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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
HAIR, FUR, FEATHERS, FLEECE	Matter of Trust takes hair and fur clippings and uses them to make fiber mats to clean up oil spills and water in storm drains. Visit their website to learn more. Long locks of hair can be donated to charities to create wigs, these charities include Locks of Love and Wigs for Kids .		Mail-in reuse program
HAIR DRYER & STRAIGHTENER	Best Buy® accepts hair dryers and/or straighteners at their store locations for recycling. Up to three items a day can be taken for recycling. If you cannot take to Best Buy, hair dryers and straighteners can be recycled as metal scrap.	 	Best Buy Metal Scrap Recycling
HALLOWEEN CHILDREN COSTUMES	You can reuse, repurpose or donate costumes locally to donation centers, or you can mail clean, gently used children’s costume to ‘Ween Dream , which distributes to children living in poverty, with special needs or disabilities, or recovering from trauma, like a national disaster.		Donate
HAND TOOLS	Reuse or donate usable hand tools such as hammers, chisels, trowels, screwdrivers, and wrenches. Most hand tools can be recycled as metal scrap at a municipal drop-off site or scrap yard.		Donate or Recycle
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
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
HANGING FILE FOLDERS	Make sure to remove the index tab and side hooks from hanging file folders before placing them in recycling.		Recycle
HARD DRIVES*	Best Buy and Staples accepts hard drives and items containing hard drives for recycling. Learn how to wipe the hard drive of a Windows computer here .		Best Buy or Staples
HARD HATS	Hard Hat shells need to be replaced every 2-5 years depending on the environment they’re used in, and they need to be replaced immediately if they are struck by anything. Inner suspension needs to be replaced every 12 months. Refer to your hat manufacturer for explicit safety recommendations.		Trash
HASBRO® TOYS & GAMES	TerraCycle® and Hasbro® have partnered to create a free recycling program for used toys and games. This program includes electronic toys and games.		TerraCycle® Mail-in recycle program
HAULERS JUNK REMOVAL	Bulk item collection is included in some trash service, however most haulers allow for one item per week or month. If you need a clean out or haul out of large and/or numerous items, contact a junk removal company to assist you.		Junk Removal Companies

<p>HAULERS SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING</p>	<p>Some Northampton County municipalities have single-hauler contacts enacted for residents to use for trash and recycling. Other municipalities require residents to establish their own trash and recycling collection service, also known as private subscription.</p>		<p>Solid Waste & Recycling Haulers</p>
<p>HEADLIGHTS</p>	<p>Disposal instructions depend on the type of bulb. Halogen, incandescent, and LED bulbs are not hazardous and can be disposed as trash. High-intensity discharge bulbs (HID, Xenon, Plasma, or Arc) contain hazardous mercury and must be recycled. See the Bulb Disposal Locations for drop-off options. How can you tell if your headlamp contain mercury and needs to be recycled? Look for the letters "Hg" (the symbol for mercury) on the bulb or packaging.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
			<p>Hazardous Waste Bulb Disposal Locations</p>
<p>HEARING AIDS</p>	<p>Used hearing aids can be donated locally and refurbished for reuse. Lion's Club accept hearing aids for reuse and can be dropped off at a participating Walmart. Visit their website for mailing labels, or to find a collection center.</p>		<p>Donate</p>
<p>HEATER METAL</p>	<p>Metal portable heaters in good condition may be given away or sold. You can recycle metal heaters at a scrap yard or metal collection bin at a municipal recycling drop-off site. Metal radiator-style space heaters may contain mineral oil, ask if oil needs to be drained prior to scrapping.</p>		<p>Metal Scrap Recycling</p>
<p>HEATER PROPANE, KEROSENE</p>	<p>Portable propane and kerosene heaters in good condition may be given away or sold. If you cannot repurpose, metal heaters can be recycled as scrap metal after propane and kerosene fluids have been removed.</p>		<p>Metal Scrap Recycling</p>
<p>HEATER PLASTIC, CERAMIC</p>	<p>Portable plastic and ceramic heaters, that look like small fans, in good condition may be given away or sold. If you cannot repurpose, you can dispose of in household trash.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p>HEATING AND VENTILATION EQUIPMENT</p>	<p>Older houses may have asbestos insulation around heat ducts. Removing asbestos can cause serious bodily harm. It is strongly recommended that you hire a certified asbestos contractor to identify, remove, and dispose of asbestos. Metal components can be recycled as scrap metal. Non-asbestos items can be disposed of as trash.</p>		<p>Metal Scrap Recycling</p>
			<p>Trash</p>
<p>HEATING BLANKETS</p>	<p>Heating blankets and pads may be placed of in the trash.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p>HEATING OIL TANKS</p>	<p>Residential heating oil tanks can be underground or aboveground. Hire an oil tank provider to pump out, remove, or decommission a tank.</p>		<p>contact licensed contractor</p>
<p>HELIUM TANKS</p>	<p>Helium tanks can be recycled as scrap metal at a scrap yard. Tanks must be empty. Contact locations for any further guidelines before dropping off. See Cylinders/Tanks Disposal (guide). Because gas cylinders and tanks contain a compressed gas, if they are thrown in the trash they can explode and cause injury to solid waste workers. Although a tank may seem empty, a small amount of explosive gas remains even when it no longer supports a flame.</p>		<p>Metal Scrap Recycling</p>
<p>HERBAL ESSENCES AEROSOL CONTAINERS</p>	<p>TerraCycle® and Herbal Essences have partnered to create a national recycling program for Herbal Essences aerosol containers. Please Note: Recycling aerosol containers requires specific handling and shipping precautions. If you choose to participate in this program, you are required to read the instructions provided here and use the Limited Quantity label provided in the "Resources" section page.</p>		<p>TerraCycle® Mail-in recycle program</p>
<p>HERBAL ESSENCES HAIR PRODUCTS</p>	<p>TerraCycle® and Herbal Essences have partnered to create a free recycling program for Herbal Essences hair care packaging. Accepted items include: Herbal Essences shampoo and conditioner bottles and caps, hair mist bottles and pumps, flexible plastic tubes and closures, and color and hair treatment packets. Please note this program does not accept aerosol containers, as aerosol containers require special handling please see above for specific recycling requirements for mailing back Herbal Essences aerosol containers.</p>		<p>TerraCycle® Mail-in recycle program</p>

<p>HERBICIDES</p>	<p>Herbicides, Fungicides, Germicides, Insecticides, Miticides, and Rodenticides are all Pesticides. Pesticides are designed to kill fungi, germs, weeds/plants, insects, mites, and rodents. Using pesticides may be necessary at times, but in many cases there are alternatives that are often more effective in the long run and less harmful to public health and the environment. There are many strategies for controlling house pests, these strategies include barriers (to prevent pests from entering a home), traps (to collect pests that have entered a home), biological controls (attracting beneficial predator and parasitic insects) and the use of non-toxic or less toxic alternatives to pesticides. Herbicides are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection events. <u>If you cannot wait for or attend a collection event</u>: Herbicides 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.</p>		<p>Hazardous Waste</p>
<p>HOME MEDICAL WASTE</p>	<p>It is illegal and dangerous to dispose of loose needles and sharps with trash and to mix with recycling. The SHARPS Disposal Guide provides instructions for safe medical waste disposal.</p>		<p>SHARPS Disposal Guide</p>
<p>HOLIDAY GREENERY DECORATIONS, WREATHS</p>	<p>If you cannot reuse, repurpose or donate unwanted holiday decorations and wreaths, dispose in your household trash.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p>HOLIDAY STRING LIGHTS</p>	<p>Home Depot and Lowe's stores will also accept string lights during the holiday season that no longer work and have them recycled. Do not put them in your curbside recycle bin. If string lights end up going to a recycling center they become tangled up in the machinery causing the facility to shut down in order to manually untangle them.</p>		<p>Home Depot or Lowe's</p>
<p>HONEST KIDS® DRINK POUCH</p>	<p>TerraCycle® and Honest Kids have partnered to create a free recycling program for drink pouches as well as a fundraising opportunity for participants. Straws included with drink pouches are accepted.</p>		<p>TerraCycle® Mail-in recycle program</p>
<p>HOSES</p>	<p>Hoses should be donated (if gently used) or thrown away in the trash. They are not recyclable and should not be put in recycling bins. When mixed in with other curbside recyclables, hoses can get tangled in sorting equipment, damaging or breaking it.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p>HOT LIQUID DRINKING CUPS</p>	<p>These types of paper drinking cups are coated in plastic and cannot be broken down into pulp and recycled. Please dispose of this item in your regular trash. It is not recyclable through most curbside recycling programs.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p>HOT WATER TANKS</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>HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS</p>	<p>Household cleaners, including ammonia, bleaches, floor cleaners, polishes, and degreasers, should be properly disposed of as household hazardous waste. Northampton County offers an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. If you cannot attend this one-day event. Please see the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Guide, for options on what to do with your unwanted or expired products. Chemicals 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.</p>	 	<p>Donate; Hazardous Waste</p>

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE	Unwanted household products like cleaners, polished, paints, sealers, pesticides, etc., can be donated to neighbors and family, or disposed of at a household hazardous waste collection event. These products are not regulated if from a private home; therefore, may be disposed of with trash. Products should never be disposed of in liquid form, absorb into vermiculite, cat litter, saw dust or other absorbent material. Divide larger quantities and dispose over several collection periods.		Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Guide
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS	Household items in gently used and working condition can be donated to local thrift stores or sold/traded on social media platforms. Items should be clean, undamaged, and in good working order. Some thrift stores also offer pick-up of unwanted items. Contact individual stores to verify what they can accept. Fees may apply for pick up. Damaged items should be thrown out as trash, contact your trash hauler or municipality for restrictions or instruction on disposing of bulky items.		Donate
			Trash
HUMIDIFER	Unlike dehumidifiers, humidifiers do not contain Freon. Contact your trash hauler regarding pickup, this may be considered a bulk item and require scheduling a pickup or notification in advance for collection.		Trash

*Remember when selling, donating, or scrapping your old electronic devices, be sure to [remove all your personal or business data](#).