

Single Stream Recycling

Please **DO NOT** place items into plastic bag, as they can damage our equipment.

PLEASE make sure you **DO NOT** include any food waste or residual food waste with recycled items!

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS - OK TO RECYCLE TOGETHER



PAPER

NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES, AND INSERTS
WHITE AND COLORED PAPER
TELEPHONE BOOKS
JUNK MAIL
SHREDDED PAPER
BLUE PRINTS



FLATTENED CARDBOARD

CORRUGATED BOXES
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BOXBOARD

EGG CRATES
SHOE BOXES
CEREAL BOXES



METAL

CLEAN ALUMINUM
STEEL
TIN AEROSOL CANS



PLASTICS

ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS
#1 THROUGH #7
CLEAR AND BLUE TRANSPARENT
COLLECTION BAGS

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS - DO NOT INCLUDE

ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD WASTE
HAZARDOUS MATERIAL CONTAINERS
CERAMICS
DISHES
WINDOW GLASS
BATTERIES

STYROFOAM
ELECTRONICS
APPLIANCES
WIRES
CARBON PAPER
USED TISSUES

DIRTY PAPER TOWELS
MIRRORS
NEEDLES/SYRINGES
PYREX DISH WARE
LIGHT BULBS

Proper recycling totter collection



The Problem with Contamination

Contamination happens when non-recyclable items are mixed in with recyclable items or when recyclable items are placed in the wrong recycling bins. For example, a paper plate covered in food or grease cannot be processed with clean paper and can ruin a newly made product. Too much contamination and the clean paper is no longer deemed acceptable and cannot be recycled. Paper that could have been processed into new paper products, now has to be carted off to the landfill.

The plastic bag problem – Do not place plastic bags (garbage bags, shopping bags, plastic tote bags, etc.) in your single stream recycling bin.

Plastic bags get caught in conveyor belts and jam spinning wheels and can bring the entire sorting station to a halt. The bags then need to be found and removed by hand - a time consuming and often dangerous process.

Plastic bags contaminate clean recyclable items and are deemed trash. Instead, you can bring unwanted plastic bags to your local grocery/retail store. Many stores have a plastic shopping bag collection area.

The glass problem - Regrettably the world's trade issues have impacted our industry. The Global markets for many recyclable products plummeted or disappeared as China banned products and changed contamination levels on others. As a result of this unprecedented industry-wide change to the global markets, the recycling markets have fundamentally change. Here's how it impacts you. Benefits that we have been able to pass along to our customers for the collection and processing of recyclables are gone and the costs to recycle continue to rise. The changes sweeping the industry will continue as business and policy makers determine how best to meet these challenges. In addition, those materials that are still processed for recycling such as paper and cardboard are being contaminated by broken glass. We will no longer be collecting the primary contaminant, *GLASS*, as part of single stream recycling. *With your cooperation we will actually recycle more material.*

If you would like to continue separating glass items, the Orange County Transfer Stations offer a FREE solution to Orange County Residents; three State of the Art Residential Drop-Off Recycling Centers conveniently located throughout the County.

Orange County Transfer Station 1 21 Training Center Lane, New Hampton, NY

Orange County Transfer Station 2 9 Orr Ave., Newburgh, NY

Orange County Transfer Station 3 86 Tow Path Rd, Port Jervis, NY

The hours for residential drop off at the facilities are: Monday – Friday 8:00am - 3:30pm, Saturday 7:00am-12:00pm.