



## Paper & Cardboard

**RECYCLE:** Newspapers, glossy inserts, corrugated cardboard boxes, phone books, magazines, brochures, catalogs & junk mail

**HOW:** Place paper in a brown bag or loose in the recycling bin. Remove excessive amounts of plastic tape from cardboard. Flatten and place corrugated boxes inside another corrugated cardboard box and place all brown bags inside another brown bag.

**DON'T RECYCLE:** Paperback or hardcover books. Donate books to a library or charity. Waxed cardboard (such as milk cartons), grey cardboard, plastic and styrofoam packing materials. Put these items in the 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 need not be removed.

**DON'T RECYCLE:** Conventional paint cans or metal containers that were filled with

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.

## Important Reminders:



### DO NOT PLACE RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS -

unless this is specifically requested by your hauler. Otherwise, just dump the glass, metal and plastic containers into the recycling bin on collection day. **Recycle plastic bags separately or reuse them.**

### NO Sharps!

The safest way to discard needles, syringes and lancets is to take them to a hospital or facility that accepts them. If this is not possible, get a "Sharps Smarts" brochure by visiting [westchestergov.com/recycling](http://westchestergov.com/recycling) and clicking on Related Publications in the right hand column or calling the Westchester County Health Department at (914) 813-5000 to learn more about safe disposal.

### Questions?

Call the Westchester County Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5420 or visit

[www.westchestergov.com/recycling](http://www.westchestergov.com/recycling)

For your recycling and garbage collection schedule, contact your local municipality or private hauler.

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## For Curbside Collection



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## Plastic 1 and 2

**RECYCLE:** Plastic containers coded 1 or 2 on the bottom, commonly used for food, beverages, detergents, household cleaners and shampoos

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

**DON'T RECYCLE:** Five-gallon plastic pails, styrofoam, plastic bags and flower pots, regardless of the recycling code number. Bring clean plastic bags to a Household Recycling Day. Also, empty plastic containers which held potentially hazardous materials such as motor oil, pesticides, solvents, etc., should be discarded with your garbage.

## Glass Containers

**RECYCLE:** Glass jars and bottles, any size, any color

**HOW:** Rinse containers and discard plastic caps. Place metal caps and rinsed jars and bottles loose in the same recycling bin with plastic and metal containers. Labels need not be removed.



**DON'T RECYCLE:** Glass that is not used for packaging food or beverages, such as light bulbs, drinking glasses, crystal, window and mirror glass, ceramic ware, kitchen cookware, pesticide/herbicide or other bottles which held potentially hazardous materials, etc. Put these items in the garbage.

# Beyond Paper, Plastic, Metal & Glass

Unlike paper, plastic, metal and glass, these items currently cannot be recycled at the curb. However, they also should not be discarded in the trash. Some items, like cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs and certain electronic components contain materials that render them hazardous.



## E-Waste

**RECYCLE:** Computer monitors, TVs, VCRs, computer towers, accessories, printers, faxes, phones, cell phones, small appliances, i.e. toasters, blenders, radios, stereos, speakers, lamps

**HOW:** Bring items to a county E-Waste Day or a Household Recycling Day. "White waste" (i.e. washers, dryers, freezers, air conditioners, stoves, refrigerators) is not accepted at these events. Contact your local municipality for information about their "white waste" programs.

## Cell Phones



**HOW:** Take old cell phones to a drop-off location. For a list of cell phone drop-off sites, go to [www.westchestergov.com/cellphone](http://www.westchestergov.com/cellphone) or call the Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5420. Or bring items to a county E-Waste Day or a Household Recycling Day.

## Fluorescent Light Bulbs, CFLs



**HOW:** Bring items to a county E-Waste Day or a Household Recycling Day.

## Unused & Expired Prescription Drugs

### DO NOT FLUSH!

Bring unneeded prescription and over-the-counter pills, liquids, ointments and lotions to a Household Recycling Day for proper disposal. Keep them in the original container or put in a sealable plastic bag. Liquids should be in their containers *inside* a sealable plastic bag. Aerosol canisters should be emptied and put in the garbage.



To get a schedule of Westchester County Household Recycling or E-Waste Days, go to [www.westchestergov.com/recycling](http://www.westchestergov.com/recycling) or call the **Westchester County Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5420.**