



What is the issue with plastic bags mixed in with other recyclables?

Plastic bags, due to their characteristics as a lightweight plastic film, cannot be sorted from other recyclables (paper, plastic bottles, metal cans, etc.) at the recycle center. Instead, plastic bags get caught in the conveyor belts, jam spinning wheels, become air borne litter and can bring the entire recycle center sorting process to a halt.

Plastic bags can be recycled, just not as part of a mix of recyclables. Instead, drop them off at specially marked plastic bag recycle bins in the front of your favorite grocery store or supermarket.

Please contact the City's Infrastructure Department at 720-977-6200 for more information or if you have recycling tips you would like to share.