

Recycling/The Rules: Westchester County recycling rules.

Newspapers, Magazines, Junk Mail & Phone Books

Do: Recycle all weekly and daily newspapers, including their glossy inserts. Recycle all outdated phone books, magazines, brochures, catalogs, colored and glossy periodicals and junk mail (letters, all types of envelopes, promotional advertisements, etc.).

How: Place these items in a brown paper bag, loose in the recycling bin or tied with twine.

Don't: Place in plastic bags. Don't recycle paperback or hardcover books. Try donating books to a library or charity.

Corrugated Cardboard & Brown Paper Bags

Do: Recycle corrugated cardboard boxes and brown paper bags.

How: Cardboard must be cleaned of **excessive** amounts of plastic adhesive tape. Flatten and tie boxes and bags with string, or place all flattened corrugated boxes inside another corrugated cardboard box and place all brown bags inside another brown bag. There is no need to remove staples.

Don't: Waxed cardboard and grey cardboard (such as cereal, pizza and tissue boxes and towel rollers), plastic and Styrofoam packing materials are not recyclable. Put these items in the garbage.

Metal Containers

Do: Recycle food and beverage cans, clean aluminum foil and trays and **all** empty aerosol cans.

How: Containers should be rinsed out, but labels need not be removed. Place them in the recycling bin with glass and plastic containers.

Don't: Conventional paint cans or metal containers that were filled with potentially hazardous materials such as pesticides, glues or solvents are not recyclable.

Glass Containers

Do: Recycle clear, green or brown glass jars and bottles, any size.

How: Remove all caps. Discard plastic caps in the garbage. Place metal caps and rinsed glass jars and bottles in the same recycling bin with plastic and metal containers. Labels need not be removed.

Don't: Glass that is not used for food or beverages, such as light bulbs, drinking glasses, crystal, window and mirror glass, ceramic ware, kitchen cookware, pesticide/herbicide bottles, etc., are not recyclable. Put these items in the garbage.

Plastics 1 and 2

Do: Recycle plastic containers coded 1 or 2 on the bottom, commonly used for food, beverages, detergents, household cleaners and shampoos.

How: Containers should be rinsed out and plastic caps discarded. Labels need not be removed. Place them in the bin with glass and metal containers.

Don't: Five gallon plastic pails, foam plastic materials, film plastic, plastic bags, and flower pots, regardless of their recycling code number, are not recyclable. Also, empty plastic containers which held potentially hazardous materials such as motor oil, pesticides, solvents, etc. should be discarded with your garbage.

Never Recycle Household Medical Waste!

Do: Dispose of home medical waste properly.

How: Place needles, syringes, lancets and other sharp objects in a sealed, puncture proof container you cannot see through. Place sealed container in the trash.

Don't: Place home medical waste in the recycling bin.