

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

MANDATORY RECYCLING LIST

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL



Material

Paper

Newspapers, office & school paper, junk mail, softcover books, telephone books, magazines, catalogs, brochures, etc.

Secure documents

Shredded paper

Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard & paperboard (single layer cardboard such as cereal boxes, tissue boxes, etc.)

Plastic: Rigid plastic containers including bottles and jugs, dairy tubs, and certain other containers per hauler instructions. NO plastic bags/film plastic, NO compostable/degradable plastic, NO straws, plastic cutlery or small plastic items. NO Styrofoam.

Cartons that are plastic coated cardboard (milk, juice, soy milk, rice milk, soup, etc.).

Glass: All jars and bottles, no lids. NO auto glass or dishes.

Metal:

Metal cans (aluminum, bi-metal/"tin" cans, aluminum trays and pie plates, aluminum foil (form a ball), empty aerosol cans.

Electronics:

Computers, TVs, peripherals (monitors, printers, scanners, fax, keyboards, mice, cables), VCR/DVD/CD players, etc.

Rechargeable Batteries:

Nickel-cadmium, sealed lead, lithium ion, nickel metal hydride or other batteries capable of being recharged.

Household Hazardous Wastes:

Paint, lawn chemicals, automotive fluids, propane tanks, Cleaning products, gasoline/kerosene, asbestos, etc.

Mercury Thermostats: Older, non-electronic models

Fluorescent Bulbs:

Compact Fluorescent (CFL) and larger fluorescent bulbs of various sizes and shapes.

Yard Waste: Brush, branches, leaves, grass clippings, etc.

How to Recycle

Recycle curbside, or at the [Transfer Station](#),

Home shredder, pay to shred, or [Town's free events](#)

Check with curbside haulers, or [Transfer Station](#)

Flatten and recycle curbside, or the [Transfer Station](#)

Recycle curbside, or at the [Transfer Station](#)
Rinse containers; follow curbside hauler instructions

Recycle in the same locations as plastics (above).
After rinsing well, flatten and screw plastic caps on.

Rinse and recycle curbside, or at the [Transfer Station](#)

Recycle curbside, or at the [Transfer Station](#)
Rinse and put lids inside cans. Labels may stay on.

Recycle with manufacturer, or at the [Transfer Station](#)

Recycle at larger chain stores where they are sold,
as required by [NYS law](#).

Recycle at the Town [HHW Collection Events](#)
Pre-registration is required for all participants.

Recycle with HVAC companies or [HHW Collections](#)

Recycle at the Town [HHW Collection Events](#)
Recycle throughout the year at Lowes or similar stores. Inquire with the business for details.

Curbside or take to Compost. [See web for details](#).

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RECOMMENDED RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING LIST



Please help save our environment, valuable resources and funds!

Material

Clothing/Textiles

All types of clothing, footwear, fabric, and household textiles (tablecloths, sheets, blankets, pillows, upholstery, curtains, towels, belts, hats, gloves, purses, bags, backpacks, footwear, and stuffed animals). Wearable clothing will be reused, non-useable clothing/textiles will be recycled. [More details](#)

Plastic Bags/Film Plastic

Plastic bags and all types of film plastic such as bread bags, dry cleaning bags, shrink wrap from paper towels and toilet tissue, stretch wrap from products, produce bags, etc.

[More details](#)

Books

Hardcover and soft cover books (recycle if poor condition)

Scrap Metal and Metal Appliances

Household Batteries

Non-rechargeable Batteries Lithium, "button," lead acid

NOTE: Regular Alkaline batteries ***belong in the trash.***

Styrofoam/Polystyrene

Polystyrene food packaging is not recyclable in our region. Styrofoam packing peanuts and expanded foam blocks.

Material

Compostable Food Scraps

Includes food scraps from fruits, vegetables, and grains; and soiled compostable (uncoated) paper and cardboard such as paper napkins, coffee filters, tea bags, etc.

If using curbside service to compost at a largescale facility, meat, dairy and bones, and compostable plastic products are also allowed.

How to Recycle

[Community Recycling Stations](#) or other bins
[Collection Events](#) or [Transfer Station](#)

Torn, worn, and missing buttons, broken zipper, permanent stains, etc. is okay!

Recycle at large retail stores such as supermarkets, drug stores, etc. as required by [NYS law](#).

Must be clean and dry.

Donate for reuse at appropriate [Collection Events](#)

Recycle at [Transfer Station](#)

Recycle at the Town's [HHW Collection Events](#)

Return (lead) vehicle batteries to stores for credit/\$.

Discard polystyrene food packaging in trash.

Recycle packing peanuts and clean foam blocks at shipping stores. [See FAQ #8 for more details.](#)

How to Compost

Compost in your backyard, or use curbside service.

[Details on our website.](#)

[Curbside service website](#)