

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.

Metal lined cardboard, such as a Pringles container or mixed nut container, are cardboard on the outside with a metal lining on the inside. The fusion of two material types makes it difficult to recycle.

Metal foil tops on product containers, such as yogurt, are a combination of metal and plastic. The integration of two material types makes it impossible to recycle.