
Frequently Asked Questions About Connecticut's Recycling Law

Who is required to recycle? Everyone! The Mandatory Recycling Act went into effect in CT on January 1, 1991. It applies to every business, every household, every institution and every government agency.

What items do I have to recycle? Everyone in the state is required to recycle the following items: glass food and beverage containers; metal food and beverage containers; newspapers; corrugated cardboard; leaves; scrap metal; used motor oil; lead-acid batteries; white office paper (households exempt); grass clippings and nickel-cadmium batteries.

What if I live in an apartment building or condo or if I run a small business, who is responsible for providing recycling services? Although some towns provide trash and recycling service to small multi-family residences (2 or 3 apartments), most apartment buildings, condo associations and businesses contract directly with a trash hauler to provide trash and recycling service. The law requires "source separation". This means that you must separate the recyclables from the trash where they are generated. Your hauler cannot separate them later if they have been mixed with trash.

Used Needles Are Dangerous!

Used needles can

- Injure people
- Spread germs
- Spread diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus, and syphilis



Protect Your Garbage Hauler

- Do Not Throw Loose Needles in the Garbage
- Do Not Put Needles in Recycling Blue Bags



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Curbside Recycling Information

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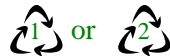
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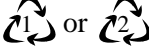
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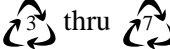

Co-Mingled Recyclables
Plastic, Glass & Metal Food & Beverage Containers—Place in Blue Bag or Recycling Bin—Leave at Curbside

Plastic Bottles



Examples: Clear and Colored Plastic Bottles. Soda (up to 3 liter), Milk & Water Jugs (up to 1 gallon only), Detergent, Bleach, Personal Care Products

Preparation: Discard caps. Empty and rinse. THE BOTTLES MUST HAVE RECYCLING SYMBOL 

Items NOT Accepted: Bottles larger than 1 gallon, Car Oil Bottles, Food Wrap, Grocery Bags, Plastic Toys, Pool Chemical Bottles, Tubs, Buckets or Pails, Recycling Symbols  thru 

Glass Food & Beverage Containers

Examples: Food and Beverage Bottles and Jars—Clear, Green and Brown

Preparation: Empty and rinse. Lids need to be removed, but the labels can be left on. No broken glass.

Items NOT Accepted: Drinking Glass, Pyrex, Light Bulbs, Ceramics, Window Glass, Mirror Glass

Metal Food & Beverage Containers

Examples: Soup, Pet Food, Soda, Beer, Pie Plates

Preparation: Empty and rinse. Do not flatten. Lids and labels can be left on.

Items NOT Accepted: Scrap Metal such as: Toasters, Pots, Frying Pans, Coat Hangers.

Other Recyclables
Newspapers, Magazines, Corrugated—Bundle Separately—Leave at Curbside

Newspapers

Examples: Newspapers and any inserts delivered with the newspapers.

Preparation: Ties newspapers in bundles or place in brown paper bags. DO NOT PUT NEWSPAPERS IN BLUE BAGS OR PLASTIC BAGS!

Items NOT Accepted: Phone Books, Junk Mail, Books.

Magazines

Examples: Magazines and glossy mail order catalogues.

Preparation: Bundle and tie separately.

Haulers will collect these items during the first seven calendar days of each month.

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Corrugated Cardboard

Examples: Double-walled Cardboard or Shipping Cartons

Preparation: Cardboard must be clean. Empty the carton, flatten and tie in bundles not larger than 3 feet by 3 feet.

Items NOT Accepted: Waxed Cardboard, Shoe Boxes, Pizza Boxes, Gift Boxes, Cereal Boxes

Items Accepted at Municipal Drop-Off (Mom & Pop) Centers Only - Call the number below for the Drop Off Center location in your town.

- Vehicle Batteries,
- Scrap Metal,
- Waste Motor Oil,
- Leaves,
- Phone Books,
- Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cd) Batteries,
- Tires
- Old Clothing
- Other Items (varies by town)

For additional information, check www.hrra.org or call your town recycling program at the number listed below:

Bethel 704-8549	Bridgewater 354-5250
Brookfield 775-7318	Danbury 743-0405 x 143
Kent 927-4627	New Fairfield 312-5628
New Milford 355-6042	Newtown 270-4307
Redding 938-3026	Ridgefield 431-2343
	Sherman 355-1139