

# WESTCHESTER RECYCLES

Sorting your paper, cardboard and other recyclables is quick and easy. Just focus on tossing all mixed paper into one bin and plastic, glass, and metal into another. Please **EMPTY** and **RINSE** all containers and flatten and break down cardboard boxes.



## TIPS FOR RECYCLING RIGHT!

- Keep it Loose! Don't bag your recyclables.
- All containers are empty, rinsed, & dry
- Place shredded paper in paper bags.
- Cardboard is flattened & broken down

Please **DO NOT** place items listed below in your recycling bin

### PLASTIC BAGS



**INSTEAD:** Recycle your bags at a participating grocery or retail store.

### RECYCLABLES SOILED WITH FOOD



**INSTEAD:** Dispose of soiled recyclables that can't be cleaned in the trash

### HAZARDOUS & ELECTRONIC WASTE



**INSTEAD:** Bring items to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Valhalla

### SHARPS WASTE



**INSTEAD:** Find safe & secure disposal information at [environment.westchestergov.com](http://environment.westchestergov.com)

Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities, Division of Solid Waste  
270 North Ave. 6th Floor, New Rochelle, NY 10801  
Westchester County Recycling HelpLine: (914) 813-5425

**Q | I heard that some municipalities have been disposing of recyclables as garbage. Is Westchester throwing recyclables in the garbage?**

A | No. Westchester County's Refuse Disposal District recycles all of the recyclables collected curbside. It is important that all recyclable materials are correctly sorted and cleaned.

**Q | Can I recycle all plastics marked #1 - #7?**

A | Yes, Visit <http://environment.westchestergov.com/residents> for more information.

**Q | Can I put my recyclables in plastic bags?**

A | No, keep recyclables unbagged and loose in your recycling container. Plastic bags damage recycling machinery causing facility downtime and also contaminate the recyclables. Plastic bags may be recycled at many large retail outlets.

**Q | Can I recycle caps and lids from containers?**

A | Yes. After rinsing, caps and lids should be reattached.

**Q | Can styrofoam be recycled?**

A | Contact your local municipality to find out if they have a styrofoam recycling drop-off program. Otherwise place styrofoam in the garbage.

**Q | Can I place small electronics in my recycling bin or TVs and the like at the curb?**

A | Electronics cannot be placed in the garbage. Many municipalities offer a drop-off location for electronics. Some municipalities collect separated electronics curbside. Visit <http://environment.westchestergov.com/recycling/municipal-offices> for more information.

**Q | Can pizza boxes be recycled?**

A | Only clean pizza boxes can be recycled. If the bottom of the box is covered in grease or food, tear it off and recycle only the clean lid.

**Q | Should I place my recyclables at the curb on very windy days or if a storm is forecast?**

A | Recyclables that blow around the neighborhood are litter. Precipitation may reduce the value of paper and cardboard recyclables. Use your good judgment on whether to delay putting out your recyclables for collection.

**Q | Where can I dispose of construction and demolition debris during or after a renovation?**

A | Construction & demolition debris must be handled by your contractor or brought to a private transfer station that is licensed to handle that type of material. Visit <http://www3.westchestergov.com/swc/licensed-private-transfer-stations-and-processing-facilities> for more information.

**Q | Can recyclables that are soiled with food be cleaned and placed in my recycling bin?**

A | Yes, but if you are unable to clean the recyclable material please put it in the garbage.

**Q | Can I place shredded paper in my curbside recycling?**

A | Yes, shredded paper can be included with your curbside recycling. Please put shredded paper in a paper bag and place the bag upright in your recycling container. Remember, recyclables that blow around the neighborhood are litter.

**Q | Where can I get a new/replacement recycling container?**

A | Some municipalities offer recycling containers for their residents. Containers may also be purchased at home improvement stores.

**Q | Why are gable-top and aseptic cartons, like milk cartons, sorted with the commingled recycling? Aren't they made from paper?**

A | Our facility is equipped to process cartons alongside commingled recyclables (glass, plastics and metals) to help keep the paper recyclables as clean and dry as possible.