

RECYCLE RIGHT

Wish-Cycling

Ever stood in front of your recycling cart trying to figure out if something should go in it? You're not sure whether it can be recycled but you hope it can, so you toss it in anyways.

This is Wish Cycling. The reality is, this practice can cause an entire load of good recyclables to become contaminated trash - *and no one wishes for that.*

These might be items that need to be recycled through other methods (ex: electronics) or you may think there is a component that is recyclable and someone at the recycling center will separate it or figure it out. *This is not true.*



Items received at recycling centers need to be easily sorted into glass, plastic, metal or paper/cardboard.



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 them 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

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

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