



contamination such as from food waste or other high concentrations of non-recyclable items.

- Mixed material items may not be accepted for recycling such as coffee cups made from paper with a plastic lining. In addition, countries who import plastic waste for recycling, such as China, may import less materials for various reasons. The US has historically exported a large portion of its plastic recycling (~30%) to China yet has not significantly increased its domestic recycling. Therefore, recycling



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remember, the best action we can take, is to reduce our plastic use in the first place (see Tips from Week 1).