

Recycling 101

Get the basics on how to
save the world a little each day[®]

Don't see an
item on this list?

Q What are you looking for? **How do I get rid of...**

Find the proper disposal
method at OCRRA.org.





Curbside Recycling



Newspapers, magazines, catalogs and softcover books
Keep loose. Don't tie.



Cardboard, pizza, pasta, cereal boxes, etc.
Flatten.



Papers, mail, envelopes



Milk and juice cartons
Empty and rinse.



Plastic bottles and jugs
Empty and replace cap.



Cans and jars
Empty and rinse. Labels are ok.



Plastic dairy tubs
Empty and rinse; no lids.

Recycle it, but NOT at your curb

- **Electronics** (computers, TVs, etc.)
Search OCRRA.org for drop-off locations.
- **Plastic bags**
Return clean, dry bags to your local grocery or retail store; do NOT bag your recyclables or put loose bags in the blue bin.

- **Fluorescent light bulbs** (household only)
Recycle CFLs at your local Home Depot or Lowe's. Many Ace and True Value hardware stores also accept 4-foot tube, circular and U-shaped bulbs.
- **Microwaves and dehumidifiers**
Bring to OCRRA's Ley Creek Transfer Station.

- **Old clothes, shoes and textiles**
Worn/torn ok; bring cleaned and dry items to Salvation Army or Rescue Mission.
- **Mercury thermometers and thermostats**
Bring to OCRRA's Ley Creek Transfer Station.
- **Household batteries**
Drop off at any Onondaga County Wegmans or Green Hills Market.

- **Food scraps**
Visit OCRRA.org for compost solutions.
- **Yard waste**
Bring to one of OCRRA's Compost Sites.
- **Shredded paper**
Take to Bodow Recycling in Syracuse. (315) 422-2552



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Trash it

• **Plastics**

All plastics including “clamshells” (e.g., berry containers) go in the trash EXCEPT:

- Plastic bottles and dairy tubs—they go in the recycling bin.
- Clean plastic bags and wraps—they can be returned to grocery stores, chain drug stores and big box retailers for recycling.

• **Tires**

Search OCRRA.org for locations that accept tires.

• **Belts, chains, cords, hoses, ropes, etc.**

Do not recycle. These items slow down machinery at recycling facilities.

• **Carpeting, mattresses and broken furniture**

Bring to OCRRA's Ley Creek Transfer Station.

• **Pressure-treated wood**

Bring to OCRRA's Ley Creek Transfer Station.

• **Incandescent light bulbs**

• **Window glass, drinking glasses, broken glass, etc.**

• **Egg cartons**

(paper, plastic and Styrofoam)

• **Styrofoam**

• **Paper towels, tissues, plates and cups**

• **Frozen food boxes**

• **Propane tanks**

(1 lb./camping size only)

Larger 20 lb. gas grill tanks can be refilled or returned to the place of purchase.

• **Latex paint cans**

Dry out the contents with kitty litter or paint hardening crystals. Leave lids off when placing in trash.

• **EMPTY antifreeze, fertilizer, herbicide or pesticide containers**

If they still contain material, make a Household Hazardous Waste appointment by visiting OCRRA.org/hhw or calling (315) 453-2866.

• **Fire extinguishers**

Search OCRRA.org for drop-off locations.



SPECIAL ATTENTION

- **Syringes, sharps and needles:** NEVER go in the recycling bin. They can harm employees who handle them. Place in a plastic laundry detergent bottle, tape the screw-on cap shut, label with “Sharps” and put in trash.
- **Medication:** Search OCRRA.org for disposal options.