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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
EAR BUDS	Earbuds, working and non-working, may be placed in the trash or take to a retail recycling program.	 Trash  Best Buy or Staples
E-CIGARETTES/ VAPE PENS BATTERY	Remove and recycle the rechargeable battery. Rechargeable batteries can be recycled at Home Depot, Lowe's or additional locations found here . The device and empty cartridge can be disposed of in the trash.	 Battery Disposal Locations
E-CIGARETTES/ VAPE PENS E-LIQUID	E-liquid (juice, cartridges and pods) contains liquid nicotine, which is a harsh chemical and hazardous to the water supply if poured down the drain. Dry out the e-liquid with an absorbent and toss in the trash. Cartridges containing THC, CBD or other marijuana derivatives may be placed in the trash.	 Trash
EGG CARTON PAPER	Paper egg cartons can be recycled in your curbside recycling bin or used as compostable plant starters for your garden.	 Recycle
EGG CARTON STYROFOAM	Styrofoam egg cartons are not locally recyclable and should be disposed of in the trash.	 Trash
EGG SHELLS	Egg shells are comprised of 95 % calcium carbonate and can be used as organic fertilizer, neutralize acidic soil in your gardens, and act as a pest repellent for your indoor plants. Rinse, dry and crush egg shells well before adding to your soil.	 Compost in garden or indoor plants
ELECTION/POLITICAL SIGN CORRUGATED PLASTIC	Signs made of corrugated plastic should be thrown away. Currently, there is no local option to recycle them. Metal wickets can be removed from the signs and recycled as scrap metal.	 Trash
ELECTION/POLITICAL 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
ELECTION/POLITICAL 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
ELECTRIC RAZOR	If your device uses standard alkaline batteries or has a cord, dispose of it in your household trash. If you have an item with a rechargeable battery: remove the battery and dispose of the rest of the item as trash. Take the battery to a battery disposal location .	 Trash
ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSH	Remove battery and dispose of properly. Remaining parts go in the trash.	 Trash
ELECTRICAL SWITCHES	Electrical switches that do not contain mercury can be disposed as trash. Some older types of electrical switches contain liquid mercury. Signs you may have a mercury switch: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small amount of silver liquid (mercury) inside a glass vial. • Wall switch that doesn't make an audible "click" sound when activated (silent switch). • Small tubes with electrical contacts at one end of the tube. • "TOP" is stamped on the upper end of the switch, under the cover plate. 	 Trash
		 Thermostat Recycling locations

ELECTRONICS*	<p>Per Pennsylvania State Law, as of January 2013, a disposal ban for electronic waste was made effective. Electronic waste, or e-waste, is any waste that has a circuit board or a cathode ray tube (CRT). This includes products such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audio equipment, including CD, DVD and VCR players, MP3 players, radios, speakers, stereos and remote controls • Computers, including laptops, tablets, central processing units (CPUs) and monitors • Computer equipment and peripherals, including keyboards, speakers, printers and fax machines • Data storage devices, including USB and external hard drives • Game consoles • Telephones, including cell phones, cordless phones and answering machines • Televisions • Video equipment, including cameras and camcorders <p>There are options for recycling these items, some include fees. Best Buy® and Staples® offer a free recycling program for select items.</p>		Computer Recycling Television Recycling
EPIPEN	See Sharps Disposal Guide .		Sharps Disposal Guide
EMPTY AUTO FLUID BOTTLES	If it is empty to the extent possible, auto fluid (antifreeze, brake fluid, fuel, oil, etc.) bottles are safe for disposal in your trash.		Trash
EMPTY PAINT CANS	If empty or dry to the extent possible, paint cans can be disposed of in your trash, lids should be off.		Trash
ESSENTIAL OILS	Essential oils are flammable and labeled as hazardous materials. They can cause damage to the environment your water pipes if poured down the drain. Some oils start to emit a rancid smell, indicating that they are no longer safe to use. That’s how you know it’s time to discard the oils. You can pour out small amounts of the oil in a safe dish and let it evaporate. Try to use a dish with a larger surface area for rapid evaporation, for example, an aluminum pie dish. Clumping cat litter or baking soda have absorbent properties, and you can use this to your advantage when disposing of essential oils. Leftover residue can be discarded as trash.		Trash
EXPLOSIVES	Explosives can include gunpowder, black powder, dynamite, grenades, large caliber ammunition, marine flares, as well as shock sensitive material like picric acid. If you find one or more of these items please call 9-1-1 to report the incident. 9-1-1 staff will ensure the appropriate law enforcement agency contacts you to determine how best to handle the situation. Do not transport explosives or shock sensitive material to law enforcement agencies or any other site unless instructed to do so. Moving these materials could cause an explosion.		Contact local police department
EXTENSION CORDS	Extension cords in working condition can be donated to local thrift stores. 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 cause damage and harm to workers. If donating and recycling are not an option, cords can be disposed of in your trash.	  	Metal Scrap Recycling Best Buy Trash
EYEGLASSES	Metal frames can be recycled with other scrap metal, but first consider donating them to someone in need. Both plastic and metal-framed glasses can be taken to Lens Crafters™ or Target™ Optical, who will send them to www.onesight.org . Alternatively, you can send them to neweyesforthe needy.com , an organization that also accepts sunglasses in good condition.		Donate

*Remember when selling, donating, or scrapping your old electronic devices, be sure to [remove all your personal or business data](#). Erase media, such as diskettes, CDs or PC cards. Use a disk-wiping software program rather than reformatting your disks or deleting files.