

C 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
CABLE BOXES/SATELLITE RECEIVERS	Cable boxes and satellite receivers contain circuit boards and can be taken to Best Buy® or Staples® for recycling.		Best Buy or Staples
CABLES, CHARGERS AND CONNECTORS	Residents can take their unwanted cables, charges and connectors to Best Buy® or Staples® for free recycling. There is a limit of three items per household per day. Cords, chargers and connectors should not be placed in your recycling bin. They get tangled up in processing equipment and can cause damage and harm to workers.		Best Buy or Staples
CALCULATORS	Remove and recycle the battery before placing the calculator in the trash.		Trash
CAMCORDERS	Residents can take their unwanted camcorders to Best Buy® or Staples® for free recycling. There is a limit of three items per household per day.		Best Buy or Staples
CAMERAS	Residents can take their unwanted cameras to Best Buy® or Staples® for free recycling. There is a limit of three items per household per day.		Best Buy or Staples
CAMPAIGN SIGN CORRUGATED PLASTIC	Signs made of corrugated plastic - like election signs - should be thrown away, there is currently no local option to recycle them. Metal wickets can be removed from the signs and recycled as scrap metal.		Trash
CAMPAIGN SIGN PAPERBOARD	Signs made of paperboard can be separated from their metal wicket and placed in your curbside recycling bin or at a municipal drop-off site. Metal wickets can be removed from the signs and recycled as scrap metal.		Recycle
CAMPAIGN SIGN PLASTIC	Signs made of plastic film can be separated from the metal wicket and recycled at grocery stores with plastic bags. Metal wickets can be removed from the signs and recycled as scrap metal.		Grocery Store
CANDY AND FOOD WRAPPERS	Candy wrappers and other snack wrappers should be thrown away in the trash. They are not locally recyclable.		Trash
CAR AIR BAGS	Car air bags can be disposed of in your household trash.		Trash
CAR SEAT/ BOOSTER SEAT CHILD	If your car seat has never been in an accident and is less than six years old, consider passing it on to someone else. Outdated car seats or car seats that had been in an accident should never be reused or donated. Car seats should be put in your regular trash. You can also contact the manufacturer of the car seat to see if they offer a mail back on outdated car seats. Target offers an annual Take-Back Program . Terracycle® and Century™ baby gear products also offer a mail-in take back program for car seats.		Take Back Program or Donate
			Trash
CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS	Carbon monoxide detectors do not contain radioactive material, so you can dispose of in your household trash. Remember to remove the battery before discarding your carbon monoxide detector.		Trash

CARBONATING CYLINDER	CO ² cylinders used for at-home carbonating systems like SodaStream – should be returned to an authorized retailer for refilling, exchange, or return fee. Visit the SodaStream website to find a retailer near you, or for more information on main-in exchange and return.		Contact manufacturer
CARDS GREETING AND HOLIDAY	St. Jude’s Ranch for Children recycles your used greeting cards and creates new holiday and all-occasion greeting cards. Greeting cards and envelopes made of paper materials can be put in the recycling bin. Cards with glitter, metallic accents or plastic should be placed in the trash. Photo greeting cards cannot be recycled.		Recycle
CARPET AND CARPET PADDING	If your unwanted carpets or padding are in good condition you can sell or donate them. If not, contact your trash hauler to see if you can schedule a pickup, or if they can be placed at the curb for trash/bulk pickup. If bulk collection is not an option, you can take carpet or padding to a transfer station or landfill for disposal, or contact a junk removal company. Rethink future carpet purchases, by buying carpet that will last. Nylon and wool carpet last longer than other synthetic fibers.		Trash
CARPET ROLL TUBE	Thick, rigid paperboard tubes such as carpet roll tubes or those used for concrete should be reused or thrown away. These tubes cannot be recycled curbside or at recycling drop-offs because they are filled with a large amount of glue making them too rigid to bend easily. They will damage recycling sorting equipment.		Trash
CARTER’S® CHILDREN CLOTHING	TerraCycle® and Carter’s have partnered to make a mail-in recycling program for your little’s most-loved, lived-in clothes super simple. Any non-donatable baby & kid clothing brands are welcome, with the exception of shoes and accessories. Carter’s Rewarding Moments® members can earn points for recycling.		Terracycle® Mail-in recycling program
CARTRIDGES INK AND TONER	<u>In-Store Return:</u> Some retail office supply stores take back used ink cartridges. Some locations include: Best Buy®, Staples® and Target™ stores.		Best Buy, Staples, or Target
	<u>Mail-back Option:</u> vendors such as Hewlett Packard and Lexmark have a mail back program that allows customers to returned used cartridges. Refer to manufacturer of the cartridge to see if they participate and their process of collection. Do not put ink or toner cartridges in your recycling bin, if you cannot return to a store or mail back your cartridges, dispose of them in your trash. Cartridges for Kids is a fundraising opportunity for schools and businesses.		Mail-in programs: contact manufacturer
CASSETTE TAPES	Cassette tapes are not recyclable or hazardous, therefore they can be disposed of as trash. Before tossing, you can try donating to a library, nursing home or thrift store. Also consider holding a yard sale, or using as artwork.		Trash
CAT SCRATCHING POSTS AND TOWERS	Cat scratching posts and towers in good condition can be donated to a local animal shelter. Otherwise they can be disposed of in your trash, large posts and towers may be considered a bulk item and may require a bulk or special pickup, contact your trash hauler for more information.		Trash
CAT LITTER BUCKETS	Large plastic kitty litter buckets can be recycled as bulky rigid plastics at accepting municipal drop-off locations. Contact your drop-off site before visiting to verify if they can take a specific item. They should not be included in curbside bins.		Municipal Recycling Drop-Off Site
CAULK AND SPACKLE	Caulk includes caulks, wallboard mud, joint compound and spackle. Solvent-based caulk is flammable and can be taken to a household hazardous waste collection event. Completely hardened or dried out caulk can be disposed of in the trash. Empty containers also go in the trash. Latex or water-based caulk is safe to put in the trash. Silicone, latex, acrylic, vinyl or water-based compounds are not hazardous or If the label reads "soap and water clean-up," the product is not flammable.		Trash

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CDs, DVDs, VIDEOTAPES	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 and Green Disk are CD/DVD Recycling Programs. Through these mail-in programs you would need to pay the shipping costs.		Mail-In recycle program
			Trash
CD/DVD CASES	(also known as jewel cases) should be reused or disposed of in the trash. They are not locally recyclable.		Trash
CD/DVD/BLU-RAY PLAYERS	You can donate or sell your unwanted CD, DVD or Blu-Ray players. Residents can take their unwanted cables, charges and connectors to Best Buy® or Staples® for free recycling. There is a limit of three items per household each day.		Best Buy , Staples or Electronics Recycling
CEILING FAN	If you cannot donate, sell, or give away your ceiling fan, it may be placed in the trash. Remove any fluorescent light bulbs and ballasts and dispose of them properly .		Trash
CELL PHONES*	Cell phones and cell phone batteries can be recycled at a variety of locations, including Verizon, Lowes, Home Depot, and Best Buy stores, among other locations. Cell phones and Cell Phone Batteries should never be put in your curbside recycling container. They can cause fires at the local recycling facility and put recycling workers at risk. Cell Phone for Soldiers repurposes old cell phones to provide cost-free communication services to active military personnel and veterans.		Call2Recycle locator
CELLOPHANE	Cellophane should be disposed of in your trash. Because it does not stretch it is not accepted with plastic film or grocery bags, which can be recycled at your local grocery store.		Trash
CENTURY™ BABY GEAR PRODUCTS	TerraCycle® and Century™ have partnered to create a recycling program for Century brand car seats, highchairs, strollers and playards.		Terracycle® Mail-in recycling program
CEREAL LINER BAG	Cereal liner bags, and similar plastic liner bags are made of non-recyclable plastic. They should be thrown away as trash.		Trash
CERAMIC ITEMS	Ceramic dishes and home décor in usable condition should be donated to local thrift stores or otherwise reused. Items not in usable condition should be disposed of in the trash.		Trash
CHAIN-LINK FENCE	Chain-link fencing can be recycled as scrap metal.		Scrap yard
CHAINS METAL	Metal chains without plastic coatings can be recycled as scrap metal. Do not put ropes or chains in your curbside recycling bin, these get tangled at recycling processing facilities and can damage equipment.		Scrap yard
CHARCOAL	Charcoal may be placed in the trash once it is stone cold.		Trash
CHINAWARE AND CRYSTAL	China and crystal are not accepted through curbside recycling programs. They may be donated, or placed in the trash.		Trash
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	Strands of holiday lights can be recycled select times at Home Depot, Lowe’s or by an electronics recycler. Tie/bundle up the strands before recycling. Holiday lights should not be in curbside recycling, as they can damage equipment at the recycling sorting plant.		Home Depot or Lowe’s
CHRISTMAS TREES	Christmas trees should be composted or mulched like yard waste rather than sent to landfills or incinerators. Many municipalities provide curbside Christmas tree collections as part of their yard waste collection program. Check with your municipality or hauler for details and remember to remove all lights, decorations, and stands from the tree.		Curbside collection or Municipal Yard Waste Site
CHRISTMAS TREES ARTIFICIAL	Artificial Christmas trees in good condition can be donated. Others should be thrown out with household trash.		Trash

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CIGARETTE LIGHTERS	Disposable lighters may be placed in the trash.		Trash
CIGARETTE WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM	TerraCycle® and Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company have partnered to offer a free recycling program for cigarette waste. Accepted material includes: extinguished cigarettes, cigarette filters, loose tobacco pouches, outer plastic packaging, inner foil packaging, rolling paper, and ash.		Terracycle® Mail-in recycling program
CITRONELLA CANDLES	Citronella candles are safe to dispose of in your trash. Candles should be completely cooled to the touch.		Trash
CLAY	Clay is safe to dispose of in the trash.		Trash
CLEAN FILL	Clean fill includes: uncontaminated soil, rock, stone, gravel, brick and block, concrete and used asphalt; and waste from land clearing, grubbing and excavation, including trees, brush, stumps and vegetative material. If you cannot reuse or donate clean fill, it can be disposed of at a Construction and Demolition drop-off location.		Construction/ Demolition Material Locations
CLEANING PRODUCTS	Some home cleaning products are hazardous. Check the label. Products labeled with caution, warning, danger, flammable, corrosive, poisonous, toxic, explosive, or reactive must be disposed as hazardous waste. If your cleaning product is hazardous and you can't use it up or give it away, you can take to a household hazardous waste collection event for disposal. <u>If you cannot wait for or attend a collection event:</u> Household cleaning products 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
CLEANING PRODUCTS EMPTY CONTAINERS	Empty hazardous product containers should go in the garbage, not recycling.		Trash
CLING FILM/ WRAP	Cling film is not recyclable through single stream recycling, therefore can be thrown out in your household garbage.		Trash
CLOTH GIFT BAGS	Cloth gift bags can be reused, if you cannot reuse them, you can recycle them as textiles at a participating municipal drop of location or donation drop box.		Recycle
CLOTHING & TEXTILES	Clothing, shoes, purses and household linens like towels and sheets should be donated for reuse rather than put into the trash or recycling bin. Collection drop boxes may be found in parking lots around the area, you also contact a Donation Pickup Service, Drop-Off Center, Thrift Store or Consignment Shop.		Donate
COAT HANGERS METAL WIRE	Metal hangers are not accepted in curbside recycling, they are not safe to recycle. They can get caught in recycling equipment and cause jams, machinery damage and injuries to workers. Keep wire hangers out of your recycling bin. Hangers in good condition can be donated. Many professional dry cleaners accept hangers for reuse. You can also recycle as scrap metal.		Donate or Metal Scrap Recycling
COAT HANGERS PLASTIC, WOOD	Most plastic hangers are made up of multiple types of plastic, which makes them difficult to recycle. If you are not sure whether a hanger is recyclable, it is safer to throw it away. Otherwise it could contaminate your recycling stream and present difficulties for the recycling facility. Wooden clothes hangers are also non-recyclable because they made with varnish to avoid splintering. Hang clothing on unwanted hangers when donating to thrift stores. Many will accept the hangers this way, though some will accept them individually as well.		Donate
			Trash
COFFE PODS/CAPSULES	Single use coffee pods (ex. Kuerig) and coffee capsules (ex. Nespresso coffee capsules) should be disposed of in the trash. F. Gavina & Son's Inc.® offer a free mail-in recycling program for Don Francisco's Coffee and Café La Llava Espresso pods.		Trash

COMBS	Because they are oddly shaped and often made of mixed materials, they cannot easily be recycled. Toss unwanted combs in the trash. If you have a natural, untreated wooden comb, 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
COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULBS (CFLS)	Intact CFLs are accepted at Home Depot and Lowes for free recycling.		Home Depot or Lowe's
COMPOSTABLE MATERIALS	If you do not have access to a compost facility or a home composter, dispose of the compostables in the garbage. This option should be your last resort as waste does not easily biodegrade in landfills. Do not put compostables into your recycling. They are not recyclable and will contaminate the recycling process.		Trash
COMPUTER ACCESSORIES*	Old computers, monitors, keyboards, printers, TVs, cell phones, and other electronic devices, referred to as "e-waste", contain dangerous lead, mercury, arsenic, cadmium, and more. Many of these metals comprise circuit boards and electrical parts such as computer chips, monitors, and wiring. Most computer accessories can be recycled at no charge.		Electronics Recycling
COMPUTER MONITORS	Computer monitors must be recycled according to PA State Law. They contain heavy metals which may be toxic if not handled properly. 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. 		Electronics Recycling
COMPUTERS*	Computers must be recycled according to PA State Law. They contain heavy metals which may be toxic if not handled properly. Visit Cristina Foundation to search for nearby donation locations for used computers and other technology.		Electronics Recycling
CONES ANIMAL RECOVERY	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.		Donate or Recycle
			Trash
COOKIE TINS	Cookie tins and their lids can be recycled in your curbside recycling bin.		Recycle
COOKING OIL	Designate a container and fill with used oil each time you cook. There is no need to drain of fats but try to remove large pieces of meat or produce. Seal container and dispose in trash.		Trash
CORDS EXTENSION	Working extension cords can be donated to a thrift store. Contact stores before donating to verify what they can accept. Extension cords no longer in working condition can be recycled as scrap metal or taken to Best Buy® for recycling. Cords should not be placed in your recycling bin. Cords get tangled up in processing equipment and can cause damage and harm to workers. If donating and recycling are not an option, cords can be disposed of in your household trash.		Metal Scrap Recycling
			Best Buy
			Trash
COUCH	Consider donating useable furniture to a local non-profit organization, or thrift store. If you need to dispose of a couch or armchair contact your trash hauler to see if you can schedule a pickup, or if it can be placed at the curb for trash/bulk pickup. If bulk pickup isn't included in your trash service, contact a junk removal company for disposal.		Trash
CONCRETE	Concrete can be repurposed to create paving stones or small garden walls, some sustainably minded landscapers and homeowners may be willing to take old concrete off your hands. Also, check with local businesses that sell topsoil, gravel and other similar materials. They often accept old concrete, but may charge a small fee.		Construction/ Demolition Material Locations

CONCRETE MIX	Concrete mix can be placed in the trash.		Trash
CONSTRUCTION/ DEMOLITION MATERIAL	Useable materials can be donated or resold.		Construction/ Demolition Material Locations
CONTACT LENSES	Bausch + Lomb offers a recycling take-back program for any brand of contact lenses. You can place your contact lenses, top foil, and opened plastic blister packs together. Many eye doctors offer drop-off spots for you to bring them in. If yours does not, you can print a free shipping label at BauschRecycles.com . After placing your waste in a sealed cardboard box, you can drop it off at a UPS location or schedule a pickup to ship from home. If you do not participate in the recycling take-back program, they belong in the trash. Contact lenses and the plastic blister packs do not belong in your recycling. Items must be at least two inches on at least two sides, or they will slip through the spaces in our recycling machinery and mix in with other materials.		Mail-in recycling program
			Trash
CONTACT PAPER	The sticky adhesive side of contact paper gets caught in recycling equipment and should not be thrown in your recycling bin. The backing sheet is made of a hybrid form of paper and plastic which would need to be broken down to be recycled and therefore rarely accepted in recycling programs.		Trash
COOLINER INSULATED BAG	Cooliner bags are comprised of various materials that cannot be separated easily in the recycling process. If you cannot use or donate your insulated bags, they should be disposed of in your trash.		Trash
COPIERS AND PRINTERS	Copiers and printers are considered electronics waste and should be disposed of properly. You can take your unwanted/ non-working copiers and printers to Best Buy® or Staples® for free recycling.		Best Buy or Staples
COSMETICS	The following items can be mailed to Terracycle and recycled (free shipping label): lipstick cases, lip gloss tubes, mascara tubes, eye shadow cases, bronzer cases, foundation packaging and bottles, powder cases, eyeliner cases, eyeliner pencils, eye shadow tubes, concealer tubes, concealer sticks, and lip liner pencils. All brands of make-up are accepted through this recycling program.		TerraCycle® Mail-in recycling program
COUNTERTOPS	If you can't donate for reuse, countertops can be disposed as trash. Contact your trash hauler or municipality for bulk item restrictions and scheduling.		Trash
CPAP MASKS AND TUBING	CPAP masks, mask cushions and tubing can be disposed of your trash.		Trash
CRAYONS	Send them to the National Crayon Recycle Program , which melts down crayons and reforms them into new ones. Leave the wrappers on so they can be easily identified.		Mail-in recycling program
CROCS	The manufacturer recycles used Crocs into new shoes and donates them to underprivileged families. Mail them to: Crocs Recycling West, 3375 Enterprise Ave., Bloomington, CA 92316.		Mail-in recycling program
CURLING IRON, WANDS, STYLERS	Hair styling tools (curling irons, wands and stylers) can be donated if they are clean and in safe reusable condition. If any of these tools are no longer working you may drop it off at a Best Buy® store location or recycle as scrap metal.		Best Buy or Metal Scrap Recycling
CUTTING BOARDS	Plastic and wood cutting boards are not accepting in curbside recycling. If in condition you can donate or upcycle into a DIY project. If cutting boards are not reusable or in good condition to donate, throw out in your trash.		Donate or Reuse
			Trash

