



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
LABELS AND LABEL SHEETS	Label backing sheets (officially known as release liners) are a hybrid form of paper and plastic. There are three common release agents for backing sheets: silicone, PET (or #1) plastic resin and polypropylene (or #5) plastic resin. No matter which release agent is used, it would need to be separated during the recycling process in order to reclaim the paper. High processing costs and low material value are the main reasons this product is rarely accepted for recycling.		Trash
LAMINATED PAPER	Laminated paper is covered in a plastic coating and cannot be recycled.		Trash
LAMPS/BULBS* 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 Bulb Disposal Locations for additional locations.		Hazardous Waste
LAMPS/BULBS HALOGEN, INCANDESCENT, LED	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.		Trash
LANDLINE PHONES	End-of-life electronics, including non-cellular phones, cordless landline phones and answering machines, can be taken to Best Buy or Staples for electronics recycling.		Best Buy or Staples
LAPTOPS**	Old computers, laptops, 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
LATEX BALLOONS	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 free mail-in recycle program for ZURU® Bunch O Balloons party balloons, water balloons, ribbons, stems, adapters & packaging.		Trash
LATEX GLOVES	Safe disposal of these items can mean preventing the spread of germs. Place gloves in a plastic bag, tie the bag securely and then place it in the trash. Never flush latex products down the toilet. These items do not break down quickly enough in the wastewater system - or at all - and can end up clogging sewers and pipes. Even if products claim to be flushable, these items should go in the trash.		Trash
LATEX PAINT	ReStore of the LV offers occasional Latex Paint Collections at their facility in Whitehall Township, Lehigh County. Latex paint can also be dried, mix with an absorbent for large quantities, and disposed of in regular trash.		Trash
LATEX PAINT CANS	Latex paint cans can be disposed of in household trash. Any remaining liquid should be hardened and lids should be off.		Trash

LATEX PAINT SUPPLIES	Paint brushes, trays, and clean-up materials used with latex paint are not hazardous and are not flammable. Allow these items to dry and dispose as trash. To dry, you can mix with kitty litter, sand or an absorbent, let paint harden and dispose of solids. Latex paint-based material is not accepted at a Household Hazardous Waste collection event.		Trash
LAWN/YARD EQUIPMENT BATTERY OPERATED	Examples include chainsaws, edgers, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, pressure washers and snow blowers. Equipment that works may be given away, sold or donated. Remove and recycle the battery, locations can be found here , drain any remaining fluids and recycle as scrap metal.	 	Metal Scrap Recycling, Battery Disposal Locations
LAWN/YARD EQUIPMENT ELECTRICAL	Examples include chainsaws, edgers, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, pressure washers and snow blowers. Equipment that works may be given away, sold or donated. Lawn and yard equipment can be recycled as scrap metal.		Metal Scrap Recycling
LAWN/YARD EQUIPMENT GAS POWERED	Examples include chainsaws, edgers, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, pressure washers and snow blowers. Equipment that works can be given away, sold or donated. Lawn and yard equipment can be recycled as scrap metal after fluids have been emptied and drained.		Metal Scrap Recycling
LEAD BASED PAINT	Call the Lead Hotline (800) 424-LEAD for a list of certified contractors for removal.		Call Lead Hotline
LEAP FROG® & VTECH® ELECTRONIC LEARNING DEVICES and TOYS	TerraCycle® and Leap Frog® & VTech® have partnered to create a free mail-in recycling program for select VTech® and Leap Frog® electronic learning devices and electronic toys.		TerraCycle® Mail-in recycle program
LEAVES	Pennsylvania defines Leaf Waste as leaves, garden residues, shrubbery and tree trimmings, and similar material, but not including grass clippings. The reason grass clippings are not included is because grass gives off odors in the form of ammonia if not properly managed. Facilities that accept grass clippings require a special, more stringent permit. Consequently, these facilities are not as common as Leaf Waste composting facilities. Burning leaf and yard waste is illegal in mandated municipalities. For other municipalities, burning leaves is a violation of the Clean Air Act because of the harmful emissions and nuisance created from the smoke. Yard waste blown or dumped into the street can block culverts and storm drains causing flooding and other issues. Chemical residues from yard waste fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides can also make their way into our waterways through improperly managed yard debris. Leaves can be a great source of nutrients for your property, so consider mulching them into fertilizer for your yard or garden. However, a decaying mat of leaves on your lawn can expose it to mold and disease. If your lawn is covered with more than 50 percent of decaying leaves, consider bagging or composting leaves, rather than mulching.	 	Contact municipality for leaf collection schedule. Municipal Yard Waste Drop-Off Locations
LEGOS®	Legos® are made from plastic #7 and so are incredibly difficult to recycle. So the best way to prevent Legos from sitting in a landfill is to buy used ones. This approach keeps the Legos already out in circulation. You can also donate your unwanted Legos. Brick Recycler sends donated Legos to orphanages in Zimbabwe. Lego Replay works with Teach for America and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston to give children the chance to learn through play. Note: It's a good practice to wash Legos before you donate or sell them. Soak Legos in warm water with detergent and then air dry.		Donate
LIGHT FIXTURES	If your fixture has a fluorescent light ballast, assume ballasts are hazardous unless marked "No PCBs", old ballasts (before 1980) may contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). PCBs are highly toxic and do not break down in the environment. Remove light bulbs and take ballasts to a drop-off location . If your fixture doesn't have a fluorescent light ballast, you can give away, donate or recycle metal components as scrap metal. If you cannot recycle, sell, or donate it you can dispose as trash.	 	Bulb Disposal Locations Trash

LIGHTER FLUID	If you have any unwanted lighter fluid lying around, the best option is to give it to a friend or neighbor who can use it. Otherwise, you'll have to take it to a household hazardous waste collection event. <u>If you cannot wait for or attend a collection event</u> : Hazardous waste is 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
LIQUID MEDICATIONS	Mix with an unpalatable substance such as dirt, kitty litter, or used coffee grounds, place the mixture in a sealed plastic bag, and place in regular trash. Remove personal information from plastic bottles and place empty bottles in recycling bin.		Medication Disposal Guide
L.O.L. SURPRISE!® PACKAGING, PRODUCTS	TerraCycle® and L.O.L. Surprise!® have partnered to create a free mail-in recycling program for L.O.L. Surprise! packaging, accessories, and products.		TerraCycle® Mail-in Recycle Program
LOTTERY SCRATCH TICKETS	If they do not have foil or plastic on them, lottery tickets may be placed in your curbside recycling bin.		Recycle
LUMBER TREATED	Treated lumber including railroad ties and wood furniture is saturated with chemical preservatives that inhibit fungal decay and extend the life of the wood, but some of the chemicals used are toxic. Treated or painted wood should be reused or disposed of in the trash. It is not accepted at local drop-off locations for recycling. Treated wood is not accepted at household hazardous collection events.		Treated Wood Drop-Off Locations
LUMBER UNTREATED	Untreated wood waste includes dimensional lumber, pallets, crates, shake shingles, scrap wood, stumps, and tree limbs. Untreated wood can be used in many DIY projects, donated or used for school wood shop projects. Manageable sized pieces may be accepted at a municipal yard waste site or taken to First Regional Compost Authority . Call ahead to confirm the material will be accepted. Fees may apply. You can contact a tree removal service or landscaper with the ability to chip large pieces of wood and remove.		Yard Waste Drop-Off Locations

*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.

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