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This directory is intended to help users properly dispose of, and if possible, divert items from landfill disposal. Northampton County does not promote any particular business. The mention of any business or organization does not constitute its endorsement by the County. This is only to serve as a guide and is not necessarily complete. However, if you would like an item or location added let us know by emailing PUBWRKSCentral@northamptoncounty.org

MATERIAL	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:		DISPOSAL METHOD
ACIDS AND BASES	Acids are found in toilet bowl and drain cleaners, some swimming pool chemicals, and a number of other home cleaning products. Bases are commonly found in bleaches, oven and drain cleaners, and other home cleaning products. Acids and bases can damage skin, eyes, or the respiratory system. They can react dangerously with other substances, including metal. If you can't use it or give it away, you can take products to a household hazardous waste collection event. <u>If you cannot wait for or attend a collection event</u> ; acids and bases are not regulated if from a private home; therefore can be disposed of with trash. Dry out with an absorbent material. Divide larger quantities and dispose over several trash pickups. Please see the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Guide , for more information.		Hazardous Waste
ACIDS AND BASES EMPTY CONTAINERS	Empty product containers should be placed in the trash.		Trash
ADDRESS LABELS AND STICKERS	The sticky adhesive ("pressure-sensitive adhesives" or PSA) on stickers and labels gets caught in recycling equipment. Therefore, stickers and paper with stickers on it should not be thrown in the recycling bin. The only exception, according to the EPA, is Post-It Sticky Notes which have been engineered to break downs easily during the recycling process		Trash
ADHESIVES	Adhesives can be allowed to dry out and place in your normal trash collection.		Trash
AEROSOL CAN EMPTY	Aerosol cans may be recycled curbside. They are generally made of steel, which is recyclable curbside when empty. The best approach with aerosols is to completely use up the contents of the can, including the propellant. An aerosol can is empty when you no longer hear any air released when the nozzle is depressed and the can feels empty when shaken. To empty an aerosol can of its non-hazardous contents, discharge outdoors into a deep cardboard box or paper bag.		Recycle
AEROSOL CAN PARTIAL EMPTY, FULL	Do not put full or partially full aerosol cans in the trash or recycling; they may explode in the compactor truck and harm sanitation workers. Aerosol cans containing propellant are explosive if crushed or incinerated. If you cannot use up or donate the product, full or partially full aerosol can be disposed of at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.		Hazardous Waste
AIR COMPRESSORS	Air compressors have a motor, pump, tank, and other accessories. The tank and motor can be recycled as scrap metal. The other components can be disposed of as trash.	 	Metal Scrap Recycling Trash
AIR CONDITIONERS	Air conditioners contain Freon*. State law requires that Freon be removed by an appropriately licensed company before disposal. If the appliance is in good, working condition, consider trading it in to your electric utility provider or sell it to a used appliance store. See " <i>Appliances Containing Freon</i> " for more information on disposal options.		Metal Scrap Recycling
AIR FILTERS	Air filters contain fiberglass, which cannot be recycled. Throw them in the trash. Consider switching to a reusable filter that can last for years. You will save money and only need to wash it a few times a year.		Trash

AIR MATTRESSES	Air mattresses are not recyclable through curbside collection programs. If useable they can be donated, otherwise they should be discarded as trash. Haulers with automated trash collection carts require trash to fit inside the cart. Contact your hauler or municipality for information on bulk items or a schedule a pickup.		Trash
AIR PILLOWS	Air pillows and bubble wrap can be reused. They can also be recycled at package shipping stores like UPS and Fed Ex Office. Bubble wrap should not be put in curbside recycling, it can damage equipment at the recycling sorting plant. Large amounts of bubble wrap, air pillows, or other plastic packing materials can cause an entire load of recyclables to be thrown away.		Package Shipping Store
			Trash
ALKALINE BATTERIES	Alkaline batteries, the most common household type of battery, is not hazardous and in small quantities can be tossed into your regular household trash. Placing a piece of tape on the ends will eliminate any remaining charge from emitting. Never place batteries in your curbside recycling bin.		Trash
ALL-IN-ONE COMPUTERS	Computers must be recycled according to PA State Law. They contain heavy metals which may be toxic if not handled properly. Best Buy® and Staples® accept all-in-one computers at their store locations for free recycling. Additional disposal options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check with the manufacturer or retail outlet to see if a take-back, drop off, donation or mail-back program is available. • Municipalities will sometimes hold electronics collections for their residents. Check with your municipality for dates. 		Best Buy, Staples or Electronics Recycling
ALUMINUM CANS	Aluminum cans can be recycled in your curbside recycling bin or at a municipal drop-off center. Aluminum cans should be recycled in their original shape, not crushed or flattened, so they can be properly sorted at the recycling plant.		Recycle
ALUMINUM FOIL	Aluminum foil, clean of any food residue, can be recycled in your curbside recycling bin or at a municipal drop-off center. Aluminum foil should be loosely crumpled prior to recycling.		Recycle
ALUMINUM PANS & POTS	Aluminum pans and pots should not be placed in your curbside recycling bin. If useable, they can be donated, if not they can be recycled at a municipal drop-off site metal scrap bin or a scrap yard.		Metal Scrap Recycling
ALUMINUM TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS	Aluminum take-out containers, if rinsed and reasonably clean, can be recycled in curbside recycling or at a municipal drop-off center. Aluminum take-out containers that are soiled with food residue should be thrown away in the trash.		Recycle
			Trash
AMAZON DEVICES TRADE-IN PROGRAM	The Amazon Trade-In program allows customers to receive an Amazon.com Gift Card in exchange for thousands of eligible items including Amazon Devices, cell phones, video games, and more.		Mail-in/ Buy Back Program
AMERICAN FLAG	If you are looking to retire or replace a worn, torn, faded or soiled American flag in a dignified manner, you may contact your municipality to see they offer a disposal box for retired flags. The websites below list Post locations to drop off flags: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northampton County Department of Human Services, 2801 Emrick Boulevard, Bethlehem, PA 18020 • American Legion • Boy Scouts of America • US Flag Store • Veterans of Foreign War 		Designated Drop-Off Bin
AMPS/SPEAKERS	Residents can take their unwanted amps & speakers to Best Buy® for free recycling. There is a limit of three items per day.		Best Buy
AMMUNITION	Only buy the amount of ammunition you know you will use. Keeping it in your home can be a danger to you and your family. Disposing of ammunition in your regular trash poses a grave danger to solid waste handlers. For information on how to properly dispose of ammunition and explosives please contact your local Police Department. Some gun shops will accept small caliber ammunition. Call first to determine if your materials will be accepted.		Contact local police department

<p>ANIMAL RECOVERY COLLARS & CONES</p>	<p>If your cone is made from fabric, mixed materials, or an unlabeled plastic type, it should go in the trash. If your cone is labeled, look up plastic by the number (#1 - #7) and follow the disposal instructions. If you have a cone that you no longer need, consider donating it to a nearby pet shelter or selling it to someone who needs it, or consider saving it for future use. Most plastic cones can be disassembled and stored flat.</p>		<p>Donate or Recycle</p>
<p>ANTIFREEZE</p>	<p>Antifreeze contains a very hazardous chemical, ethylene glycol that should not be disposed of in trash, sewers or drains. This chemical tastes and smells sweet, making it attractive to children and pets. Be sure to store it out of their reach. Antifreeze does not "go bad." Make sure to use up the whole bottle before you buy another one. If you cannot use it up, offer it to a friend or neighbor. Some garages or automotive supply stores will recycle antifreeze. Contact shops for details.</p>		<p>Auto Waste Drop-Off Locations</p>
<p>ANTIFREEZE BOTTLES</p>	<p>Empty auto fluid bottles should be thrown away in the trash.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p>APPLE® TRADE-IN</p>	<p>Trade in your eligible device for credit toward your next purchase, or get an Apple Gift Card. If your device isn't eligible for credit, it can be recycled for free. No matter the model or condition.</p>		<p>Apple® Device Trade-In</p>
<p>APPLIANCES CONTAINING FREON*</p>	<p>Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners (ACs), dehumidifiers, and water coolers contain ozone depleting refrigerants (CFCs/ Freon) that must be removed by a certified professional.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are purchasing a new appliance, ask if the seller will remove and dispose of the old appliance you're replacing. • Contact your local electric utility provider, they may have a recycling program for refrigerators and ACs. • Your municipality or hauler may offer a curbside white goods collection, but may require you to have Freon extracted from your old appliances prior to collection. You can contact a certified HVAC technician or plumber for extraction. • Some drop-off scrap yards will accept Freon appliances, but may charge a fee for Freon extraction. 	    	<p>New Purchase/Exchange Electric Utility Provider Scrap yard White Goods Collection Junk Removal Company</p>
<p>APPLIANCES NOT CONTAINING FREON</p>	<p>If you need to dispose of washers, dryers, water heaters, and other kitchen appliances not containing Freon (also known as white goods), contact your trash/recycling hauler to ask about scheduling a curbside pickup. You can also contact your municipality and inquire about white goods collection or locations for scrapping.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your appliance is in good working condition, consider donating it to a charitable organization. • If purchasing a large appliance, check to see whether they will remove your old appliance for recycling when delivering. • For larger or heavy appliances of no use, consider contacting Junk Removal Company. 	    	<p>New Purchase/Exchange Electric Utility Provider Scrap yard White Goods Collection Junk Removal Company</p>
<p>APPLIANCES SMALL</p>	<p>Small kitchen appliances such as coffee makers, blenders, toasters, food processors, and mixers can be recycled at a metal recycling collection bin or at a scrap yard, as long as they are at least 50% comprised of metal. Contact site before dropping off. Appliances should not be put in curbside recycling containers. The only metals that are accepted in curbside recycling are aluminum and steel cans, and aluminum foil. Other scrap metals should never be included in curbside recycling, they can damage recycling sorting equipment. Hamilton Beach offers a mail-in recycling program for their products.</p>		<p>Metal Scrap Recycling</p>
<p>AQUARIUMS</p>	<p>You can sell or donate aquariums, their pumps and heaters. If the aquarium is broken or not useable, it may be placed in the trash along with pumps and heaters. The glass is not recyclable. If you have a large aquarium, contact your trash hauler regarding bulk pickup.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p>ARM & HAMMER® and OXICLEAN DETERGENT POUCHES</p>	<p>TerraCycle® and Arm & Hammer® partnered to create a free recycling program for Arm & Hammer® and OxiClean plastic detergent pouches.</p>		<p>TerraCycle® Mail-In recycling program</p>

ART SUPPLIES	Consider donating unwanted, but useable supplies to your local school or church. Artwork with glitter, glue or non-water based paint are not recyclable or compostable.		Donate
ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS	Artificial Christmas/Holiday trees and wreaths that are in good condition can be donated for reuse. Trees and wreaths that are not should be thrown in the trash.		Trash
ASBESTOS	Non-friable (cannot be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to a powder with hand pressure) Asbestos is accepted in small quantities at Household Hazardous Waste Events. All materials must be thoroughly wetted and kept wet before being placed into doubled wrapped plastic trash bags. Shingles, tiles, piping, and other materials containing asbestos should be removed only by a contractor who is licensed to do so. Search the Yellow Pages/online search engine under 'Asbestos Removal and Abatement Services' or you may contact the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry at 717-771-3396 or www.dli.state.pa.us for a list of companies who are licensed to properly handle and remove the material.		Hazardous waste, contact licensed contractor
ASEPTIC PACKAGES	Also known as cartons, are accepted in most curbside recycling programs. Cartons should be empty of liquids.		Recycle
ASHES CHARCOAL, WOOD	Unless your municipality and/or trash hauler require or provide the separation of ashes from municipal waste (trash), ashes may be disposed of with trash. Allow ashes to cool in a non-combustible container for several days before placing in the trash. Ashes should be bagged. If bag melts, ashes are too hot. Ashes can also be used as a lawn or garden fertilizer.		Trash
ASPHALT SEALER	Store unused sealer where it will not freeze. When sealer freezes, it separates and becomes unusable. If you can't use it or give it away, asphalt sealer can be taken to a household hazardous waste collection event. Empty containers or containers with dried-up product can be disposed as trash. Remove lids so your waste hauler can see the container will not leak.		Trash
ASPHALT SHINGLES	If you only have a very small quantity and small pieces that can easily fit in a trash bag with other trash, you might consider mixing it in. Large pieces and quantities should be taken to a construction and demolition drop-off site.		Construction & Demolition Drop-Off Locations
ASTHMA INHALERS	If there is still medication or propellant in your inhaler, you can contact your pharmacy for take-back options. You can place an empty inhaler in a plastic bag with coffee grounds, dirt or food scraps to discourage reuse and dispose in the trash. More information can be read here . Inhalers are not accepted in Med-Collection kiosks found in police departments or state police barracks.		Trash
AUDIO & VIDEOTAPES, CDs, DVDs, RECORDS	Audio, video tapes and discs are not recyclable or hazardous, therefore they can be disposed of as trash. Before tossing, you can try donating, selling or using as artwork. Back Thru the Future is a CD/DVD Recycling Program. Through this mail-in program you would need to pay the shipping costs.		Mail-In recycle program
			Trash
AUDIO EQUIPMENT	Most audio equipment, such as amps, sound bars, speakers, boomboxes, radios, etc., can be taken to Best Buy® for free recycling. There is a limit of three household items to take in per day.		Best Buy
AUSSIE® HAIR CARE PRODUCTS	All Aussie packaging, including Aussie shampoo and conditioner bottles, flexible plastic packaging such as color packets, flexible plastic tubes, and complex closure, with the exception of aerosols, are accepted in TerraCycle®'s mail-in recycling program .		TerraCycle® Mail-in recycling program

AUTOMOTIVE FLUID	It is illegal to put brake fluid, motor oil, oil filters, power steering fluid and transmission fluid in the trash or pour them on the ground, down the drain or in a storm drain. Some automotive service stations might accept used oil and other automotive fluids. Call them for more information.		Auto Waste Drop-Off Locations
AUTOMOTIVE FLUID CONTAINERS	Empty containers go in the trash. They cannot be recycled.		Trash
AUTOMOTIVE PARTS METAL	Automotive parts made of metal can be recycled as scrap metal or sold to a salvage yard.		Metal Scrap Recycling
AUTOMOTIVE PARTS PLASTIC	Automotive parts made of plastic may be placed in the trash. Drain all fluids first.		Trash

* The Clean Air Act of 1990 requires the recapture, recycling and safe disposal of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) used in air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers as coolant. Under the Act, no one may accept an item containing CFCs and/or HCFCs for recycling or disposal unless the Freon contained within it is properly removed and the owner/hauler/appliance company can show proof of proper removal. It is also unlawful for any person to knowingly release or vent CFCs or HCFCs into the air. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires certification for all technicians removing Freon as of November 14, 1994. For more information, call the EPA Stratospheric Protection Hotline at 800-296-1996.