Household Recycling
Drop Off Days 2010

What’s Accepted:

- Properly labeled household chemicals, including:
  - Most Automotive Fluids – antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline
  - Flammable Liquids – kerosene, butane, charcoal fluid, turpentine
  - Metal, Jewelry & Furniture Polishes, Wood Preservatives
  - Pesticides, Insecticides, Herbicides
  - Photography & Swimming Pool Chemicals

- Other items, including:
  - Fluorescent Light Bulbs & CFLs∗
  - Fire Extinguishers
  - Propane Tanks∗ (2, 5, 10 & 20 lbs.)
  - Cell Phones∗
  - Batteries∗ – Auto, Non-rechargeable, Rechargeable & Button Cell
  - Car Tires∗ (maximum 10)
  - Mercury Thermometers and Thermostats∗
  - Electronic Waste – computer monitors, towers, peripherals, printers, TVs, faxes, phones, cell phones, radios, stereos, speakers
  - Appliances with Freon∗ – freezers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners
  - Expired or Unused Pharmaceuticals – prescription, over the counter, veterinary medication; keep drugs in their original containers
  - Plastic Grocery Bags∗ – bring in 20 or more bags to get a free reusable shopping bag, while supplies last

*Year-round disposal options are available.
Call 2-1-1 for more information.

What’s NOT Accepted:

- Paint – Oil & Latex – harden paint and put it out with the trash. (Note: Rye Brook, Yorktown, and White Plains residents should put out hardened paint on bulk pick-up days.) A product called Waste Paint Hardener can be used to harden a gallon of latex paint in minutes; to harden oil based paint, add absorbent material, such as kitty litter
- Motor Oil – take to a service station or motor oil retail outlet
- Compressed Gas Cylinders – helium and oxygen tanks
- Smoke & Fire Detectors – dispose of in trash
- Explosives – flares, fireworks, ammunition
- Medical Waste – hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets
- Materials from Businesses, Schools & Institutions
- Construction Debris

For disposal information about these items, call the Recycling HelpLine at 2-1-1.

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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.

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

How: Rinse containers and discard plastic caps. 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.

Plastics 1 & 2*
Recycle: Plastic containers coded 1 or 2 on the bottom, commonly used for food, beverages, detergents, household cleaners and shampoo.

How: Rinse containers and discard plastic caps. Place plastics loose in the bin with glass and metal containers. Labels do not need to be removed.

Don’t Recycle: Five-gallon plastic pails, Styrofoam, toys, plastic bags or flowerpots, regardless of the recycling code. Also, empty plastic containers which held potentially hazardous materials (i.e. motor oil, pesticides and solvents) should be discarded as garbage.

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

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