

## 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.

[Juice, vegetable and tuna fish pouches](#) are the newest type of packaging. Although lightweight and convenient for the consumer, they are flimsy and difficult to sort. Some pouches are made of composite materials – plastics mixed with metal foil for instance – which is difficult to separate.

[Plastic straws](#) are too small to capture in the sorting process.