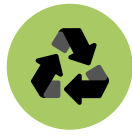


RECYCLING CONTAMINATION MATTERS



Here at WSU most of us recycle the right way. However, it only takes one person recycling incorrectly to contaminate a whole bin of recycling.

MAIN CONTAMINATORS?



PLASTIC BAGS

Plastic bags & **other plastic material like shrink wrap & bubble wrap are the worst contaminators.** They blow away in the wind, polluting our streets & waterways. They also clog machines at sorting facilities which costs extra time & money. **Never bag recycling. Quality recycling does not need a bin liner.**

FOOD WASTE

Rinse & remove any food waste before putting items in the recycle bin. Leftover liquids, oils, & foods are not recyclable and that **food waste soils all of the other good recycling items in the recycle bin too.**



WRONG PLASTICS

At WSU, **only plastics 1 & 2 can be recycled.** Check for the recycling symbols at the bottom of plastic products. **No symbol = don't recycle it.**

SHREDDED PAPER

Loose shredded paper is hard to recover in recycling facilities as recyclables are hand sorted. If you must shred paper, request WSU's secure shredding service.



HAZARDOUS WASTE

This includes **Physical, Biological, & Chemical waste** like glass, used tissues, needles, batteries, & electronics. Do not put these items in the recycle bin. Contact: x6421 to recycle batteries & glass.

**Remember, when in doubt,
throw it out!**

Questions? Visit: <https://www.weber.edu/sustainability/waste.html>



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