

Quick Saturday Recycling Tip: How Bagging Can Trip Up Your Recycling Efforts

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The quality of Darien's single-stream recyclables (i.e., level of contamination) is reportedly very good, except for one thing ...

— *an announcement from Darien Recycling Center*

... too many closed plastic bags! The sensors at City Carting's sorting facility only work for items that are

LOOSE; closed plastic bags are pulled out and thrown away.

If you're going to take the time to separate recyclables, please ensure that they actually get recycled and open/empty all plastic bags!!

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