



# Resident's Guide to RECYCLING & WASTE DISPOSAL in Northampton County



Each municipality (city, township or borough) within Northampton County is responsible for your curbside trash and recycling. Contact your local municipal office and/or trash & recycling hauler for the following:

- Trash or Recycling bins (new or replacement)
- Curbside pick-up days and times
- Missed collection
- Billing questions and payment
- Special arrangements for large items, appliances or amounts of trash.
- Complete list of materials you can recycle
- Other questions about curbside trash or recycling



## Accepted Curbside Recycling Materials:



### **Paper**

Newspaper & Inserts (*remove from plastic bags*)  
Junk mail, envelopes, file folders, shredded paper  
Mixed paper (*staples & paperclips are OK*)  
Paper bags, paperback books, phone books  
Magazines, Brochures and Catalogs



### **Metals**

Aluminum, Steel & Tin Cans (*empty and rinsed*)  
Jar lids and Bottle caps  
Clean aluminum foil (*no food residue*)  
Completely empty Aerosol cans



### **Plastics (Empty)**

Plastic Beverage Containers and Lids  
Plastic Tubs and Lids  
Pump and Spray Bottles



### **Cardboard (Flatten)**

Boxes  
Paper Towel and Toilet Paper Rolls  
Egg Cartons (*non-Styrofoam*)  
Dry Food and Tissue Boxes (*remove liners*)



### **Glass (Empty & Rinsed)**

All Bottles and Jars (*no broken glass*)

These items must be separated from garbage, and may require special handling in order to be recycled:

- Appliances
- Tires
- Scrap Metal
- Electronic Devices
- Hazardous Waste
- Wood & Pallets
- Yard Waste

For lists of disposal locations:  
[www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org)

### **Keep It Clean!**

- Keep trash, recycling, and yard waste carts CLEAN!
- Bag your trash to prevent bugs, rodents, and messes.
- DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS in your recycling or yard waste carts, BUT take a moment and rinse carts to deter bugs.
- If it's messy... Please put it in the trash.



## Unaccepted Curbside Recycling Materials:

Food Waste\*  
Trash, Garbage, Refuse, Debris  
Window Glass  
Mirrors  
Light Bulbs\*  
Plastic: Bags\*, Wrap, Packaging  
Styrofoam\*, Packing Peanuts\*  
Beverage Cups: Coffee, Drinking  
Ceramics

Pyrex  
Glassware/Bakeware  
Dishes, Bowls  
Tissues, Paper towels  
Hard covered Books\*  
Medical Waste, Syringes  
Hangers  
Electrical/Cable Cords\*  
Ink/Toner Cartridges\*

Electronic Waste\*  
Hoses  
Flammable or Hazardous Materials\*  
Batteries\* (Exception: **alkaline** batteries can be thrown away as trash.)

\*These items are recyclable, but not through single stream collection.

## ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Pennsylvania instituted a law called the *Covered Device Recycling Act* which prohibits residents from disposing of covered devices as trash, and bans haulers from collecting these items as trash. They must be recycled at an approved facility.



### Covered devices include only the following items:

- Televisions
- e-Readers
- Desktop Computers
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer & speakers)

Northampton County offers mobile Electronics Recycling Collection events at various municipally-hosted locations. **Fees apply.**

### Other E-Waste: also accepted at Northampton County Collection events are:

- Cameras: photo and video
- DVD and VCR players
- MP3 players
- iPods
- Cell phones, peripherals (chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpieces, air cards, clips, cases)
- Portable electronic game players and videogame consoles
- Stereos and peripherals (CD players, turntables, amplifiers, speakers).

For a list of additional facilities that accept covered devices and other e-waste materials, contact your local municipal office or visit [www.northamptoncounty.org](http://www.northamptoncounty.org)

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Numerous materials used in the home, garage and garden are considered household hazardous waste (HHW). They can cause serious safety and health problems in transportation and for disposal facilities.



Northampton County offers household hazardous waste collection events for County residents to dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste for free.

### We accept only the following materials at County Collection Events:

- Adhesives
- Automotive fluids
- Batteries, including automotive and household
- Fire extinguishers
- Floor and Furniture polish and preservatives
- Fuel, including kerosene, gasoline and propane
- Household cleaners and disinfectants
- Lawn treatments, including herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers
- Mercury containing items (ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers)
- Oil-based Paint, rust inhibitors, stains, turpentine and thinners
- Photographic and pool chemicals

- ⇒ Only the items listed are accepted at HHW Collection Events
- ⇒ Empty containers, from paint and other items that previously contained liquids, are not accepted and may be disposed of as regular trash.
- ⇒ We do not accept items from businesses, institutions, industries or manufacturers.

## PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration advises residents to first take advantage of any local drug take-back programs available to the public. Contact your local police department to learn about resources available in your area. If no disposal instructions are given on the prescription drug label and no take-back program is available in your area, remove the drugs from their original containers and mix with an undesirable substance like coffee grounds. Place mixture in a sealable bag or container and place in your regular trash. Do NOT flush any drugs down the toilet. For more information, visit [www.disposemy meds.org](http://www.disposemy meds.org).

