

Common questions regarding mixed materials:

1. Why can't they separate it at the materials recovery facility?

At the MRF, the workers do not have enough time! They must work quickly to remove contamination on a fast-moving sort line. When they see plastic film of any kind, they have to take it out because it can damage the equipment.

2. Do I have to remove the label from cans?

No!

3. Do I have to remove the plastic windows from envelopes?

No! Paper recycling companies are ready to handle that small amount of plastic.

4. Can I toss in aseptic cartons (soymilk/broth boxes), chip bags, or pet food bags?

No! This will be the next recycling tip! Those containers are made from multiple materials that cannot be separated by hand, therefore not recyclable.