



Contaminated

RECYCLING PRACTICES

PLEASE KEEP THESE THINGS OUT OF YOUR RECYCLING!

PLASTIC BAGS

Plastic bags are the worst contaminant placed in recycling bins, there is usually a mix of recyclables and trash when left bagged and slows down the sorting process.



TANGLERS

Tanglers are rope like objects that can bind and damage recycling equipment.



SHREDDED PAPER

No loose shredded paper, Shreds are too small and can get stuck in sorting machine. Shredded paper must be placed in a paper grocery bag and stapled



FOOD WASTE

No food waste or soiled containers or items. Food waste contaminates loads of good recycling.



Help in other ways!
Reduce the amount of waste generated in the landfill and improve overall waste management processes and programs by practicing the following:

- **Reduce** - Look for products that use less packaging
- **Reuse** - Buy reusable over disposable items
- **Repurpose** - take something and use it for something else
- **Refuse** - refuse to buy or accept products that can harm you, your company and the environment
- **Rot** - Always compost when you can
- **RECYCLE** - Pay attention to the entire life cycle of items you bring into your life!



HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous waste includes paints, automotive fluids, car batteries, pesticides and other items deemed as hazardous waste.



GLASS

Glass recycling is currently suspended at all Lancaster County Convenience Centers.

STYROFOAM

Styrofoam and other expanded polystyrene are not recyclable.



LIQUIDS

Containers or recyclable materials with liquids contaminates entire loads of good recycling



Common Recycling mistakes: Do NOT put these items in the bins!

**ALUMINUM
CANS**



**Paper
Plastic Bags
Cat Food Cans
Metal Cans
Food Waste
Trash
Glass**

**PLASTIC
#'s 1 & 2**



**Paper
Plastic Bags
Aluminum Cans
Trash
Glass
Black Plastic
Food Containers
Bottles with Liquid
Styrofoam
Kids Toys**

**NEWSPAPER
MIXED PAPER**



**Cardboard
Plastic Bags
Plastic Bottles
Glass
Styrofoam
Trash
Hard Back Books
Shredded Paper**

CARDBOARD



**Paper
Plastic
Styrofoam
Glass
Food Waste
Trash**