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Monroe County's Recyclopedia

Guidelines for Mixed Recycling at the
Monroe County Recycling Center



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This document is regularly updated. In the interest of waste reduction, we suggest that you do not print this guide. The Recyclopedia can be viewed online at www2.monroecounty.gov/files/DES/recyclopedia.pdf.

Mixed Recycling at the Monroe County Recycling Center

For over 30 years, Monroe County residents have enjoyed a progressive and convenient curbside recycling program. As is its charge from the County, Waste Management, Inc., the Monroe County Recycling Center's (MCRC) contract operator, examines the waste stream for sustainable recovery opportunities. In 2014, the MCRC started to accept Mixed Recycling materials from its recycling collector customers. **Mixed Recycling means that paper materials no longer need to be separated from containers—all acceptable items can be mixed together.**

The MCRC's ability to process Mixed Recycling has enabled the collection of recyclables in a one bin system, including the transition to rolling recycling carts provided by several local municipal and private collection companies. The benefits of Mixed Recycling include cost effective collection with a compaction truck, reduced transportation impacts, increased convenience for residents, and often increased recycling rates.

One of the primary challenges with Mixed Recycling is increased **contamination**: the amount of non-recyclable materials that are put into recycle bins and ultimately disposed. To that end, Monroe County has compiled its Recyclopedia as a guide for residents to determine whether or not everyday items are acceptable for curbside recycling.

Some recycling collection companies are not customers of the MCRC. Residential customers should contact their collection company to confirm what is accepted and how recycling bins should be prepared.

Recyclopedia Layout

The first section of the Recyclopedia identifies the paper, plastic, metal and glass items that are recyclable curbside and instructions on how to properly prepare these materials for collection. **Recyclables should always be EMPTY, CLEAN, and UNBAGGED.**







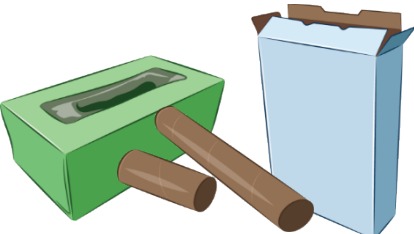
The second section of the Recyclopedia highlights common items that are not acceptable in the Mixed Recycling program through the MCRC, how to prepare appropriate items for disposal, and whether there is an alternative option (reuse, donation, composting, store drop offs, mail in programs etc.)

In 2011, Monroe County and Waste Management partnered to create the **ecopark**, a one-of-a-kind drop off for hard to handle recyclables for *Monroe County residents*. Located at 10 Avion Drive in the Town of Chili, the facility is open on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For a full list of acceptable items, associated fees and necessary appointments, please visit www.ecoparkmchny.com. The Recyclopedia also identifies items that are acceptable at the **ecopark**.

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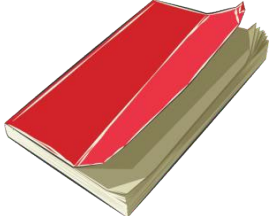
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Acceptable Paper Items

ITEM	EXAMPLE	PREPARATION
<p>Cartons and Drink Boxes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverage cartons including milk, juice, and water • Single serve drink boxes • Broth and soup cartons • Shelf-stable and refrigerated cartons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty- no liquids • Remove plastic straws and place in garbage • Reattach caps
<p>Newspapers, Magazines and Catalogs</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inserts are also accepted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove plastic newspaper bag and magazine wrap and recycle at retailers or ecopark along with plastic bags (NOT curbside) • Do not tie in bundles
<p>Cardboard</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shipping boxes • Box packaging for toys, electronics etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty and flatten boxes • Remove block, white, packing foam and recycle at ecopark (NOT curbside) • Remove plastic air pillows/ bubble wrap and recycle at retailers or ecopark (NOT curbside) • Reduce to 2X4 feet in size • Place inside or next to recycle bin • Do not tie in bundles
<p>Pizza Boxes</p> 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove wax paper liners and place in garbage
<p>Paperboard Boxes and Rolls</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry goods, like cereal and cracker boxes • Tissue, gift and shoe boxes • Beverage boxes, like soda and beer flats or cases • Frozen food boxes • Rolls from toilet paper and paper towels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove plastic liners and recycle at retailers or ecopark along with plastic bags (NOT curbside) • Flatten boxes



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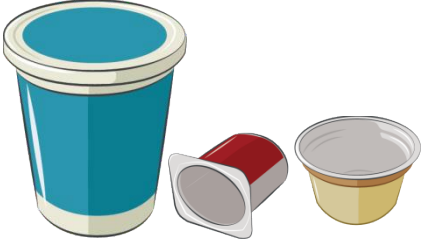
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<p>Paper Food Items</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper egg carton • Paper drink tray • Paper bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty, clean and dry • Compost where accepted • No paper cups, plates, napkins, tissues, or paper towels • No foam egg cartons
<p>Junk Mail and Envelopes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advertisements and brochures • Manilla envelopes • Envelopes with windows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No paper envelopes lined with bubble wrap
<p>Office and school paper</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction paper • Computer paper • Composition or spiral notebook paper • File folders 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper with staples, tape, or glue is OK • Remove metal spiral from notebooks and dispose in trash or recycle at ecopark in scrap metal • No three ring binders
<p>Softcover books</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone books • Other softcover books 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not tie bundles • No hardcover books
<p>Wrapping paper</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain wrapping paper • Tissue paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove ribbons, bows and place in trash • No metallic or foil paper
<p>Shredded paper</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contain in brown paper bag (staple shut) or box • Do not put in plastic bag



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Acceptable Plastic Items

ITEM	EXAMPLE	PREPARATION
<p>Bottles</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drink bottles • Shampoo and conditioner bottles • Squeeze bottles including condiments and dish soap • Spray bottles for cleaning products • Often marked with #1 or #2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty and clean- no liquids, food or product • Reattach caps, lids, and spray pumps • No pill bottles (bring over the counter and prescription pill bottles to ecopark or other pharmaceutical drop off for recovery; see pg 24)
<p>Jars</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food jars including peanut butter, mayonnaise, sauce, nuts etc. • Often marked #1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty and clean- no food • Reattach lids
<p>Jugs</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milk, laundry detergent, windshield fluid, cooking oil, and vinegar • Often marked #2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty and clean- no liquids, food, or product • Reattach caps
<p>Tubs</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dairy products such as margarine, butter, sour cream, and yogurt • Single-serve yogurt container • Often marked #5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty and clean- no foods • Reattach lids • Remove foil seals and dispose in trash

 **EMPTY**


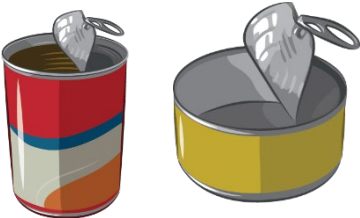

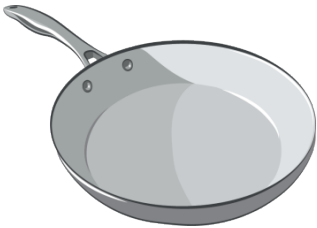

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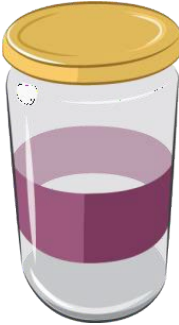
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<p>Aluminum cans</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soda, beer, sparkling water 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty- no liquids
<p>Tin / Steel Cans</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuna, cat food, canned goods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty, clean and dry Keep lid attached Label is also acceptable
<p>Aerosol Cans</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sunscreen, hair spray, shaving cream, cooking and cleaning spray etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty Reattach caps No pesticide or spray paint cans (dispose of empty cans in trash or bring to ecopark for recycling)
<p>Pots & pans</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metal pots and pans Sheet trays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider donation if in good condition Clean before recycling Dispose glass lid
<p>Foil</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pie pans, baking dishes Aluminum foil 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty and clean- no food Form foil into ball the size of baseball or larger

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Acceptable Glass Items

ITEM	EXAMPLE	PREPARATION
<p>Bottles</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Soda, water, wine, beer Brown, clear, green, or blue glass 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty- no liquids Reattach caps Labels are OK Dispose of loose metal caps that cannot be reattached (Do NOT put in Mixed Recycling) or bring to ecopark for scrap metal recycling Dispose of corks or look for reuse option
<p>Jars</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sauce, pickles, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty- no liquids or food Reattach caps and lids

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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
<p>Used paper napkins, paper plates, and paper towels</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compost where accepted Reusable items (cloth dish towels and napkins, washable dishware)
<p>Clamshells with food residue</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compost where accepted Reusable container
<p>Hot coffee cup or fountain soda cup</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash along with lids and straws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reusable mugs and drink bottles.
<p>Pizza box with food residue</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compost where accepted
<p> Hardcover books</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to ecopark for recycling Cut pages out of binding to recycle curbside Donate or reuse option



Items accepted at ecopark



Items accepted at ecopark for fee



Items accepted at ecopark that require an [appointment](#)






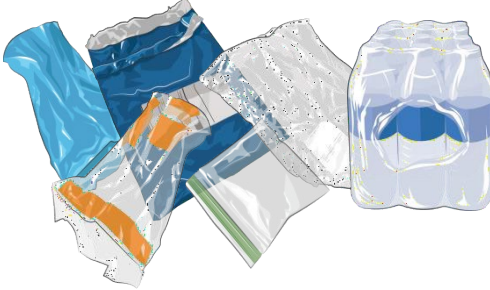
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Foil and metallic wrapping paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dispose in trash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper-based gift wrap without foil or metallic coating is accepted for curbside recycling
Envelopes lined with bubble wrap	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dispose in trash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reuse option

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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
 <p>Empty Medicine Bottles (over the counter and prescription)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to ecopark or pharmaceutical drop off for recovery
 <p>Grocery bags (often marked #2 or #4)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recycling programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reuse options Return clean and dry plastic bags to retailers or ecopark for recycling
 <p>Plastic film/wrap including bread bags, newspaper bags, cereal box liners, case wrap, sandwich (such as ZipLoc™) bags, produce bags, shipping envelopes, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, and air pillows (often marked #2 or #4)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recycling programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reuse options Return clean and dry plastic film/wrap to retailers or ecopark for recycling
<p>Pre-washed salad bag, soil and mulch bags, pet food bags, degradable bags (often marked #5 or #7)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
<p>Loose caps and lids</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reattach to recyclable bottles and containers to recycle



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<p>Plastic clamshells (to-go containers, plastic egg cartons, as well as deli, bakery, berry, salad, and produce containers)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash • Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reusable items
<p>Single-use plastics including straws, plastic utensils, and condiment cups</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash • Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reusable items
<p>Plastic coffee pods (like Kcups™) often marked #5 or #6</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash • Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put coffee grounds in compost where accepted • Plastic pod must be disposed in trash • Reusable filters
<p>Plastic drink cups (like Solo™ cups or iced coffee cups) and plastic lids often marked #1 or #6</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash along with any lids • Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reusable items
<p>Plastic flower pots and trays</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash • Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to retailers or collection programs where accepted
<p>Compostable or biodegradable plastic (often marked PLA #7)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash • Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compost where accepted

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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
<p>Pool covers, liners and tarps</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash • Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reuse options
<p> Bulky plastic including crates, buckets, baskets, and lawn furniture</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reuse options • Accepted at ecopark in bulky plastics bin
<p>Vinyl air mattresses, shower curtains, siding, PVC piping, and lawn signs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash • Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reuse options
<p>CDs, DVDs, and VHS tapes and cases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash • Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail in programs



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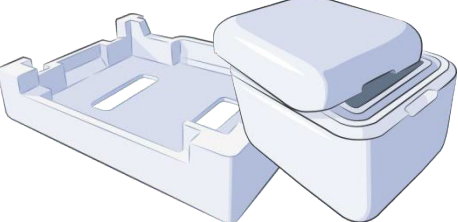
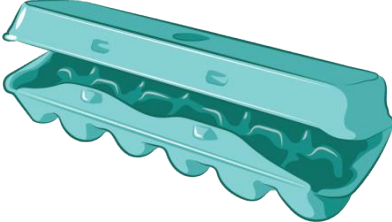
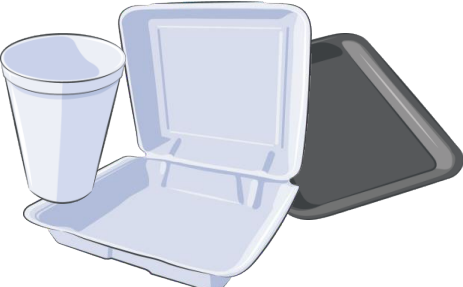
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Unacceptable Foam Items

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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
 <p>Block white packing foam (often marked #6)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to ecopark for recycling (no tape or labels)
<p>Foam egg cartons (often marked #6)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail in programs for recycling Paper and plastic egg cartons are accepted for recycling
<p>Coffee cups, meat trays, to-go containers (often marked #6)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recyclable packaging Reusable containers
<p>Packing peanuts</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to participating shipping retailers



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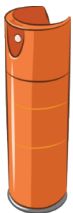





Unacceptable Pouches & Wrappers


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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
<p>Drink pouch and baby food pouch</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash along with straws and caps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail in programs for recycling for select items
<p>Re-sealable food or product pouch</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
<p>Candy bar and granola bar wrappers, condiment packages (ketchup, salad dressing), chip bags</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail in programs for recycling for select items


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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
 <p>Propane & Helium tanks</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not dispose of in trash-safety issue 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange 20 lb tanks at purchase location for refill • Bring 1 lb and 20 lb tanks to ecopark for recycling
 <p>Aerosol spray paint and pesticide cans</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty cans may be placed in trash; see pg. 25 for instructions on full or partially full cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty cans may be brought to ecopark for recycling in scrap metal
 <p>Wire coat hangers</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to participating retailers or bring to ecopark for recycling in scrap metal
 <p>Car parts (tire rims, brake pads, drums, rotors etc)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring to ecopark for recycling in scrap metal • Scrap metal yards offer money for recycling
 <p>Chains</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring to ecopark for recycling in scrap metal



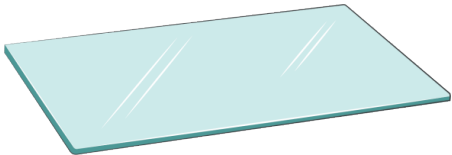
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<p>Ceramics</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dispose in trash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donate if in good condition or reuse options
<p>Drinking, baking, and canning glass</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dispose in Trash	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donate if in good condition or reuse options
<p>Window glass and mirrors</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dispose in trash• Not accepted at ecopark	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Donate if in good condition or reuse options

Food & Yard Waste Items

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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
<p>Fruit and vegetable trimmings, coffee grounds, egg shells, grains, etc.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Backyard composting, drop off, or collection service (paid programs)
<p> Cooking oil</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect in container and dispose in trash- do not put down drain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect in container and bring to ecopark for recycling
<p>Solid Grease</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash- do not put down drain Not accepted at ecopark 	
<p> Christmas Trees</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recycling programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See municipal pick up and drop off services for recycling Bring to ecopark for recycling
<p>Brush and leaves</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recycling programs Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See municipal pick up and drop off services for recycling Backyard composting
<p>Grass</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recycling programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grasscycling (leave clippings on yard after mowing) Backyard composting
<p>Pet waste</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No
<p>Diapers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reusable cloth diapers


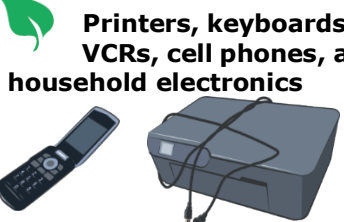

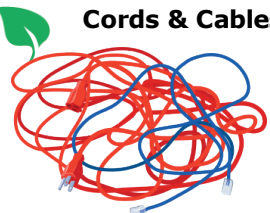
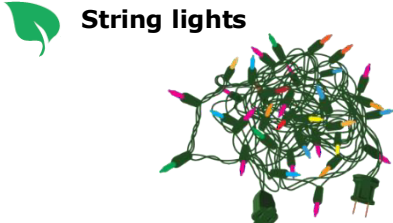
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Electronic Items

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 <p>Television and computer monitors</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not dispose in trash- Illegal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to electronics recycler, participating retailer, or ecopark for recycling
 <p>Printers, keyboards, laptops, VCRs, cell phones, and other household electronics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not dispose in trash- Illegal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to electronics recycler, participating retailer, or ecopark for recycling
 <p>Ink jet printer and toner cartridges</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to participating office supply stores or ecopark for recycling
 <p>Cords & Cables</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to electronics recycler or ecopark for recycling
 <p>String lights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to participating home improvement stores, electronics recycler or ecopark for recycling
<p>CDs, DVDs, VHS Tapes, Zip Disks, Floppy Discs, Etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail back recycling programs or reuse options

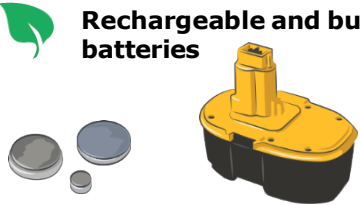
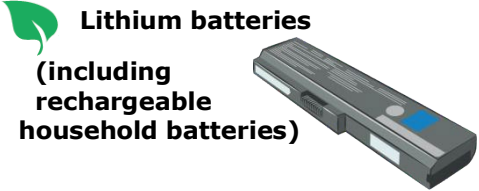


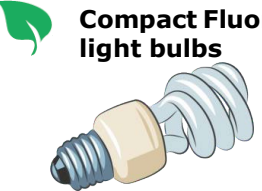
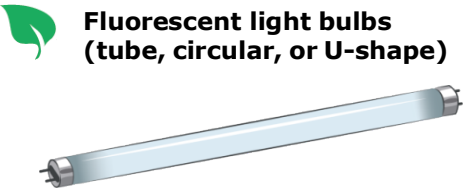

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Batteries & Light Bulbs

(NOT accepted in MCRC Curbside Mixed Recycling program)

ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
 <p>Rechargeable and button batteries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not dispose in trash- Illegal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to participating retailer or ecopark for recycling
 <p>Lithium batteries (including rechargeable household batteries)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not dispose in trash- Illegal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to participating retailer or ecopark for recycling
 <p>Alkaline batteries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay to recycle programs and retailers
 <p>Car batteries</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not dispose in trash- Illegal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to participating retailers, scrap yards and municipalities Not accepted at ecopark
 <p>Compact Fluorescent (CFL) light bulbs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity (contain mercury) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to home improvement stores where accepted or to ecopark
 <p>Fluorescent light bulbs (tube, circular, or U-shape)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity (contain mercury) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring to ecopark for recycling. Not accepted at home improvement stores.
 <p>Incandescent light bulbs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pay to recycle programs and retailers



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Clothing, Textiles & Rubber

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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
 <p>Clothing in good condition</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recycling programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consignment stores Accepted at wide range of donation centers
 <p>Worn, torn, or stained clothing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recycling programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at most major donation centers
 <p>Footwear, bedding, curtains, and stuffed animals</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recycling programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at most major donation centers
<p>Eyeglasses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recycling programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lions Club donation boxes or participating retailers
  <p>Tires</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not dispose in trash with the exception of City of Rochester residents, who can place at curb 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycle at automotive tire retailers Bring to ecopark for recycling (fee applies)
<p>Garden hose</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate if in good condition or reuse options
<p>Rubber gloves</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
<p>Rubber bands or balls</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate if in good condition or reuse options



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Home & Building Materials

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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
Carpet and flooring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash (bulky item fee may apply) Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate or reuse options
Mattresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash (bulky item fee may apply) Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service may be offered when purchasing new mattress Pay to recycle options
Wood, lumber, brick and concrete	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash (bulky item fee may apply) Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate or reuse options
Drywall, sheetrock and gypsum board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash (bulky item fee may apply) Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate or reuse options
Asbestos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal should be done professionally Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Lighting, bathroom & kitchen fixtures (metal and electronic)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash (bulky item fee may apply) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark and many scrap metal recyclers
Bathroom & kitchen fixtures (ceramic sinks, toilets etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash (bulky item fee may apply) Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate or reuse options
Furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash (bulky item fee may apply) Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate or reuse options
Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact manufacturer for recycling options
 Fire extinguishers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal discouraged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark and participating retailers
 Scrap Metal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash (bulky item fee may apply) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark and many scrap metal recyclers
  Thermometers and thermostats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not dispose in trash- Illegal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment



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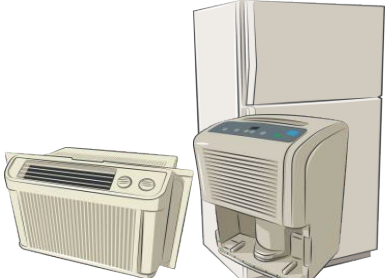
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Appliances

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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
 <p>Appliances that <i>do not</i> contain refrigerant including washers, dryers, microwaves, stoves, dishwashers, hot water heaters, etc.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash (bulky item fee may apply) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate or reuse options Haul away service may be offered when purchasing new appliances Accepted at ecopark in scrap metal bin Accepted at many scrap metal recyclers
 <p>Appliances that contain refrigerant including dehumidifiers, air conditioners, refrigerators, freezers etc.</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity (Freon containing items) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donate or reuse options Accepted at ecopark for fee Accepted at many scrap metal recyclers (fee may apply)



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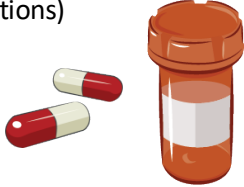

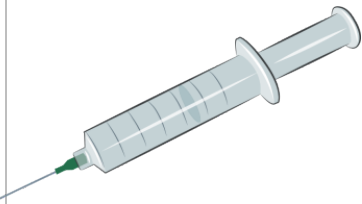

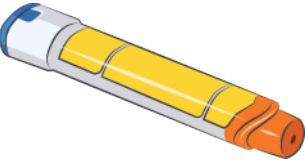
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Pharmaceutical & Medical Items

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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
 <p>Prescription & over the counter medicines (pills, liquids, sprays, ointments, and pet medications)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recovery programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating law enforcement offices, hospitals, and pharmacies Accepted at ecopark
 <p>Sharps & syringes</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recovery programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating hospitals and nursing homes Accepted at ecopark
 <p>Epipens</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to free/abundant community recovery programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participating hospitals and nursing homes Accepted at ecopark



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Household Hazardous Waste

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ITEM	DISPOSAL METHOD	ALTERNATE OPTION
 Paint: oil-based (any amount)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
 Paint: latex (more than 1/3 can full) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment PaintCare provides residents with an additional outlet to safely and conveniently dispose of paint and paint products. The program is a network of drop-off collection sites, for residents and businesses at more than 200 retailers and reuse stores across New York State. Up to five gallons of material is accepted per customer, per visit any time retailers are open. View local drop off sites on the PaintCare website.
Paint: latex less than 1/3 can full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mix with kitty litter, shredded paper, or sand and let dry out Dispose in trash with lid off 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not accepted at ecopark
 Full or partially full aerosol spray paint and pesticide cans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
 Paint thinners, strippers, and solvents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
 Pesticides and fertilizers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
 Cleaners (soaps, waxes, drain cleaners, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment



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 Automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake, power steering, and transmission fluids)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
Motor oil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at auto service establishments Not accepted at ecopark
 Gasoline, kerosene, heating oil, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
 Glues, caulk, and paste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
 Photo & pool chemicals (chlorine, pool tablets, algaecide etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
 Driveway sealer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
 Wood stain & preservatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disposal is discouraged due to toxicity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
 Mercury (including thermometers, thermostats) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not dispose in trash- Illegal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
Fifty five (55) gallon drums	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not accepted at ecopark 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30 gallon liquid limit accepted at ecopark with advance appointment
Glazing, spackle and joint compound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dispose in trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not accepted at ecopark
 E-Cigarettes, Vape Devices and E- Liquids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not dispose in trash or recycling Do not remove batteries Do not rinse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Place in plastic zip-type bag Acceptable at all ecopark collections, no appointment necessary Check with manufacturer for take-back programs

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday..... 1:00pm - 6:30pm

Saturday..... 7:30am - 1:00pm

Closed on Holidays, check website

Additional resources:

Visit our Mixed Recycling website www.monroecounty.gov/recycling for:

- Extensive Frequently Asked Questions explaining why items are or are not acceptable
- Virtual video tours of the Monroe County Recycling Center and ecopark
- Contact information to schedule a presentation from an Environmental Educator
- Downloadable print materials including signs and flyers
- Sign up for electronic newsletter

Visit our ecopark website www.monroecounty.gov/ecopark for:

- Schedule an appointment* for Household Hazardous Waste (***appointment required**)
- List of fees for tires and appliances with freon
- Search feature with instructions on how to recycle or dispose of even more items
- Information about other donation, reuse, pay to recycle, and mail in recycling programs (Contact the manufacturer or retailer to confirm participation and fees.)



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Aerosol cans.....	7	Chains	16
Air conditioners.....	23	Christmas Trees.....	18
Air mattresses	13	Clamshells	
Aluminum foil.....	7	Biodegradable clamshells	9
Antifreeze	26	Foam clamshells	14
Appliances.....	23	Plastic clamshells.....	12
Asbestos	22	Cleaners	25
Automotive fluids.....	26	Drain cleaners	25
Baking glass.....	17	Soaps	25
Batteries		Clothing.....	21
Alkaline batteries.....	20	Footwear.....	21
Button batteries.....	20	Coffee grounds.....	18
Car batteries	20	Compostable plastic.....	12
Lithium batteries.....	20	Computer.....	19
Rechargeable batteries.....	20	Computer paper.....	5
Bedding.....	21	Construction paper.....	5
Books		Cooking oil	18
Hardcover books	9	Cooking spray cans	7
Softcover books.....	5	Crates.....	13
Brake pads	16	Cups	
Brake rotors	16	Ceramic.....	17
Brown paper bag.....	5	Foam coffee cups.....	14
Bubble wrap.....	11	Fountain Soda Cup.....	9
Buckets	13	Hot Coffee Cup	9
Butter tub	6	Iced coffee cups.....	12
Cans		Kcups™.....	12
Aerosol Cans	7	Solo™ cups	12
Aluminum Cans	7	Curtains.....	21
Beer Cans	7	Dehumidifiers.....	23
Cat Food Cans.....	7	Dishwashers	23
Full or partially full aerosol spray paint	25	Drink Boxes	4
Pesticide cans.....	16	Drink tray	5
Soda Cans.....	7	Drinking glass	17
Spray paint.....	16	Driveway sealer.....	26
Steel Cans.....	7	Dryers	23
Tin Cans	7	Drywall.....	22
Tuna Cans.....	7	DVDs	13
Caps and lids	11	E-Cigarettes.....	26
Carbon monoxide detectors	22	E-Liquids.....	26
Cardboard	4	Egg cartons	
Carpet.....	22	Foam egg cartons	14
Cartons	4	Paper egg carton	5
Cartridges		Egg shells.....	18
Ink jet printer	19	Envelopes.....	5
Toner	19	Paper shipping envelopes lined with bubble wrap...	10
Catalogs	4	Plastic shipping envelopes	11
Caulk.....	26	Epipens	24
CDs.....	13	Extension Cords.....	19
Cell phones	19	Eyeglasses	21

Fertilizers	25	Milk jug	6
Fifty five gallon drums	26	Mirrors	17
File folders	5	Monitors	19
Fire extinguishers	22	Motor oil	26
Flooring	22	Napkins	9
Flower pots		Newspapers	4
Ceramic	17	Packing foam (like Styrofoam™)	14
Plastic flower pots	12	Packing peanuts	14
Foam coolers	14	Paint	25
Food jars	6	Paint thinners	25
Freezer	23	Solvents	25
Frozen food boxes	4	Strippers	25
Fruit and vegetable trimmings	18	Paper drink tray	5
Furniture	22	Paper plates	9
Garden hose	21	Paper towels	9
Gasoline	26	Paperboard Boxes	4
Glass Bottles	8	Paste	26
Beer Bottles	8	Peanut butter jar	6
Wine Bottles	8	Pesticides	25
Glass Jars	8	Phone books	5
Glass Jugs	8	Pickle jar	8
Glazing	26	Pie Pans	7
Glue	26	Pots & pans	7
Grass	18	Pill bottles	11
Grease	18	Pills	24
Grocery bags	11	Pizza Boxes	
Hair spray cans	7	Clean Pizza Boxes	4
Heating oil	26	Pizza box with food residue	9
Helium tanks	16	Plastic bags	11
Hot water heaters	23	Bread bags	11
Junk Mail	5	Cereal box liners	11
Kerosene	26	Dry cleaning bags	11
Keyboards	19	Newspaper bags	11
Laptops	19	Pet food bags	11
Laundry detergent	6	Pre-washed salad bag	11
Lawn furniture	13	Soil and mulch bags	11
Lawn signs	13	ZipLock™ bags	11
Leaves	18	Plastic bottles	
Light bulbs		Drink bottles	6
Compact Fluorescent (CFL) light bulbs	20	Prescription bottles	11
Fluorescent light bulbs	20	Shampoo and conditioner bottles	6
Incandescent light bulbs	20	Spray bottles	6
Magazines	4	Squeeze bottles	6
Mattresses	22	Plastic Jars	6
Meat trays	14	Plastic Jugs	6
Medicines	24	Plastic Tubs	6
Over the counter medicines	24	Pool	
Pet medications	24	Pool chemicals	26
Prescription	24	Pool covers	13
Mercury	26	Pool liners	13
Microwaves	23		

Pots & pans.....	7	Tarps.....	13
Sheet trays.....	7	Televisions.....	19
Pouches		Thermometers.....	22
Baby food pouch.....	15	Thermostats.....	22
Drink pouch.....	15	Tires.....	21
Re-sealable pouch.....	15	Tissue paper.....	5
Printers.....	19	Vape Devices.....	26
Propane tanks.....	16	VCRs.....	19
PVC piping.....	13	VHS tapes.....	13
Refrigerators.....	23	Vinyl siding.....	13
Rubber bands.....	21	Washers.....	23
Rubber gloves.....	21	Waste	
Sauce Jar.....	8	Diapers.....	18
Scrap Metal.....	22	Pet waste.....	18
Sharps.....	24	Windows.....	17
Shaving cream cans.....	7	Wire coat hangers.....	16
Shower curtains.....	13	Wood.....	22
Shredded paper.....	5	Wood stain.....	26
Single Use Plastics.....	12	Wrappers	
Straws.....	12	Candy bar wrappers.....	15
Plastic Utensils.....	12	Granola bar wrappers.....	15
Condiment Cups.....	12	Wrapping paper	
Smoke detectors.....	22	Foil and metallic wrapping paper.....	10
Sour cream tub.....	6	Plain Wrapping Paper.....	5
Spackle.....	26	Yogurt tub.....	6
Spiral notebook.....	5		
Stoves.....	23		
String lights.....	19		
Stuffed animals.....	21		
Styrofoam.....	14		
Sunscreen cans.....	7		
Syringes.....	24		