



WARNING



Avoid Recycling Contamination.

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What Is It?

Recycling contamination is when incorrect items/materials are put into the system *or* when the right items/materials are prepared the wrong way (i.e., food residue in containers, recyclables in plastic bags, etc.). If you are collecting a material for recycling, anything other than that specific material could be considered a contaminate.

Trash

- Fluorescent bulbs & compact fluorescent bulbs contain mercury and CANNOT be disposed of in the trash. Recycle at the Transfer Station.
- Hazardous Waste. Products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides can contain hazardous ingredients and require special care & should be taken to the Transfer Station to be recycled.

Glass

Glass - should be recycled at our two glass drop off locations: Walmart & the Transfer Station. Remember glass should go into a purple recycling bin ONLY. IT IS NOT A PART OF CURBSIDE COLLECTION.

Why It Matters

- When the occurrence of contaminants in a load of recycling becomes too great the items will be sent to the landfill even though some of them are viable for recycling.
- Unsafe work environments for those sorting your stuff
- If a contaminant is present, the quality of the recyclable is reduced or eliminated. This gives recycling less market value, and the local recycling program may suffer as a result.

Curbside

Curbside recycling DIRTY DOZEN

- Food, yard, or pet waste
- Diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, or facial tissue
- Batteries, wiring, or electronics
- Household hazardous waste & medical waste
- New or used clothing
- Styrofoam e.g. plates, cups, or egg cartons
- Ceramics and light bulbs
- Glass or lumber (recycle glass at the Transfer Station)
- Dinnerware or glassware
- Big durable plastics like lawn furniture & kids toys
- Explosive or hazardous materials like ammunition
- Liquids in containers

Prevention

- Keep it clean.... Remember to empty the container, triple rinse, or scrape excessive food off. CLEAN IS GOOD!!
- RECYCLE RIGHT.... Know the what, how and right way to handle your recyclables. If in doubt... find out... Follow Spencer Recycling Basics on Facebook or call 712-580-7270 to RECYCLE RIGHT.

Cardboard

- Cardboard only containers (Applies to Businesses Only)
- NO other recyclables should be mixed, ie: paper, plastic, metals or garbage. Remember to flatten your cardboard.

Grass and Tree Site

- No plastic bags, plastic pots, bagged garden waste, pet waste, food waste, garden tools or furniture, soil, sand, cement, gravel, bricks, tiles, stones or rocks.
- No Dumping! Remember it is illegal.

