



City of Bristol – Public Works Department

Please be aware that any unacceptable materials in your recycling cause contamination of the recycle stream.

Below is a list of commonly found contaminants/unacceptable materials in the recycle stream.

**Unacceptable Items/Contaminants:**

Plastic Bags/Grocery Bags (plastic bags that cover newspapers delivered on rainy days)

Plastic Wrap

Pizza Boxes

Coat Hangers (plastic or metal)

Styrofoam (packing peanuts or take-out containers)

Ceramics (plates, cups, statues)

Plastic caps, straws, toys, plastic envelopes

Plastic containers that held antifreeze, oil, pesticides, or other toxic chemicals

Carpet, wood, or rubbish

Light bulbs, crystal, window or mirror glass

Tape or String

Waxed paper or wax-coated cartons

Paint or chemical cans

Scrap metal, pots, pans or silverware

Yard waste, grass, branches or leaves

A recycling brochure is available on the Public Works web site at:

<http://www.bristolct.gov/publicworks>

Feel free to call us if you have questions.