

# TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

## 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.**

#### **Media**

CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, cassettes, disks and their cases.

#### **Styrofoam/Polystyrene**

Polystyrene food packaging is not recyclable in our region, and should be avoided. Bring Pyrex/Tupperware for takeout. Or request aluminum or recyclable plastic takeout containers.

### Material

#### **Compostable Food Scraps**

Includes food scraps from fruits, vegetables, and grains; and soiled compostable (uncoated) paper and cardboard such as paper plates, 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](#)  
Or recycle at [Community Recycling Stations](#)

Recycle at [Transfer Station](#) or [Spring Recycle Fest](#)

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

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

Jewel cases and VHS outer cases can be recycled curbside or at the [Transfer Station](#).

All media can be recycled for a fee with [GreenDisk](#).

Discard polystyrene food packaging in trash.

Expanded Foam blocks can be [saved and recycled](#).

Recycle packing peanuts at shipping stores.

### How to Compost

Compost in your backyard, or use curbside service.  
[Details on our website.](#)

[Curbside service website](#)

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## 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

Hardcover books

##### **Cardboard**

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

**Plastic:** All plastic containers and lids, bottles, jugs, hard plastic toys, tubs, crates, flower pots, etc.; Except NO plastic bags/film plastic, NO compostable/degradable plastic, NO straws, plastic cutlery or tiny plastic pieces. NO Styrofoam.

[Full details.](#)

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

**Glass:** All jars and bottles, and 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, at the [Transfer Station](#), or [Community Recycling Stations](#)

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

In clear plastic bag curbside, or [Transfer Station](#)

[Community Recycling Stations](#) or [Collection Events](#)

Flatten and recycle curbside, at the [Transfer Station](#) or [Community Recycling Stations](#)

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

Rinse containers, screw caps on bottles, include lids, Remove non-plastic parts of toys, from car seats etc., Cut large hard plastics down to fit in curbside cart.

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

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

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Rinse and put lids inside cans. May leave labels on.

Recycle with manufacturers, at the [Transfer Station](#) or [Collection Events](#)

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

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

Businesses must [pre-register with Recycling Coord.](#)

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

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

CFLs may be recycled at Lowes and similar retail stores. Inquire with the business for details.

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