

What's Your Recycling IQ?



Which of the following plastic items CANNOT be recycled in your curbside cart?

- a. Water bottles
- b. Detergent/soap containers
- c. Plastic grocery bags
- d. Shampoo bottles

True or False: Yard waste can be placed in your recycling cart.

What is the proper way to prepare your recyclables before recycling them?

- a. Empty. Clean. Dry.
- b. Recycle them as is
- c. Empty them only before recycling

What is the most common contaminant in the recycling stream?

- a. Diapers
- b. Yard waste
- c. Food waste
- d. Plastic grocery bags

If you find yourself questioning if something is recyclable or not, you should follow the motto "When in doubt..."

- a. Throw it out
- b. Recycle it anyway
- c. Do the Harlem Shake

Which of the following items should NEVER be placed in your recycling cart?

- a. Diapers
- b. Yard waste
- c. Food waste
- d. All of the above

C. Plastic Grocery Bags

Plastic grocery bags often contaminate other recyclables. Grocery bags belong in the trash or they can be returned to the grocery store.

False

Yard waste belongs in the trash cart.

A. Empty. Clean. Dry.

Empty the contents, clean with a quick rinse, and shake out any remaining liquid to ensure other recyclables like paper are not ruined by residual liquids.

D. Plastic Grocery Bags

While all of these are contaminants, plastic grocery bags are the most common items that contaminate the recycling stream.

A. When in doubt, throw it out.

The wrong items in the recycle cart can actually hinder the recycling process.

D. All of the above

Believe it or not, these items are commonly found in the recycling stream and ruin other recyclables.

What Can Be Recycled?



- Always throw dirty diapers in the trash.
- Used tissue paper, paper towels and napkins should always be thrown away and never recycled.
- Take clothes and shoes to your local thrift store.
- Do not place yard waste in your recycling cart.
- Return grocery bags to the grocery store for reuse.
- Donate hardcover books to schools or libraries.
- Be sure to always throw out garden hoses, ropes and chains.
- After eating pizza, if the pizza box lid is clean, cut it off and recycle it.
- Be sure all your recyclables are empty, clean of any residue and dry.
- Throw out polystyrene foam and polystyrene packing material.

When in doubt, throw it out!