

Why Aren't These Items Recyclable?

Recycling 101

Your cart items are delivered to a facility where the different material types – paper, metal, glass, plastic – are separated from each other, baled and shipped to a manufacturer. The better the separation of material types, the higher the market value of the bales. What you put in the recycle cart matters. Some products are difficult to separate (shredded paper), some are a fusion of different materials (paper coffee cups) and some are too small to recycle (prescription bottles). Items placed incorrectly in the recycle cart may end up in a bale of material, diminishing its value. Below describes why each item does not belong in the recycle cart.

Corks alone are too small to recycle. Leaving a cork in a bottle mixes two different materials together, “contaminating” the bale of glass.

Ceramic mugs and dishes have different chemical properties from glass. In fact, a tiny piece of ceramic melted and incorporated into a new glass jar will cause the glass to shatter.

Drinking glasses have a different chemical formulation from glass food and beverage containers and do not belong in recycling.

Perfume bottles have a different chemical formulation from glass food and beverage containers and do not belong in recycling.