

Let's Work Together To Keep Our Recyclables Value Up!

Many of us don't know about the "contamination rate" that brings the value of our recyclables down when it goes to the regional recycler/sorter.

Watch for these common mistakes:

- **NO SHREDDED PAPER** – Small strips of paper will clog and damage sorting equipment.
- **NO GLASS** – During the collection and transportation of recyclables, glass can break. The shards of glass can become embedded in paper and cardboard contaminating an entire load.
- **NO PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS** – These will get stuck in the recycling sorter and the entire recycling line will have to be shut down. Most local grocery stores have recycle containers for these bags.
- **NO PIZZA BOXES**- Grease and cheese soak into the cardboard and contaminate it.
- **NO STYROFOAM** - Although Styrofoam is recyclable, it requires highly specialized machinery that single stream recycling facilities are not equipped with.
- **DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES.** Bags of recyclables get thrown away because workers do not have time to open and sort every bag.



Let's all work together to get the highest value from our community's recycled products!