



“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 curbside recycling totes. Because of the pool tarp, plastic bags, aluminum siding, and broom, this load CANNOT be processed as recycling and will go to the landfill, resulting in surplus fees to the Town. 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 Bow.

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 Town.

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

