

# RECYCLE RIGHT

## Wish-Cycling

Many Americans may be "**wishful recyclers**" by placing items that won't get recycled into their curbside bins. These might be items that need to be recycled through other methods or thinking that since there is a component that is recyclable, someone at the recycling center will separate it or figure it out. *This is not true.*

**All items put in curbside bins or received at recycling drop-off centers need to be readily sorted into glass, plastic, metal or paper/cardboard.**

This act is unknowingly creating more harm than good by contaminating recycling streams, which unfortunately sends everything to the landfill.



## Recycling Plastic Bags and Film

Plastic bags tangle up and get stuck in recycling sorting equipment – which can shut down an entire recycling plant!

**Keep plastic bags and film out of your recycling bin**

Gather your plastic bags and plastic films separately (**stretchy plastics** like grocery, zip-lock and dry-cleaning bags, along with films around water bottles and paper products). Keep clean and dry.

**Bring into your local grocery store, Target or Walmart**



## Curbside recycling is not the only option

**Not all recyclable items can go in your curbside container**

**#1 Curbside:** provided by your local hauler – ask for their guidelines

**Drop-off:** provided by your town or municipality – check with your town for their recycling guidelines

**#2 Collection Events:** St. Croix County has collection events twice a year for Tires, Appliances, Electronics and Hazardous Waste

**#3 Take-back:** programs at retail locations for recycling plastic bags, printer cartridges, light bulbs, batteries, electronics

**#4 Mail-In or Re-claim:** manufacturer's may offer programs to reclaim materials used in their products or packaging

Additional recycling information is found on the county's website:  
[www.sccwi.gov/Recycling](http://www.sccwi.gov/Recycling)

- Recycling options for items NOT ACCEPTED curbside, go to: **A-Z Recycling & Disposal Guide**
- Collection event dates and details for Hazardous Waste, Appliance, Electronics and Tires

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