

FAQs Muggy Maggie (Ceramic items)

Q: What issues do ceramic cups and dishes create for the local recycling facility?

A: Ceramics break easily when placed in the blue bin. This creates safety issues at the recycling facility, making it difficult for workers to separate broken ceramics from the good recyclables. Broken pieces of ceramics can contaminate the recycling process, turning good recyclables into trash.

Q: Why can't these items be recycled?

A: Ceramics can cause contamination in the blue bin because they are made up of a clay composite and can easily break into small pieces.

Q: If ceramics can't be recycled, what are some options?

A: Ceramics can be used for art projects, or crushed to make gravel pathways or a foundation for a concrete porch or driveway. However, the most popular choice is to donate old ceramic items to thrift shops as it is one of the simplest, most energy-efficient solutions.

Q: Are there any additional ceramic items (other than cups or dishes) which cause problems at our local recycling facility?

A: Pyrex and Corningware are also made up of other materials which can contaminate good recyclables. These items should not be placed in the blue bin.

