

# What to Recycle



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# Recycle in your blue bin



Newspapers,  
Magazines,  
Catalogs and  
Softcover Books

*Keep loose, don't tie.*



Cardboard,  
pizza, pasta and  
cereal boxes

*Flatten.*



Papers, Mail,  
Envelopes



#1 and #2  
Plastic BOTTLES\*

*Empty and rinse, no lids.*



Cans and Jars

*Empty and rinse out food  
residue, labels are okay.*



#5 Plastic Tubs

*Empty and rinse, no lids.*

\* While there are #1 and #2 food containers, ONLY #1 and #2 BOTTLES are recyclable. Bottles have necks and smaller tops than bottoms. Can't read the numbers on the bottom? Most bottles are #1 or #2—so if it is a plastic BOTTLE, recycle it!

# Recycle, but not in your blue bin



## Electronics (computers, TVs, etc.)

Visit [OCRRA.org](http://OCRRA.org) for more information.



## Fluorescent bulbs (household only)

Recycle at Home Depot, Lowe's, or local ACE and True Value Hardware stores. Visit [OCRRA.org](http://OCRRA.org) for a list of stores.



## Plastic bags

Return clean bags to your local grocery or retail store for recycling.

- **Household batteries (no auto batteries)**  
Drop off at any Onondaga County Wegmans or Green Hills Market.
- **Hardcover books**  
Contact your local library, Salvation Army or Rescue Mission.
- **Mercury thermometers and thermostats**  
Bring to OCRRA's Rock Cut Road Transfer Station.
- **Old clothes, shoes and textiles**  
Drop off at Salvation Army or Rescue Mission.
- **Propane tanks (20 lb. grilling size only)**  
Return to the place of purchase.
- **Scrap metal**  
Bring to OCRRA's Rock Cut Road Transfer Station or to any metal recovery facility.
- **Yard waste**  
Bring to one of OCRRA's compost sites.

Want to know about an item not listed? Access our searchable database at [OCRRA.org](http://OCRRA.org)



# Trash it



## Plastics

All plastics go in the trash, **EXCEPT:**

- #1 plastic bottles
- #2 plastic bottles
- Stackable, wide-mouthed #5 plastic containers (e.g. butter tubs)



## Latex paint cans

Dry out the contents with kitty litter or paint hardening crystals. Remove the lid before trashing.



## Belts, chains, cords, hoses, ropes, etc.

These items cannot be recycled. They cause machinery slow downs at recycling facilities.

- **EMPTY** anti-freeze, fertilizer, herbicide, motor oil, or pesticide containers

If they still contain material, register to drop them off at a Household Hazardous Waste Event. Visit [OCRRA.org](http://OCRRA.org) or call 453-2866 for an appointment.

- Glass (NOT bottles or jars) including broken glass, window glass, drinking glasses, etc.
- Paper towels, tissues, plates and cups
- Ceramic plates and mugs
- Egg cartons (paper or Styrofoam)
- Styrofoam
- Metallic paper (including metallic wrapping paper and greeting cards)
- Frozen food boxes



## Special Attention

Syringes, sharps or needles **NEVER** go in the blue bin

They can harm employees who handle them. Visit [OCRRA.org](http://OCRRA.org) for disposal instructions or call the NYS Health Department at 1-800-522-5006.