

You can recycle that?!?

Hopefully you already know that you can put many items in your Republic bin for weekly curbside pickup. If you're not sure you can check [Recycling Education, Activities and Ideas | Republic Services](#) to confirm whether something can be put in your bin. But did you know that there are items that should NOT be put in this bin, but that can still be recycled locally? Two of these items are:

Plastic films – this includes plastic shopping bags that you get at the grocery store and other retailers when you don't bring a reusable bag (which really is the best option!). But did you know that you can also recycle the overwrap on beverage container cases (like cases of water or sports drinks) or paper toiletry products like paper towels, toilet paper, etc.; bread bags; dry cleaning bags; zip-top food storage bags; inflatable packing pillows (deflate them first); newspaper bags; and produce bags. Many local grocery stores (Giant and Wegman's) that pack your groceries in plastic bags have a collection bin just inside their entrance where you can deposit the plastic film material that you collect. Visit <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org> for more information on recycling plastic film. Please note, you should not put any sort of plastic bags in your recycling bin, even bags that you use to collect the recycling. Dump the loose recycled items into the bin, and use the bag again for the next collection. Plastic bags can tangle up and jam the sorting equipment used in the single stream recycling process.

#6 Foam - White styrofoam, usually marked with a #6 chasing arrows recycling symbol, can be dropped off at Northeast Foam Recycling, now located in Chalfont- 90 Hamilton Street, Chalfont. This type of foam is often in shipping boxes or other boxes containing electronics or furniture to keep it from moving around inside the box. Perishable shipments like medicine and food are also frequently contained in coolers made with this type of foam. The foam must be clean and dry, should indent easily (not "bounce" back if you stick a finger into it) and snap or break if you try to bend it. Foam cannot be colored, should not be spongy, and packing peanuts are not accepted. For more information check out [\(5\) Northeast Foam Recycling | Facebook](#).