

## ***Keep These Plastics Out of Your Recycling Bin!***

Some plastic items cost too much to recycle, cause problems at recycling facilities, are unwanted by manufacturers or are recyclable only through separate recycling programs. Please ***do not add these*** to your household or municipal recycling mix:

- Plastic bags, plastic wrap
- Black plastic (microwavable containers, food trays, etc.)
- Forks, spoons, knives & serving utensils
- Plastic plates, plastic cups that are opaque or colored (clear plastic cups now accepted in recycling)
- Tubes (e.g. toothpaste, cosmetics, shampoo)
- Plastic containers greater than 2.5 gallons in size
- Plastic containers which once held toxic substances (e.g. automotive oil)
- Containers labeled "biodegradable" or "compostable"
- Foam items (e.g. "aka Styrofoam®" cups, egg cartons, food containers & trays, packing material)
- Molded plastic packaging (the type that requires a sharp object to open)
- Binders, folders & plastic-coated (usually shiny) paper
- Compact disks and cases, video & audio tapes
- Plant pots & garden trays
- Six-pack rings (cut them up & then put in trash)
- Plexiglass
- PVC products (pipes, siding, etc.)
- Manufactured plastic wood (decking material)