

Facts about Recycling

Did you know the average American discards 4.6 pounds of garbage EVERY DAY. From individually packaged food servings to disposable diapers, more garbage is generated now than ever before. This garbage, the solid waste stream, goes mostly to landfills, where it's compacted and buried. As the waste stream continues to grow, so will pressure on our landfills, our resources and our environment.

Recycling is one of the easiest ways you can help reduce waste, and in turn slow climate change and global warming. By recycling at home, you help significantly lower carbon emissions associated with extracting virgin materials, manufacturing products and waste disposal.

The Lowdown on Recycling Plastics

Plastic does not break down in landfills, and since it can be recycled to make many diverse products, efforts should be made to recycle all plastic waste. When recycling your plastics, look for the triangle with the number in it- usually on the bottom of the bottle, bag or container. The numbers indicate the type of plastic. A number must be on the item in order for it to be recycled.

That being said, you need to know which numbers your town accepts.

New Castle and Mt. Kisco accept #1-#7.

Mt Pleasant accepts only #1 and #2

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR RECYCLING (COMINGLED) COLLECTIONS

From the New Castle Recycle Center, which accepts all #'s (1-7)

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

DO RECYCLE:

RECYCLE

food bottles and jars
glasses
wine bottles
liquor bottles (remove caps)
panes
pyrex and ceramics

DON'T

drinking
light bulbs
window

METAL

DO RECYCLE

RECYCLE

clean cans
clean aluminum pie plates
cans
clean aluminum foil
pans
empty aerosol cans
pesticide containers

DON'T

hangers
oil or paint
pots and
solvent or

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

DO RECYCLE:

RECYCLE:

milk jugs
(consider donating to the Town Take it Or Leave it Shop—where
items in good condition may be picked up and reused)
clean grocery store plastic bags
without a number
(stuff all bags into one bag)
containing sharps
clean styrofoam (bagged and tied up)
(needles etc)
detergent bottles

DON'T

toys
any item
any item

plastic containers numbered 1 thru 7

PAPER ITEMS:

Tie with string into bundles, place in brown paper bags or put into separate blue bin.

DO RECYCLE:

RECYCLE:

newspapers
and plates
magazines
napkins, paper towels
junk mail
waste paper

DON'T

paper cups
tissues,
office

CORRUGATED CARBOARD

Must be flattened and be in pieces no larger than 48x48. They should be tied with string into bundles and should be set out at curbside on recycle collection day.

DO RECYCLE:

RECYCLE:

cardboard boxes
cardboard such as milk cartons
cereal boxes
frozen food boxes
tissue boxes

DON'T

waxy
or

****Compact Fluorescent bulbs and styrofoam packing peanuts (bagged up) need to be**

brought to the recycle center.

****All the materials listed above that cannot be accepted for recycling (or the Take it Or Leave it Shop —see below) should be put out for collection with the regular household garbage.**

REDUCE & REUSE

Reduce: Got catalogues? And catalogues and catalogues? Most of which you have no time or interest in looking at? You can actually remove your name from many of these lists quite easily, and in doing so REDUCE this massive waste of paper. Every year, over 100 million trees in the U.S. get used for junk mail. Check out www.proquo.com <<http://www.proquo.com>>. This website helps you identify the catalogues you don't want to receive and then takes care of all the hard work of removing you from their lists. It can help put a stop on up to 90% of your junk mail. And that means more trees are left standing. What a wonderful gift to give back to the Earth.

Reuse: The "Take it or Leave it" shop is open every Saturday and provides the community with a drop-off/pick-up place for reusable goods. Toys and household items (such as china, frames, bikes, toys, etc.) that are in good condition can be brought to the "Take It or Leave it Shop" at the town recycling center.