

THE TERRIBLE TEN

DO **NOT** MIX THESE ITEMS WITH NO-SORT RECYCLING *

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NO SOILED FOOD CONTAINERS- the oils from food make paper un-recyclable.

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NO STYROFOAM PEANUTS-** these are difficult to recycle and are not cost effective.

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NO LIGHT BULBS-** broken light bulbs are a safety hazard, can contain mercury and must be disposed of safely.

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NO MOTOR OIL BOTTLES- motor oil residue can contaminate other plastics making entire batches un-recyclable.

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NO PLASTIC BAGS-** these are time consuming to open, can jam machinery, and can get by automated sorters.

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NO CERAMIC, METAL OR PYREX OVENWARE- these may contain materials that cannot be mixed with container glass and can damage glass furnaces.

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NO BROKEN GLASS-** some types of glass cannot be recycled together and broken glass can be a safety hazard to sorters.

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NO METAL CLOTHES HANGERS- these can jam recycling equipment.

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NO SILVERWARE-** tableware is not accepted.

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NO STYROFOAM CONTAINERS OR PACKAGING-** despite the prevalence of Styrofoam, it is not accepted by Otsego County for recycling.

*These items **SHOULD NOT** be mixed in with recyclables dropped off at the Otsego County transfer stations or in no-sort recycling picked up by haulers.

BEFORE YOU RECYCLE, **PLEASE** TAKE THE TIME TO...

SEE WHAT ELSE IS **NOT** ACCEPTED WITH THE NO-SORT RECYCLING:



NO PELLET/GARDEN BAGS**- these are not accepted among Otsego County recyclables.



NO HARD PLASTICS**- items like CD's, ski boots, or plastic appliances are not accepted among the county's recyclables.



NO RUBBER- rubber is not accepted for recycling by Otsego County.

AND BE SURE TO...



SEPARATE PLASTIC BAGS FROM RECYCLABLES.



FLATTEN ALL CARDBOARD BOXES BEFORE RECYCLING THEM.



RECYCLE PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS AT ANY MEDIUM TO LARGE RETAIL/GROCERY STORE.



WASH OUT ALL BOTTLES AND FOOD CONTAINERS BEFORE RECYCLING THEM.

****Some of the items that are not recyclable by Otsego County ARE recyclable or reusable elsewhere, and/or are accepted at the county's annual Household Hazardous Waste Day collection. Please go to <http://www.otsegocounty.com/depts/sw/> or call 607-547-4225 or 607-547-4488 to learn more.**

Updates will be issued as new recycling opportunities develop.

