

# Don't Contribute to Recycling Contamination

## #RecycleRightNJ

Recycling contamination occurs when non-acceptable items end up in your recycling bucket, bin or cart. Common contaminants found in the curbside recycling mix are plastic bags, batteries, polystyrene coffee cups, diapers, garden hoses, syringes, and trash.



Non-acceptable items can jam up sorting machines and even cause fires at recycling centers. Recycling contamination also negatively impacts the marketability and price of the recyclable materials collected.



**Learn more about recycling and ways to help make recycling work in your community by visiting [recycle.nj.gov](https://recycle.nj.gov).**