

# CURBSIDE RECYCLING



- ❌ **Do not bag recyclables.** Place loose items in the bin.
- ❌ Avoid "wish-cycling". **When in doubt, throw it out.**
- ❌ **No** needles/syringes, film plastics, food waste, diapers or toxic items.\*
- ❌ **No** items smaller than a business card.
- ❌ **No** textiles/clothes, footwear, etc. Donate if wearable.\*
- ✅ **Plastics:** Ignore the numbers; decide recyclability by shape: bottle, jar, jug or dairy tub = recycle.
- ✅ **Paper:** Empty and flatten boxes. Remove packing or film plastics in or around boxes. No boxes that lived in the fridge or freezer.
- ✅ **Containers:** Must be empty and rinsed. Labels are okay.
- ✅ **Lids and caps:** Reattach.

\*Go to [OCRRA.org](http://OCRRA.org) and type in your item to find recycling or disposal options.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO TRASH IN ONONDAGA COUNTY?



Trash is turned into electricity at the Waste-to-Energy Facility instead of going to a landfill. This reduces greenhouse gases.

## WHAT ABOUT YARD WASTE?



Yard waste cannot go into your trash or recycle bin. You can bring yard and food waste to an OCRRA compost site with an annual drop-off pass.

## CAN'T FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR? SEARCH OUR DATABASE!

Go to **OCRRA.org** and type in your item to find recycling or disposal options.



# RECYCLING RULES



**Put Recyclables LOOSE IN BIN**

**DON'T BAG Recyclables**





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DON'T BAG RECYCLABLES



## PAPER

- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs and softcover books  
*Keep loose, don't tie.*
- Papers and mail (including window envelopes)
- Boxes: cardboard, takeout pizza, pasta, cereal, etc. (no boxes that go in the fridge or freezer)  
*Empty and flatten.*



## PLASTIC (IGNORE NUMBERS; RECYCLE BY SHAPE)

- Bottles: beverage, soap, shampoo, squeeze, spray, etc. (no bottles that held toxics)  
*Empty, rinse and reattach cap.*
- Jars: mayonnaise, sauce, nuts, jelly, parmesan cheese, etc.  
*Empty, rinse and reattach cap.*
- Jugs (items with a handle): milk, orange juice, water, laundry detergent, etc.  
*Empty, rinse and reattach cap.*
- Stackable tubs (dairy/dairy alternative only): butter, yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.  
*Empty, rinse and reattach lid.*



## METAL

- Food and beverage cans  
*Empty, rinse and place lid inside can.*
- Aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans and plates  
*Must be clean and wadded up.*
- Aerosol cans  
**Must be empty. No cans that held toxics; they should go in the trash.**



## GLASS

- Food containers: salsa, jam, sauce, salad dressing, etc.  
*Empty, rinse and reattach lid.*
- Beverage bottles (any color)  
*Empty, rinse and reattach cap.*



## DROP OFF TO RECYCLE

- Shredded paper  
*Visit [ocrra.org/shredded-paper](http://ocrra.org/shredded-paper) for details or put in the trash.*

- Plastic bags (clean and dry)  
*Recycle at large grocery and retail stores.*
- Electronics  
*Visit [ocrra.org/ewaste](http://ocrra.org/ewaste) for details.*

- Propane tanks  
*Visit [ocrra.org/propane-tanks](http://ocrra.org/propane-tanks) for details.*
- Batteries  
*Visit [ocrra.org/batteries](http://ocrra.org/batteries) for details.*

- Light bulbs  
*Visit [ocrra.org/fluorescent-bulbs](http://ocrra.org/fluorescent-bulbs) for details. Place LED and incandescent bulbs in the trash.*



## TRASH

- Frozen and refrigerated food boxes
- Soda/beer boxes
- Takeout or fast-food boxes
- Egg cartons (any type)
- Items with glitter or foil
- Plates and cups
- Tissue paper
- Hardcover books

- Any plastics not listed above
- Tanglers: cords, hoses, etc.
- "Clamshells": berry, salad, bakery cartons
- Takeout or fast-food boxes
- Disposable cups and utensils
- Prescription vials
- Diapers, wipes and toys
- Containers that held toxics

- Any metals not listed above
- Needles (need special prep)  
**Visit [ocrra.org/sharps](http://ocrra.org/sharps)**
- Small appliances: toasters, vacuums, etc.
- Combination metal-cardboard canisters: peanuts, cocoa, oatmeal, coffee, etc.
- Empty metal paint cans

- Broken glass
- Drinking glasses
- Dishes and mugs
- Ovenware and ceramics
- Window and picture glass
- Mirrors