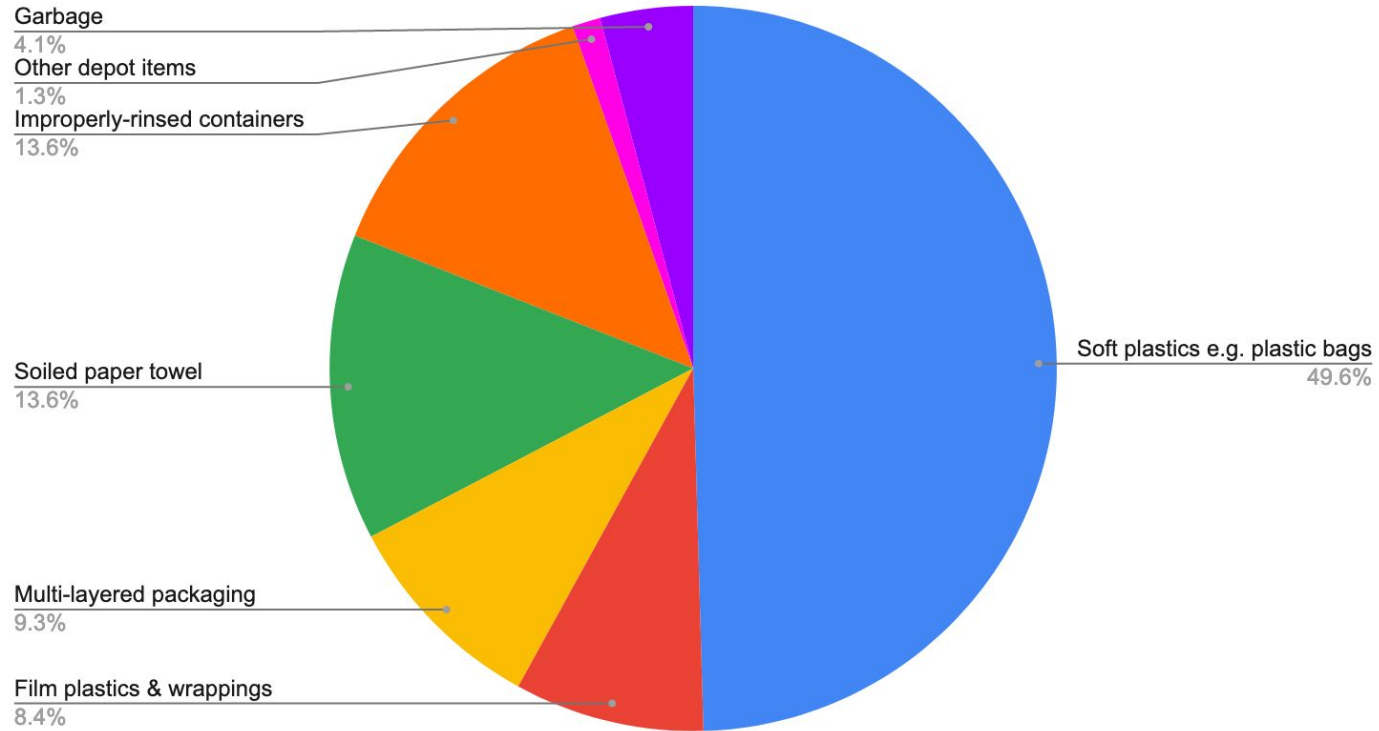


RECYCLING AUDIT RESULTS

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Recycling Contamination Ladysmith July 2021



This chart shows the distribution of the 557 contaminants found in the 70 houses audited.



Out of 60 houses, we only found one glass jar.

We applaud Ladysmith residents for bringing glass jars to their local depot and preventing recycling contamination.



We only found two styrofoam containers. We diverted them from the recycling bins and brought them to the depot instead.

We also found lots of paper bubble mailers and plastic wrapping paper which unfortunately cannot be recycled.

We recommend Ladysmith residents to use less packaging and more compostable items in order to reduce the strain on our waste system.



These were all the items that do belong in curbside recycling, but were not rinsed properly beforehand.

This image shows the materials after we cleaned them.



This image shows the soft plastics, film plastics, and multi-layered packaging found. All of these items must be taken to the depot.

Soft plastics were the main cause of contamination.



An overview of the contaminants we found at 60 homes over the course of one week.

We sorted, cleaned, and brought them to the depot.



This picture shows the cumulative amount of contaminants that we found.

What this picture does not show are the extensive amounts of soiled paper towels and tissues we found in the curbside recycling.

Please note that dirty paper items belongs in the organics bin.

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