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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
RADIOS	Radios and other household electronics contain plastic, precious and ferrous metals that need to be recycled. You can take unwanted radios to Best Buy® or Staples® for free recycling.		Best Buy or Staples
RAILROAD TIES	Railroad ties treated with creosote should be disposed of in a construction & demolition debris landfill. If these ties have been used at your home, they can be managed as a solid waste. If you only have a small quantity and small pieces that can easily fit in a trash bag with other trash, you might consider mixing it in. Railroad ties should not be used for garden beds, landscaping, or burned in fireplaces or boilers. Coal tar creosote may dissolve in water and move through the soil to groundwater. Inhalation of creosote may cause negative affects to skin & liver.		Construction/ Demolition Disposal Locations
RECALLED PRODUCTS	For information on the recall of products because of safety concerns, contact the Consumer Products Safety Council. Toll-free Consumer Hotline: 800-638-2772 (TTY 800-638-8270). Or visit the Consumer Products Safety Council Website: www.cpsc.gov . Follow the advice of the recall notice.		Consumer Products Safety Council
RECEIPT PAPER	Receipt paper can be recycled in curbside recycling bins as it is larger than a business card. Very small items are difficult to recycle as they cannot be sorted out at the recycling plant. Receipts and other pieces of scrap paper smaller than a business card should be thrown away in the trash.		Recycle
RECEIPTS THERMAL PAPER	Thermal paper receipts have a plastic component and do not pulp the same as other paper, so they are not recyclable and need to go in the trash.		Trash
RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES	Rechargeable batteries can be recycled through mail-in, drop-off, or take-back programs. Batteries should never be discarded in recycling or trash bins.		Battery Disposal Locations
REFRIGERANT*	Freon™ is a brand name used to mean all refrigerants. Refrigerant is found in air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and refrigeration units. By law, refrigerant and other chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) cannot be released to the atmosphere but must be removed with special equipment. This is because the gases destroy the ozone in the atmosphere, leaving the Earth prone to higher levels of solar radiation. Please take your old refrigerator, freezer, dehumidifier, ice maker or air conditioner to a scrapyards or certified technician for Freon removal. BE CAREFUL not to puncture the tubes of the appliance and emit the gases into the atmosphere. NEVER remove the refrigerant yourself.		Scrapyard
			Junk Removal Company
			Contact HVAC repair company, certified HVAC tech or plumber with Section 608 certification.
REFRIGERATORS*	Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners (ACs), dehumidifiers, and water coolers contain ozone depleting refrigerants (CFCs/Freon) that must be removed by a certified professional. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are purchasing a new appliance, ask if the seller will remove and dispose of the old appliance you're replacing. • Contact your local electric utility provider, they may have a recycling program for refrigerators and ACs. • Your municipality or hauler may offer a curbside white goods collection, but may require you to have Freon extracted from your old appliances prior to collection. You can contact a certified HVAC technician or plumber for extraction. • Some drop-off scrap yards will accept Freon appliances, but may charge a fee for Freon extraction. 		New Purchase/Exchange
			Electric Utility Provider
			Scrap yard
			White Goods Collection
			Junk Removal Company

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REFLECTIVE BUBBLE WRAP	Reflective, silver bubble wrap, like the type that often comes in delivered meal kits, along with foil mailers and envelopes, are not recyclable and should be reused or thrown away in the trash.		Trash
REMOTE CONTROLS	Remote controls and other household electronics contain plastic, precious and ferrous metals that need to be recycled. You can take unwanted remotes to Best Buy® or Staples® for free recycling. Batteries should be removed first and disposed of properly.		Best Buy or Staples
RIBBONS & BOWS	Ribbons & bows should be reused or disposed of in the trash. They are not recyclable and can harm recycling sorting equipment.		Trash
RIGID CARDBOARD TUBES	Rigid cardboard tubes (like those used for concrete or carpet) and rigid cardboard corner pieces (like those used as corner protection in shipping) are not recyclable and should be thrown away in the trash. These types of cardboard are filled with a large amount of glue making them too rigid to bend easily.		Trash
ROAD FLARES	On the road, flares are typically only used by police and emergency responders to signal an accident. Most roadside emergency kit flares are light-emitting diode (LED) lights instead of incendiary flares (meaning they light up instead of burn) that run on a battery. Residents may safely burn old road flares at home, outdoors on gravel/pavement, and dispose of cold ashes as trash. LED flares can be disposed as trash after they are cool to the touch and the battery has been removed and disposed of properly.		Trash
ROCK & GRAVEL	Contact a landscaper or garden center to see if they will accept your unwanted rock or gravel. It can also be posted on social media platforms for reuse. If you are unable to repurpose the rock or gravel, it can be disposed of at a landfill.		Construction/ Demolition Disposal Locations
ROUTERS	Routers and other household electronics contain plastic, precious and ferrous metals that need to be recycled. You can take unwanted remotes to Best Buy® or Staples® for free recycling.		Best Buy or Staples
RUBBER	Repurposing your rubber is often an even better option, and it can leave you with new useful items such as a tire swing, jar openers, or planters. Recycling rubber is great for the environment and helps produce useful products, such as rubber mulch for playgrounds or the infill for turf fields. You can take household rubber items to a donation center. Rubber tires can be taken to a retail tire distributor for recycling, fees may apply.		Donate
			Auto Waste Drop-Off Locations
RUBBER TRACKS	Rubber tracks from snowmobiles and small construction equipment should be disposed of with household trash. Rubber tracks are not considered tires, and should not be disposed with tires. Almost all rubber tracks contain metal, which will damage the machinery used to process tires.		Trash
RUBBERMAID STORAGE TUBS	Large plastic storage tubs with a recycling symbol #2 or #5 on them can be recycled with bulky rigid plastics at municipal drop-off sites. 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. Be sure to remove all metals (e.g. screws, bolts, axles, bins, hinges, handles; etc.) and other non-plastic items before recycling. Terracycle® has partnered with Rubbermaid® to offer a free mail-recycling program . All brands of food storage containers, plastic and glass are accepted.		Municipal Recycling Drop-Off Center
			Terracycle® mail-in recycling program
RUBBING ALCOHOL	Also known as isopropyl alcohol, can be poured down the drain in small amounts and diluted with hot water.		Use precaution: can be diluted and poured out

* The Clean Air Act of 1990 requires the recapture, recycling and safe disposal of chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) and hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) used in air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers as coolant. Under the Act, no one may accept an item containing CFCs and/or HCFCs for recycling or disposal unless the Freon contained within it is properly removed and the owner/hauler/appliance company can show proof of proper removal. It is also unlawful for any person to knowingly release or vent CFCs or HCFCs into the air. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires certification for all technicians removing Freon as of November 14, 1994. For more information, call the EPA Stratospheric Protection Hotline at 800-296-1996.