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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](mailto:PUBWRKSCentral@northamptoncounty.org).

MATERIAL	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:		DISPOSAL METHOD
<b>BABY BOTTLES</b>	Baby bottles can be recycled in your household recycling bin, after the rubber nipple has been removed. Rubber nipples can be disposed of in household trash.		Recycle
<b>BABY POOLS</b>	Donate intact baby pools. If there are cracked or broken, pools are disposed of in your household trash.		Trash
<b>BABY WIPES</b>	Baby wipes, wet wipes, cleaning wipes, and any wipes labeled "flushable" go in your trash. If flushed they can clog your sewer pipes and cause damage to your plumbing system.		Trash
<b>BAKEWARE GLASS</b>	Baking glassware such as Pyrex dishes, in usable condition, should be donated or otherwise reused. If unusable they should be thrown away in the trash. They should <b>not</b> be added to curbside recycling. They are made of a different material than glass bottles and jars.		Trash
<b>BAKEWARE METAL</b>	Donate usable pots, frying pans, bakeware and cutlery to participating charities or thrift stores. Broken pots, frying pans, cookie sheets, baking sheets, muffin trays and cutlery can be recycled with metal scrap and <b>not</b> in your curbside recycling bin.		Metal Scrap Recycling
<b>BAKING/GREASE PAPER</b>	These papers have a plastic, silicon or chemical coating which provides a heat-resistant, non-stick surface to bake on. Because these components cannot be separated, they are not recyclable, dispose of baking/ grease paper in the trash.		Trash
<b>BALLASTS</b>	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) were discontinued for use in fluorescent ballasts manufactured after 1979. Typically, ballasts that do not contain PCBs are labeled with a sticker. While non-PCB ballasts can be disposed of as trash, it is environmentally preferable to recycle them as scrap metal. Do <b>not</b> put ballasts in your curbside recycling container. Ballasts can be recycled at a scrap yard. Ballasts without labels must be <a href="#">disposed of as hazardous waste</a> . Remove ballasts from light fixtures before transporting them. Package products carefully for transportation.		<a href="#">Scrap yard</a>
<b>BALLOONS LATEX</b>	Dispose of latex balloons in the trash, in about 1 to 3 years they will decompose fully in a landfill. Note: TerraCycle® and ZURU® Bunch O Balloons offer a <a href="#">free mail-in recycle program</a> for ZURU Bunch O Balloons party balloons, water balloons, ribbons, stems, adapters & packaging.		Trash
<b>BALLOONS MYLAR</b>	Mylar balloons can easily be deflated and reinflated, by carefully removing the ribbon, flattening the balloon and saving for future celebrations. Mylar is a plastic film stretched thin – then given a metallic coating to get the shiny look. Because of the metal coating Mylar is not recyclable in your curbside bin.		Trash
<b>BARBEQUE GRILLS CHARCOAL</b>	Charcoal BBQ grills in working condition can be donated to local thrift stores. Contact stores before donating to verify what they can accept. Grills no longer in working condition can be recycled as scrap metal at a municipal recycling center or scrap yard.		<a href="#">Scrap yard</a>
<b>BARBEQUE GRILLS GAS</b>	Gas BBQ grills in working condition can be donated to a local thrift store or resold. Contact stores before donating to verify what they can accept. Grills no longer in working condition can be recycled as scrap metal. Propane tanks can be refilled or recycled at a <a href="#">Blue Rhino location</a> .	 	<a href="#">Scrap yard</a> <a href="#">Blue Rhino location</a>

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<b>BAROMETERS*</b>	It is illegal to place Mercury-containing products in the trash. Keep mercury intact and bring to a household hazardous waste collection event or see the <a href="#">Bulb Disposal Locations</a> for Mercury-accepting drop-off locations.		Hazardous Waste <a href="#">Bulb Disposal Guide</a>
<b>BASKETBALL HOOPS</b>	You can sell or donate unwanted basketball hoops. Unusable basketball hoops should be broken down into separate pieces for curbside trash/bulk collection. Contact your trash hauler for size and weight limits. The base should be drained of any water, sand or concrete prior to placing at curb. The backboard and net can be repurposed for DIY projects or disposed of as trash. Metal components can be recycled as scrap metal at a municipal drop-off site or scrap yard.	  	Donate Metal Recycling Trash
<b>BATHROOM FIXTURES</b>	Useable fixtures can be donated or resold. Non-metal fixtures such as toilets and sinks can be disposed of as bulk trash, contact your trash hauler for weight and quantity limits per collection. If you are doing a bathroom renovation consider renting a small dumpster or junk hauler to help with hauling material to a construction and demolition disposal site.	 	Trash <a href="#">Construction &amp; Demolition Drop-Off Locations</a>
<b>BATHROOM SCALE ANALOG</b>	Analog bathroom scales can be placed in the trash or recycled as scrap metal. Remove all non-metal parts before recycling.	 	Metal Scrap Recycling Trash
<b>BATHROOM SCALE DIGITAL</b>	Digital bathroom scales contain circuit boards and should not be placed in the trash, they can be recycled as electronic waste.		<a href="#">Small Appliances</a>
<b>BATTERY ALKALINE, ZINC CARBON, (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V)</b>	Alkaline and Zinc Carbon batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9V) can be thrown out with your household trash. Taping the battery ends with packing tape or non-conductive electrical or duct tape, will keep any remaining charge from emitting. Batteries should be thrown away in small increments, spread out over separate collections. Batteries should <b>never</b> go in curbside recycling bins.		Trash
<b>BATTERY BUTTON, LITHIUM, LITHIUM-ION, RECHARGEABLE, SILVER OXIDE, ZINC-AIR</b>	Button batteries contain heavy metals which can be harmful to human health and the environment if not disposed of properly. These batteries should NEVER be included in household recycling or trash, as they can be highly flammable if not handled safely. See the <a href="#">Battery Disposal Guide</a> for more information.		<a href="#">Battery Disposal Locations</a>
<b>BATTERY LEAD-ACID</b>	Automobiles, motorcycles, and other items use lead-acid batteries. These batteries can often be recycled at auto repair stores, auto parts stores and scrap yards. See the <a href="#">Battery Disposal Guide</a> for more information.		<a href="#">Auto Waste Drop-Off Locations</a>
<b>BATTERY POWER TOOLS</b>	Power tools use a variety of battery types, including Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cad), Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH) and Lithium-ion (Li-ion). Lowe's and Home Depot stores will accept rechargeable batteries from power tools, as well as other battery types.		Home Depot or Lowe's
<b>BATTERY-OPERATED DEVICES</b>	Battery-operated devices include watches, activity trackers, Fitbits, electric toothbrushes, toys, calculators and musical greeting cards. If your device is in working condition, give it away or sell it. If the device is broken or unusable, remove and <a href="#">recycle the batteries</a> first, then put the device in the trash.	 	Donate Trash
<b>BIC® STATIONERY PRODUCTS</b>	TerraCycle® and BIC have partnered to create a <a href="#">free recycling program</a> for writing instruments and packaging. Accepted items include all brands of empty writing instruments, glue sticks, watercolor dispensers, paint sets, and flexible packaging. Correction (including Wite-Out® Brand) and free ink markers are <b>not</b> accepted.		<a href="#">TerraCycle® Mail-in recycling program</a>

<b>BICYCLE</b>	Used bicycles can often be repaired, donated to local thrift stores, or sold to local bike repair shops for refurbishment. Check with local stores and bike shops for donation options. Bicycles that cannot be repaired can be recycled as scrap metal.		Metal Scrap Recycling
<b>BICYCLE HELMET</b>	Bicycle helmets that have been impacted should be thrown away in your household trash. Intact helmets can be donated.		Trash
			Donate
<b>BICYCLE INNER TUBES</b>	<a href="#">Green Guru Gear</a> collects bike inner tubes along with other hard-to-recycle outdoor gear and upcycles them into bike gear. You can mail your items to them or drop them off with one of their recycling partners. You can reuse your bike inner tube as a slip-resistant cover on the handle of a tool, or as a protective cover on a chain or rope, like those found on swing sets.		Mail-in recycling program or Reuse
<b>BICYCLE TIRES</b>	Bicycle tires can be recycled the same way as automotive tires. They should be recycled at local drop-off locations. Fees may apply; contact location for details.		<a href="#">Auto Waste Drop-Off Locations</a>
<b>BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS</b>	Biodegradable materials are designed to break down within commercial-sized compost facilities, where the composting pile is large enough, and gets hot enough to break down the material, and also in landfills.		Trash
<b>BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE</b>	<p>Contact a medical waste company for disposal. Biohazardous waste is <b>not</b> accepted at Household Hazardous Waste collections. Biohazardous waste refers to biological substances that may pose a threat to human health. Outlined below are types of biohazardous waste. This waste must be disposed of by a permitted medical waste company. Medical supplies, equipment or tainted materials like gloves, towels, used bandages and dressings, and tubes that have come in contact with the materials mentioned below are also classified as biohazardous waste.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• human blood and it's components: in liquid or semi-liquid, dried or not</li> <li>• human fluids: in liquid or semi-liquid, dried or no</li> <li>• human pathological waste: all human tissues, organs and body parts</li> <li>• animal waste: all animal carcasses and body parts</li> <li>• microbiological waste: laboratory waste containing infectious agents</li> <li>• sharps waste: medical utensils such as scalpels, needles, glass slides that have been contaminated with infectious material</li> </ul>		Medical Waste Disposal Company
<b>BLACK PLASTIC</b>	Black plastic of any shape is not recyclable because it is not sortable or marketable.		Trash
<b>BLACKTOP</b>	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.		<a href="#">Construction &amp; Demolition Drop-Off Locations</a>
<b>BLEACH</b>	Unwanted bleach can be poured down the kitchen drain or bathtub as a means of disposal, however it <b>must</b> be diluted to prevent harm and damage to the environment and to your sewer pipes, concentrated bleach will eventually corrode pipes. Turn on the faucet and allow a steady flow of water prior to pouring bleach down the drain. You can also pour bleach into the toilet in separate stages and flush the toilet. Safety precautions should be taken to avoid inhaling, splashing or skin exposure.		Use precaution: can be diluted and poured out
<b>BLEACH EMPTY CONTAINERS</b>	If you see the lettering "PET" and "HDPE" then the container is most likely recyclable. If you are unsure what type of plastic your bottle is or if it is not accepted in your curbside recycling or municipal drop-off center, then throw the empty bottle away in your household trash. Make sure that the container is <u>empty</u> . Pour some water into the container and rinse it out before completely disposing of it- do this at least twice for good measure. This will remove any leftover bleach in the bottle.		Recycle
<b>BLENDERS</b>	Blenders that do not have a digital display are safe to dispose of in the trash. If in working condition, consider donating first.		Trash

<b>BLINDS</b>	Useable blinds can be donated or upcycled into DIY projects such as plant ID tags. Broken blinds go in your trash.		Trash
<b>BLISTER PACKAGING</b>	Examples of blister packaging include packaging for batteries, electronics, toothbrushes, office supplies, etc. Generally any of the plastic packaging that you typically have to cut your way through to get open is not recyclable in your curbside bin. You can dispose of your household trash.		Trash
<b>BOILERS</b>	If you are purchasing a new boiler, ask the installer if they will recycle your old boiler after the new installation. Once boilers are drained of all fluids, they can be recycled as scrap metal. Required Steps for Boiler Removal: (1) Remove insulation from the pipes and dispose them of properly. (2) If there is asbestos, use a licensed abatement professional. (3) Disconnect electricity from the boiler using a licensed electrician. (4) Drain the boiler and water circulation system piping. (5) Dismantle the boiler in place. (6) Load and transport cut sections of the boiler to a licensed scrap yard. (7) Remove water circulation system, cut and dispose of piping.		Metal Scrap Recycling
<b>BOOKS HARD COVERED</b>	Books can be hard to recycle because of their binding and hard covering. Most material recovery facilities (MRFs) are only set up to handle two-dimensional paper products like a sheet of newspaper or office paper. The size, shape, and awkward nature of a book makes recycling difficult. Recommendations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider donating to a community center, church, non-profit agency, thrift store or other <a href="#">used book outlet</a>.</li> <li>• Check with your local library. Many times libraries will sell used or old books as a fundraiser.</li> <li>• <a href="#">International Book Project</a> accepts books in good condition. You can download a shipping label from their website.</li> </ul>		Donate
<b>BOOKS PAPERBACK</b>	Paperback books, including phone books can be recycled in your curbside recycling bin or at a municipal recycling center. <a href="#">Books for Soldiers</a> sends paperbacks to members of the military. You can also take your books to a <a href="#">Better World Books drop-off bin</a> .		Donate or Recycle
<b>BOWLING BALLS</b>	Bowling balls can be donated or thrown away as trash. They are not accepted in curbside recycling programs.		Donate
			Trash
<b>BOXED WINE</b>	Vacuum-sealed bags prevent oxidation from spoiling boxed wine, so boxed wine can last up to a month or more once it's been opened. Wine boxes are made out of cardboard, so they are recyclable. The plastic pouch is not recyclable, so remove it first and throw it away.		Recycle: box
			Trash: plastic bag
<b>BRAS</b>	<a href="#">The Bra Recyclers®</a> repurpose gently-used bras and give them to people in need. Please wash the bras, fill out the Bra Recycling Form on the website, and print a shipping label.		Mail-In Donation Program
<b>BREAD BAGS</b>	Bread bags can be recycled with grocery bags at accepting grocery stores. Make sure bags are dry and free of crumbs.		Grocery Store
<b>BREAST PUMPS</b>	Breast pumps may be disposed of as trash. Remove and <a href="#">recycle the batteries</a> first. Because breast pumps come into contact with bodily fluids, <a href="#">the FDA recommends that only specially designed pumps are reused</a> . Devices that are designed to be reused have accessory kits with new breast shields and tubing for each user or have components that can be sterilized.		Trash
<b>BRICKS, PAVERS</b>	Bricks and pavers that are usable can be donated or resold. Broken bricks and pavers should be taken to a construction and demolition drop-off location. Small amounts may be accepted in household trash, contact your hauler or municipality for acceptance and weight restrictions.		<a href="#">Construction &amp; Demolition Drop-Off Locations</a>

<b>BRINE TANKS</b>	Brine tanks are used to hold water softener. Plastic brine tanks should be disposed as trash if you cannot sell, donate, or give it away for reuse. Recycle any metal parts as scrap metal.		Trash
<b>BRITA® PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING</b>	Brita® has teamed up with TerraCycle® to bring a <a href="#">free recycling program</a> for Brita® filters, pitchers, dispensers, bottles, faucet systems, and packaging. Please make sure items are dry before boxing.		<a href="#">TerraCycle® Mail-in recycling program</a>
<b>BROKEN BULBS</b>	<u>CLEAN UP INSTRUCTIONS:</u> <b>Step 1:</b> Have people and pets leave the room. Air out the room for five to 10 minutes by opening a window or door. <b>Step 2:</b> Scoop up glass fragments and powder using a piece of cardboard. Use sticky tape to pick up any remaining pieces. On a non-carpeted area, wipe the area with a damp paper towel. Place glass fragments, cardboard and tape in resealable bag, secure and put into outdoor trash container. <b>Step 3:</b> WASH YOUR HANDS.		Trash
<b>BROKEN GLASS</b>	Broken glass is not recyclable and should <b>not</b> be placed in your recycling bin. Double bag broken glass pieces before placing in your trash container.		Trash
<b>BROKEN MIRROR</b>	If you're throwing away a broken mirror use precautions to protect yourself and sanitation workers. Put the mirror in a plastic bag or something that it will not cut through, use masking tape over any holes on the bag. Tie this bag securely and place in your household trash bag. For the sanitation worker who is throwing this away, this will keep them safe at work and avoid being injured by broken glass.		Trash
<b>BRUSHES</b> HAIR	Because they are oddly shaped and often made of mixed materials, they cannot easily be recycled. Toss unwanted hairbrushes in the trash. If you have a natural, untreated wooden hairbrush, consider adding it to your home compost pile. They decompose more slowly than food, but will break down eventually. Make sure to remove any plastic or metal pieces first.		Trash
<b>BUBBLE WRAP</b>	Bubble wrap and air pillows can be reused, or you can recycle at a package shipping stores like UPS and Fed Ex Office. Bubble wrap should <b>not</b> be included 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 Stores
<b>BUCKETS/PAILS</b> METAL	Metal buckets and pails can be recycled as scrap metal at a municipal drop-off center or scrap yard.		Metal Scrap Recycling
<b>BUCKETS/PAILS</b> PLASTIC	Plastic buckets and pails can be recycled at a municipal recycling drop-off center or your household trash. Plastic buckets and pails are often made from Plastic # 3 (Polyvinyl chloride). Plastics marked with a # 3 should not be recycled in your curbside recycling bin.		<a href="#">Municipal Recycling Drop-Off Site</a>
			Trash
<b>BULB DISPOSAL GUIDE</b>	Before you throw any into the trash, you should know that some popular light bulbs contain toxic components that are hazardous to human health and can negatively impact the environment.		<a href="#">Bulb Disposal Guide</a>
<b>BULBS*</b> CFLs, FLUORESCENT TUBES, HID, HIGH-PRESSURE SODIUM, MERCURY VAPOR, METAL HALIDE, NEON	Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs), Fluorescent Bulbs and Tubes, High Intensity Discharge Bulbs (HID), High-pressure Sodium, Metal Halide, Mercury Vapor and Neon bulbs contain Mercury or other hazardous materials and must be disposed of properly. Lowe's and Home Depot offer a collection bin for intact CFLs. See the <a href="#">Bulb Disposal Locations</a> for additional options.		Hazardous Waste <a href="#">Bulb Disposal Locations</a>

<p><b>BULBS</b> HALOGEN, INCANDESCENT, LEDs</p>	<p>Halogen lamps, incandescent bulbs and LEDs (light-emitting diode bulbs) are non-toxic and can be placed in the trash. Lowe’s and Home Depot offer a collection bin for intact LEDs.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p><b>BULKY ITEMS</b> HOUSEHOLD</p>	<p>Contact your trash hauler to see if you can schedule a pickup of your item(s) or if it is acceptable to place your items at the curb for trash pickup. You can also contact your local donation center or junk removal company for items that cannot be reused.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p><b>BULKY RIGID PLASTICS</b></p>	<p>Bulky rigid plastics describes plastic containers and items with a #2 (HDPE) or #5 (PP) in the chasing arrow symbol on them that are larger than what is acceptable in curbside recycling. This includes play structures, lawn furniture, watering cans, laundry baskets, clean buckets, crates, kiddie pools and trash containers. These types of plastics can be recycled at accepting municipal recycling drop-off locations. Be sure to remove all metals (e.g. screws, bolts, axles, bins, hinges, handles; etc.) and other non-plastic items before recycling. Bulky rigid plastics do <b>not</b> include: PVC pipe, foam of any kind, flower pots, inflatable pools or other inflatable plastics, water beds, chew toys, CD jewel cases or small toys such as action figures, etc.</p>		<p><a href="#">Municipal Recycling Drop-Off Site</a></p>
<p><b>BULLETIN &amp; WHITE BOARDS</b></p>	<p>Repurpose or donate. Broken or unusable bulletin or white boards can be disposed in your trash.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p><b>BUNGEE CORDS</b></p>	<p>Never recycle bungee cords and cables, they easily wrap around sorting equipment. This can damage or shut down machinery and create safety hazards for sanitation workers. Be sure to toss your bungee cords in the trash once you’re through with them. <a href="#">Good Housekeeping</a> offers ideas for alternate uses for bungee cords.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p><b>BURT’S BEES PRODUCTS</b></p>	<p>Burt’s Bees® has teamed up with TerraCycle® to bring a <a href="#">free recycling program</a> for Burt’s Bees® personal care, lip care and beauty care packaging.</p>		<p><a href="#">TerraCycle® Mail-in recycling program</a></p>
<p><b>BUTCHER PAPER</b></p>	<p>Waxed or oiled butcher paper is not recyclable and should be disposed of in the trash.</p>		<p>Trash</p>

\*Mercury is a naturally occurring, highly toxic, heavy metal that moves between water, air, and soil as a result of natural and human activities. It is a persistent and bioaccumulative toxin (PBT), which means that it accumulates in animals and people, becoming more concentrated as it moves up the food chain, causing harm to people and the environment. Mercury should not be discarded in the trash, flushed down the toilet, or left on the side of a road. All mercury containing products should be disposed of as a hazardous waste.