

SOMERSET COUNTY RECYCLING HOW-TO GUIDE



How To Prepare

Acceptable Items

	<p>NEWSPAPERS Newspapers must be bundled and tied with string or twine.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspaper • Inserts that come w/newspapers, such as comics, glossy coupons, TV/magazine sections & colored food/store ads
	<p>GLASS BOTTLES, ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS (#1 - #7), STEEL, BIMETAL & ALUMINUM CANS These items should be rinsed thoroughly and placed inside your recycling bucket. Only the items listed at right are acceptable. Crush all plastic bottles to save space. Remove caps.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glass bottles (all colors) • Glass jars (all colors) • Steel cans • Bimetal cans • Aluminum cans • All plastic bottles and containers #1 - #7 <p>NO STYROFOAM®</p> <p>#1 - #7 Examples: Water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo and cleaning-agent bottles. You may also include peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs, and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars.</p>
	<p>OTHER PAPER/JUNK MAIL Other paper should be placed in a brown paper bag or cardboard box and placed next to your blue bucket. <i>Shredded paper must be in clear or labeled plastic bags.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Magazines • Writing/school paper • All envelopes • Copy paper • Paperback books • Hardcover books w/hard covers removed • Catalogs • Phone books • Store fliers w/ mailing labels • Office paper • Non-metallic gift wrap • Greeting cards • Shredded paper
	<p>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, CHIPBOARD & PIZZA BOXES <i>Corrugated cardboard must be cut into 2 ft. x 2 ft. squares and tied with string or twine.</i> Please include pizza boxes & chipboard with corrugated cardboard. Place tied bundle (pizza boxes, chipboard & cardboard) next to your recycling bucket.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrugated cardboard • Pizza boxes (clean!) • Brown bags • Chipboard boxes including: cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes. Poster board & backing from writing pads also accepted. • Tissue boxes • Paper towel rolls

For more information about curbside collection call the Recycling Center at 732-469-3363

Recyclables are the property of Somerset County when placed at the curb. Please notify your local police department or the Somerset County Recycling Center if anyone other than county employees remove recyclables from your curb. Theft of recyclable materials is illegal.

DUAL STREAM PROGRAM

The Somerset County Recycling Division is phasing this program to one area at a time. They will be providing two 65-gallon wheeled recycling totes to residents over the next few years. Each tote has a different color lid (yellow and lime green). Stickers on the lids indicate what materials are to be placed in the totes.

Regular scheduled pickups with the new totes **will begin on your next scheduled recycling date after** delivery of totes.

The tote with the lime green lid is for the cardboard and paper products, and the tote with the yellow lid is for commingled glass, cans, and plastic materials.



Accepted items are as follows for the paper tote (lime green lid):

Newspapers, inserts, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, paperback books, corrugated cardboard, colored paper, clean pizza boxes, office and school papers, shredded paper (loose), chipboard boxes including cereal, cookie, pasta, cake, cracker, detergent (remove plastic liners), gift, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes, paper egg cartons, paper bags, books (hard covers must be removed), phone books, non-metallic gift wrap and greeting cards.

Accepted items are as follows for the commingled tote (yellow lid):

Aluminum, steel and bimetal cans, glass bottles (all colors), glass jars (all colors), plastic bottles and containers #1 - #7 (Examples: water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo, and cleaning-agent bottles). You may also include peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs, plastic trays and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars.



We will NOT take the following items: Plastic bags, Styrofoam®, garbage cans, flower pots, or kitty litter containers.

WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE CURBSIDE...

PLASTIC: Un-numbered plastics • Microwave trays • Plastic bags • Motor oil and antifreeze bottles • Plastic toys
Plastic cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons • Plastic flower pots • Beer balls • Pesticide containers • Paper plates
Plastic coat hangers • Plastic drums & crates • Styrofoam® 5-gallon buckets (spackle & paint containers)
Pool chemical containers • Plastic caps • Prescription bottles

PAPER: Waxed paper • Tissue paper • Napkins • Paper towels • Frozen food boxes • Cups
Metallic & plastic-coated paper • Paper with metal objects (file folders, binders, etc.)

SCRAP METAL: Refrigerators • Air Conditioners • De-humidifiers • Humidifiers

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS: Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Days

BATTERIES: Alkaline go in garbage • Bring rechargeable & button-cell batteries to Household Hazardous Waste Days

TEXTILES: Take clothing, linens, drapes and other textiles to any local nonprofit collection bin.

Please do not mix garbage in with your recyclables. Make sure all recyclables are as clean as possible to deter pests & odors.