



# A Guide to Curbside Recycling in Westchester

## Curbside Recycling Guidelines

### Paper & Cardboard

**Recycle:** Newspapers, glossy inserts, phone books, magazines, junk mail, brown paper bags, and corrugated and grey cardboard boxes.

**How:** Remove plastic linings, windows and excessive tape. Place mixed paper in a brown bag or loose in the recycling bin. Flatten and place boxes inside each other.

**Don't Recycle:** Waxed cardboard (i.e. milk cartons), plastic and Styrofoam packing materials, cardboard with any trace of food, paperbacks or hardcover books. Consider donating books to a library.

### Plastics 1 - 7\*



**Recycle:** All plastics coded with any number between 1 through 7, commonly used for food, beverages, detergents, household cleaners and shampoo. Include coded pails and buckets, as well as coded flower pots

and trays rinsed free of soil or other products.

**How:** All plastics must be rinsed clean and free of food waste and other products. Plastic caps on jars and bottles are acceptable. Place plastics loose in the bin with glass and metal containers.

**Don't Recycle:** Plastic bags (i.e. grocery, dry cleaning, packing material), vinyl, Styrofoam (i.e. cups, trays, packing material), any unmarked or non-coded plastics (including large rigid plastics as in toys, pools, and furniture, as well as clothing, hangers, tableware, utensils), building materials (i.e. piping, sinks and other fixtures), and empty plastic containers which held potentially hazardous material, regardless of the recycling code (i.e. motor oil, pesticides and solvents).

\***Remember:** Containers (glass, metal, and plastics) can be mixed in your recycling bin.

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### Glass Containers\*



**Recycle:** Glass jars and bottles of any size and color.

**How:** Rinse containers. Place metal caps and rinsed jars and bottles loose in the bin with plastic and metal containers. Labels

do not need to be removed.

**Don't Recycle:** Glass that is not used for packaging food or beverages (i.e. light bulbs, drinking glasses, crystal, window and mirror glass, ceramic ware and kitchen cookware). Also, empty glass containers which held potentially hazardous materials (i.e. pesticides and solvents) should be discarded as garbage.

### Metal Containers\*

**Recycle:** Food and beverage cans, clean aluminum foil and trays, and empty aerosol cans.

**How:** Rinse containers and place them loose in the recycling bin with glass and plastic containers. Labels do not need to be removed.

**Don't Recycle:** Empty paint cans or metal containers which held potentially hazardous materials such as pesticides, glues or solvents. Aluminum siding, scrap metal, wire, pipes, tubing, motors, sheet metal, appliances and auto parts are recycled under separate municipal programs. Call your municipality for details.

**For more information, call the  
Westchester County Recycling  
HelpLine at 813-5425 or visit  
[www.westchestergov.com/recycling](http://www.westchestergov.com/recycling)**



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**NO Plastic Bags  
in the bin!**



Recycle plastic bags separately by returning them to any large grocery store, retail center or Household Material Recovery Day.

**NO Sharps!**



The safest way to discard needles, syringes and lancets is to take them to a hospital or health facility that accepts them. Find a list of locations and follow the disposal guidelines by visiting our website and reading the "Sharps Smarts" brochure. Call the Westchester County Health Department at (914) 813-5000 to learn more.