9) NO Non-Recyclable Plastics like Plastic Cups or Foam Cups/To-Go Containers
No stable markets exist to remanufacture these materials into new items.

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

11) NO Frozen Food Boxes, Ice-Cream Containers or Other Plastic-Coated Paper
Their plastic coatings are not recyclable.

12) NO Flattened Containers
Automated sorting equipment separates 2-dimensional or “flat” materials (paper) from 3-dimensional or “round” materials (containers). The equipment will mistakenly sort flattened containers as paper.

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