



Do not put “**tanglers**” in your curbside recycling bin. Tanglers are long, stringy items such as hoses, ropes, extension cords and shower curtains. They get stuck in the machinery at the recycling plant and are thrown in the trash. For a complete list of what can and can’t be recycled curbside, download the [Recycle More, Recycle Better](#) flier.



Most toothpaste tubes are made from sheets of plastic laminate that can be a combination of different plastics. The sheets of some tubes are also sandwiched around a thin layer of aluminum. The mix of materials is pressed together into a single film, making it impossible to recycle. Do not put toothpaste tubes, or any soft, squeezable tubes, into your recycling bin. For a complete list of recyclable and non-recyclable plastics, visit [Plastics Recycling](#).



If you can't reuse it, refuse it. Recycling is good, but waste reduction and reuse are far better. Why? Because when you're reduce waste, you're not creating it in the first place! Get more waste reduction tips by visiting [Beyond Recycling: Reduce and Reuse](#).



Many household chemicals we use can endanger our health and safety, and pose risks to our children, pets, communities, wildlife and the environment we all call home. Fortunately, [safe alternatives](#) are readily available, easy to use and often cheaper than their more dangerous counterparts.