

# THE DIRTY DOZEN 2021

KEEP THESE ITEMS OUT OF YOUR CURBSIDE RECYCLING!


 1. Lithium Batteries	 2. Propane Tanks	 3. Ropes	 4. Hoses
 5. Foam	 6. Tarps	 7. Plastic Bags	 8. Hangers
 9. Electronics	 10. Cups	 11. Food	 12. Clothing

Monroe County is one of the most consistent areas in the entire United States both in quantity and quality of recycling.

However, *up to 10% of what is received at the Monroe County Recycling Center does not belong there!*

**That means 1 out of 10 items that are put in curbside recycling bins actually belong in the garbage or require special handling.**

We have updated the recycling "Dirty Dozen" with the most problematic items that made their way into Monroe County recycling bins on a regular basis.



**MIXED RECYCLING**

✓ EMPTY    ✓ CLEAN    ✓ UNBAGGED

PAPER

PLASTIC

METAL

GLASS

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

*You can receive a copy of the newly updated Monroe County recycling guidelines, the latest from the ecopark, info on plastic bag and film recycling and a handy recycling magnet at this link:*

[www.monroecounty.gov/des-magnet](http://www.monroecounty.gov/des-magnet)

*Materials are also available at Town and Village halls and Libraries throughout the County.*

## NYS Polystyrene Foam Ban

Effective **Jan 1, 2022** disposable food service containers made from foam will be banned:

  
Clamshells

  
Coffee Cups

  
Plates & Bowls

  
Trays

Prepackaged items will NOT be banned

  
Egg Cartons

  
Meat Trays

  
Packing Foam

Packaged foods will look different beginning January 1, 2022 as New York State implements a **ban on Expanded Polystyrene Packaging and Loose Fill** (commonly known as packing peanuts).

Polystyrene is one of the Top 10 contributors of environmental litter.

Disposable food service containers that will be banned include ***bowls, cartons, hinged clamshells, cups, lids, plates, trays and includes any container designed as single use.***

The law ***DOES NOT apply to raw meat or seafood that is sold for the purpose of off-premises cooking or prepackaged food filled or sealed prior to receipt at a food service provider.***

Food service providers may apply for a hardship waiver.

For more information:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/120762.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/120762.html)