Quick Reference Guide: What is Recyclable?

Contamination is an economic and operational issue in the MRFs.

We need your help! In your position, you play a key role in helping reduce contamination in the MRF. It’s critical that we improve the inbound quality of the recycling stream, enforce grading, and educate our customers as to what is recyclable. Use this reference guide to identify acceptable recyclables from contaminants that should be removed.

ACCEPTABLE

PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CONTAINERS
Plastic bottles, containers, lids/tubs, natural/color plastic containers

MAGAZINES & CATALOOGS

FOOD & BEVERAGE CARTONS
Chipboard/paperboard

GLASS FOOD & BEVERAGE CONTAINERS
Glass acceptance varies by market area.

CARDBOARD

PHONE BOOKS

OFFICE PAPER

NEWSPAPER & INSERTS

JUNK MAIL

BROWN PAPER BAGS

ALUMINUM CANS

METAL FOOD & BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

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**NON-ACCEPTABLE = CONTAMINATION**

**BAGGED RECYCLABLES**

**LOOSE PLASTIC BAGS**

**FOOD WASTE AND LIQUIDS**

**FOAM PRODUCTS**
Take-out containers, foam cups, packing materials

**TANGLERS**
Garden hoses, holiday lights, wires, hangers

**MEDICAL WASTE**

**YARD WASTE**
Branches, limbs and bagged yard waste

**TEXTILES**
Clothing, towels, sheets, curtains

**ELECTRONIC WASTE**
(TV, batteries, bulbs)

**WOOD**
Pallets, tree limbs, furniture

**PROPANE TANKS & TIRES**

**SCRAP METALS**
Heavy metal, auto parts, household metals (pots and pans)

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