Recycling-Bin Odor Source Check

Find the residue. Follow the care directions. Choose one small reset.

Date / bin location:

Bin material / model / care-instruction location:

1. Empty safely and check four places

- ☐ Base and corners: sticky ring, puddle, or food residue
- ☐ Rim and permitted lid surfaces: dried beverage drips
- ☐ Accessible seams, handles, and removable inserts
- ☐ Tray, cabinet base, or floor beneath the bin

What I found / where:

2. Use the permitted method

Check the model instructions. Keep water out of electronics. Do not mix products.

- ☐ Remove loose debris and absorb small ordinary beverage spills.
- ☐ Clean reachable surfaces with the approved method and dedicated tools.
- ☐ Remove detergent as instructed. Dry fully before refilling.

Approved cleaner / method and any limits:

3. Choose one prevention cue

Empty accepted packaging, remove residue, and keep paper dry. Check local rules for accepted items, lids, and bagging. Do not identify unknown substances by sniffing.
My small step + cue (for example, inspect after emptying):

Next emptying: did the smell return, and what was added?

Stop for sharps, chemicals, damaged batteries, or an unexplained strong chemical smell.