

DETAILED SULLIVAN COUNTY SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE REDUCTION GUIDE

What materials are **ACCEPTABLE** mixed together in Sullivan County's *Single Stream Recycling* Curbside and Transfer Station Drop-off Programs? These instructions are intended as a starting point & guide – please check with your sanitation provider or the Sullivan County Department of Solid Waste & Recycling with specific questions.

RECYCLE THE FOLLOWING ACCEPTABLE SINGLE STREAM RECYCLABLES may be commingled for either curbside pickup or drop-off at transfer stations:

PLEASE...ALL Single Stream Recyclables MUST BE CLEAN...!

Newsprint*

- Includes daily, weekly and monthly news periodicals including all glossy inserts, fliers and advertisements

Corrugated Cardboard*

- Includes cardboard boxes, brown paper bags and brown “kraft” paper fibers

Mixed Paper*

- Includes magazines, waste (“junk”) mail, catalogs, cereal boxes, mailing boxes and envelopes, TV dinner cartons, envelopes, soft-covered books, spiral-bound notebooks, books and textbooks with hard covers removed, paper towel tubes, toilet paper tubes, notepads, clean paper egg cartons, shredded paper (shreds may be placed in clear plastic bags), copier paper, computer printer paper, manila folders and paper campaign signs

#1 - #7 Plastic Containers, Glass Bottles and Paper Cartons

- Plastic soda pop bottles, clean yogurt containers, soap and laundry detergent jugs, plastic milk containers, water bottles, sour cream/cottage cheese containers, margarine tubs, mayonnaise jars, clean plastic containers, empty/clean 5-gallon plastic buckets, brown, green and clear glass bottles, jars and beverage containers - plus paper milk cartons, aseptic drink boxes, aseptic milk/juice/soup cartons

Aluminum Cans, Foil & Pie Tins

- Includes aluminum soda pop cans, clean pet food cans, aluminum pie tins and aluminum foil

Steel Cans

- Includes ferrous (“magnetic”) containers - soup cans, cookie tins, empty aerosol cans, clean pet food cans and vegetable cans

*At Transfer Stations, please keep **Newsprint, Corrugated Cardboard** and **Mixed Paper** separate from other Single Stream materials for enhanced recovery... Sullivan County processes these sorted paper types differently than commingled Single Stream materials. The Single Stream category does include these paper types, but by separating them more value is created.

What Should *Single Stream Recycling* look like?!



CLEAN #1 - #7 Plastic Containers, Aluminum Cans/Foil/Pie Tins, Steel Cans, Glass Bottles, Cardboard, Newsprint and Mixed Paper/Aseptic Packaging can all be mixed together in the *Single Stream Recycling* Program!



Paper and Containers...Commingled at Last! Place your paper, metal, glass and plastic together for easy *Single Stream Recycling* in Sullivan County...

UNACCEPTABLE *Single Stream Recycling* Program Contaminants:

Items **NOT LISTED** on the Single Stream Recycling Program **ACCEPTABLES** list above are to be

considered **UNACCEPTABLE**. It is important to check with your private or municipal sanitation hauler for specific curbside collection instructions for solid waste, including bulky items and certain recyclables not included in the *Single Stream Recycling Program*.

Items that are **UNACCEPTABLE** in the *Single Stream Recycling Program* may be handled at drop-off stations as follows:

Dispose:

Garbage, wood, cat litter, diapers, personal hygiene products, mattresses, polystyrene foam, garden hoses, household-generated medical "Sharps" (prepare properly - see below), household-generated medical tubing, gauze, 'chucks,' pharmaceuticals/medications, salves, ceramics, incandescent light bulbs, waxed paper, soiled paper, contaminated recyclables that can't be cleaned, spoiled/unwanted food waste

Household Medical "Sharps:"

Home-generated medical waste "Sharps" should be dropped off at any Article 28 registered New York State hospital, nursing home or returned to healthcare retailer if applicable

Recycle at Drop-off Stations:

Scrap metal

CFC-containing appliances – refrigerators/freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers

Used motor oil, antifreeze (Monticello site only)

Tires – recycle at drop-off stations or return to dealer

Fluorescent bulbs – recycle at drop-off stations, return to dealer or save for HHW Collection Event.

Electronic scrap including computers, TVs, stereos, iPods, cell phones, etc. – recycle separately at drop-off stations or return to dealer

Clothing and textiles – or donate, reuse or sell

Consumer batteries (AA, AAA, C, D & button-type cells) – rechargeable & disposable chemistries

Save for Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events:

Fuels, pesticides, herbicides, acids, bases, cleaning products, first aid lotions, shampoo, liquid soaps/detergents, paint, solvents, chemicals, auto batteries, mercury, mercury-containing devices (thermometers, thermostats, position switches, etc.), brake fluid

Fluorescent bulbs – Save for HHW Collection Events, recycle at drop-off stations or return to dealer

Organics/Compost at home:

Food Scraps – compost separately at home or dispose

Grass clippings – leave on lawn or compost separately – do not dispose

Leaves, branches and plant materials – compost separately – do not dispose

Return to Retailer:

Automotive (lead-acid) batteries – return to dealer or save for HHW Collection Event

Electronic scrap including computers, TVs, stereos, iPods, cell phones, etc –return to dealer or recycle separately at drop-off stations

Plastic bags – supermarkets have collection bins for these

Fluorescent bulbs

Rechargeable batteries

Donate, Reuse or Sell:

Furniture – Sell, donate, reuse first - dispose at drop-off stations as last resort

Building products – tile, siding, roofing, windows, flooring, sheetrock, plywood, etc.

Dinner plates, cookware and serviceware

Small appliances, electronics

Clothing and textiles

Antiques

Toys

Disclaimer:

Sullivan County's residual garbage, like the majority of solid waste generated in New York State today, is now exported to other landfills for disposal. Federal, state, municipal and corporate operating rules and regulations govern acceptance of waste by these facilities. As such, waste disposed of in Sullivan County must comply with all acceptance requirements of the host disposal facility. Failure to obey guidelines set forth herein may result in penalties or denial of service until proper compliance has been established to the satisfaction of Sullivan County and host disposal facility.

NOT ACCEPTABLE for any reason:

Radioactive materials of any kind!

Explosives

Ammunition

Asbestos

Animal carcasses

Hazardous materials

Regulated medical waste

Biohazardous waste