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Remember:

Placing unacceptable materials in the recycling bin can contaminate an entire load of recycling and cause it to be rejected by the recycling truck and sent to the landfill.

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Oops Card

Tips and Suggested Use:

- **Print double sided and cut along lines.**
- Check all items found in bin/can. Add additional notes for other items or comments to help improve.
- Students can periodically check bins and give feedback using Oops! Cards.
- Use the cards to help improve recycling in classrooms, offices, break rooms, etc.
- Use with the Oops! Recycling Card to encourage participants to correctly sort their waste and increase recycling of acceptable items.
- Remind students: when giving feedback on what they find in the recycling bin, identify incorrect items but keep it positive to encourage participants to recycle!
- Use the Oops cards with a Waste Audit as a student activity.
- Consider having a schoolwide contest focusing on classroom recycling bins; announce the winners weekly—classrooms that had only correct items in the bin for the week.
- Have students record results of the audit to track improvements over time, then share these results with the individual classrooms/offices and your school community. This is a great way to encourage and increase recycling participation. Be sure to keep it positive!