



“Can I Recycle This?” Know When It’s a **NO!**

ONLY the items listed below should go in your household recycling bin. If you’re unsure, don’t risk contaminating the load and place the item in the trash.



METAL

Food & Beverage Cans



GLASS

Bottles & Jars



PLASTIC

Bottles, Jars, Jugs, & Tubs



PAPER & CARDBOARD

Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Magazines, & Boxes

*When in doubt, check this out!
www.RecycleSmartMA.org
Enter in the item & find out if it’s recycling or trash!*



STOP CONTAMINATION!! Keep these items OUT of your bin!

NO
Plastic Bags
of Any Kind

NO
Plastic Wrap, Films,
or Tarps

NO
Styrofoam
of Any Kind

NO
Tanglers
(hoses, wires, cords)

NO
Paper Towels,
Napkins, etc.

NO
Plastic Utensils,
Straws, or Colored Cups

NO
Clothes, Sneakers,
Blankets, etc.

NO
Coated Papers
(ie waxed soda cups)

NO
Food
or Liquid

NO
Plastic Hangers,
Toys, or Flower Pots

NO
Ceramics, Pots, Pans,
or Baking Glass

NO
Rubber or
Scrap Metal

NO
Wood or
Construction Debris

NO
Electronics, Batteries,
or Bulbs

NO
Hazardous or
Medical Waste



This is an actual picture of the plastics recycling receptacle at the Dover Recycling Center. Because of the metal shelving, plastic bins, styrofoam containers, plastic bags, and numerous other non-recyclable materials and garbage, this load CANNOT be processed as recycling and will go to the landfill, resulting in surplus fees to the City. You can do your part to eliminate these costs by keeping contamination out of your recycling.

WHY DOES IT MATTER???

You may have seen in the news that new policies in China are impacting the recycling industry across the country, and right here in Dover.

In an effort to help the environment, too many of us are putting things into our recycling bins that should not be, HOPING they can be recycled. The result? Contaminated loads are being rejected at the processing center and disposed of as trash, resulting in charges to the City.

To avoid these charges and ensure your items ARE recycled, please stick to the “acceptable items” list!

