

# Plastic bags **CANNOT** go in your kerbside recycling bin



Did you know that the recyclables  
in your yellow lidded wheelie bin are  
sorted by hand?

Or that the facility that sorts your  
recyclables sorts through literally tonnes  
of recyclables and rubbish every hour?



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# **We don't want your efforts to be wasted.**

Due to the sheer volume of material rolling through the materials recovery facility (MRF), the sorters just don't have the time to open plastic bags.

If workers open plastic bags they are put at risk of needle stick injuries and exposure to potentially dangerous substances.

The risk far outweighs the reward.

As a result of all this, plastic bags full of recyclables are going straight to landfill.

## **So please, leave the bags out of it!**

**If you want to recycle plastic bags, check with your local supermarket.**



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