

Frequently Asked Questions About Connecticut's Recycling Law

Who is required to recycle? Everyone! Connecticut's Recycling Act went into effect in 1991. It applies to every business, every household, every institution, every school and every government agency in the state.

What items do I have to recycle?

Everyone 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. Some recycling regions have additional mandatory recyclables. In the HRRRA region, magazines, catalogs and all plastic bottles with a neck must be recycled.

What if I live in an apartment building or condo or if I run a small business? How do I get recycling services? Apartment building owners, condo associations and businesses should contract directly with a hauler to provide both trash and recycling collection. Connecticut requires "source separation", meaning that recyclables must be separated from trash at the place where it is generated. Haulers are not allowed to separate recyclables mixed with trash after pickup. You can also take recyclables to your local Recycling Center or to the City of Danbury/AWD Mom & Pop Recycle Center at 307 White Street.

How Did HRRRA Residents Do Saving the Earth in 2006?

Tons Recycled

Newspapers	5,030
Plastic Bottles	878
Magazines/Catalogs	392
Corrugated Cardboard	1,254
Glass Containers	2,702
Metal Containers	518

Resources Saved

Trees	60,000
Barrels of Oil	24,000
Gallons of Gasoline	1.1 Million
Tons of Iron Ore	76
Tons of Coal	43
Tons of Limestone	4

Pollution Avoided

Tons of CO ₂ Emissions	10,000
Passenger Car Equivalents Removed from Road	2,000

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Save the Earth Recycle



**Curbside
Recycling
Information
From HRRRA**



Co-Mingled Recyclables

Plastic, glass or metal food & beverage containers—place in blue bag or recycling bin—leave at curbside



Plastic Bottles

What: Plastic bottles with a neck, both clear and colored, including water bottles, milk jugs, and personal care products. Just check for the neck!



How: Discard cap. Empty and rinse.

Not Accepted: Grocery bags, food wrap, car oil bottles, plastic toys, pool chemical containers

Glass Food & Beverage Containers

What: Food and beverage bottles and jars—clear, green or brown

How: Empty and rinse. Remove lids. Leave on labels. No broken glass.



Not Accepted: Drinking glass, pyrex, light bulbs, ceramics, window glass, mirrors

Metal Food & Beverage Containers

What: Steel or aluminum containers such as soup, pet food, soda, or beer cans, pie plates

How: Empty and rinse. Do not flatten. Leave on labels and lids.



Not Accepted: Scrap metal such as toasters, pots, frying pans, coat hangers, etc.



Other Recyclables

Newspapers, magazines & catalogs, corrugated cardboard—bundle separately—leave at curbside

Newspapers

What: Newspapers and any inserts delivered with the newspaper.

How: Tie in bundles or place in brown paper bags or place in recycling bin.

Not Accepted: Newspapers in blue bags or plastic grocery bags.



Magazines & Catalogs

What: All magazines and glossy mail order catalogs.

How: Bundle and tie separately.

Not Accepted: Magazines and catalogs placed in blue bags or plastic grocery bags.



Corrugated Cardboard

What: Doubled-walled cardboard and shipping cartons

How: Cardboard must be clean. Flatten empty carton; cut into pieces no larger than 3 feet by 3 feet; tie in bundles.

Not Accepted: Shoe boxes, pizza boxes, gift boxes, cereal boxes, waxed cardboard and any non-corrugated cardboard products.



Drop-Off These Items Only at Local Recycling Centers

- ⓪ Vehicle batteries
- ⓪ Waste motor oil
- ⓪ Phone books
- ⓪ Nickel-cadmium (Ni-Cd) batteries
- ⓪ Scrap metal
- ⓪ Leaves
- ⓪ Tires
- ⓪ Used clothing
- ⓪ Antifreeze
- ⓪ Other items (varies by town)



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

Bethel: 704.8549	New Fairfield: 312.5628
Bridgewater: 354.5250	New Milford: 355.6042
Brookfield: 775.7318	Newtown: 270.4307
Danbury: 743.0405 ext.143	Redding: 938.3026
Kent: 927.4627	Ridgefield: 431.2343
	Sherman: 355.1139