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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
SALT AND ICE MELT	Salt and ice melt can be stored in a dry place and used again or given away. If you must discard, place in household trash.		Trash
SANITIZING WIPES	Do not flush wipes of any type down the toilet. "Flushable" wipes can still cause plumbing issues. Put all types of wipes in the trash.		Trash
SAUNA HEATERS	Sauna heaters may be placed in the trash.		Trash
SATELLITE DISHES	Satellite dishes can be recycled as scrap metal at a municipal drop-off metal recycling collection bin, or at a scrap yard.		Metal Scrap Recycling
SATELLITE RECEIVERS	Satellites receivers contain circuit boards and can be recycled for no cost at Best Buy® or Staples®.		Best Buy or Staples
SAWDUST	Sawdust can be used as an absorbent to dry out hazardous products are cleanup oily spills. You should keep some on hand for these reasons. If you have an abundance of sawdust, you can compost in your backyard or throw away in your trash. Sawdust from treated or painted wood should be disposed of in the garbage.		Trash
SCANNERS	Scanners do not belong in the trash because they contain printed circuit boards. You should remove all personal data from your electronics before recycling them. Personal data may be stored on data storage devices including internal and external hard drives, disks, CDs, DVDs, memory cards, and USB drives. You can take your unwanted/non-working copiers and printers to Best Buy® or Staples® for free recycling.		Best Buy or Staples
SCHWARZKOPF GÖT2B AEROSOL HAIR CONTAINERS	TerraCycle® and Schwarzkopf® have partnered to create a national recycling program for Schwarzkopf® 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.		TerraCycle® Mail-in recycle program
SCHWARZKOPF GÖT2B HAIR CARE PACKAGING	TerraCycle® & Schwarzkopf® have partnered to create a national recycling program for Schwarzkopf® hair product packaging. Items accepted include: Schwarzkopf® hair care jars, lids, bottles, closures, tubes, pumps, and caps made from plastics and flexible or rigid aluminum. Please note this program does not accept aerosol containers, which require special handling please see above for specific recycling requirements for mailing back Schwarzkopf® aerosol containers.		TerraCycle® Mail-in recycle program
SCHOOL SUPPLIES PAPER PRODUCTS	Many office and schools supplies can be reused or donated to local thrift stores or non-profits. Contact store for donation guidelines before dropping off. Supplies made of paper – such as file folders, printer paper, and note cards can be recycled as mixed paper in your curbside recycling bin or at municipal recycling drop-off centers.		Recycle
SCHOOL SUPPLIES ODDS & ENDS	Many office and schools supplies can be reused or donated to local schools, daycare centers, churches or other community groups. Small odds and ends – like scissors, pencils, erasers etc. – that cannot be reused should be thrown away. Do not include these items in your curbside recycling.		Donate
			Trash

SCRAP METAL	The only metals that are accepted in curbside recycling are aluminum and steel cans, and aluminum foil. Other scrap metals should never be included in curbside recycling, they can damage recycling equipment at the sorting facility. They should instead be recycled at local scrap metal locations.		Scrap yard Locations
SCUBA TANKS	Contents are under pressure. Be careful when handling tanks and removing accessory items from any tank, full or empty. Scuba cylinders can't be thrown away or put in your trash or recycling bin. If a scuba cylinder would be accidentally crushed with compress air, this would result in an explosion, possibly hurting or killing someone. Check with the vendor you purchased the tank from, or a local scuba supplier to see if they will accept used tanks. If there is not a vendor located near you, you can contact a scrapyard for acceptance.		Metal Scrap Recycling
SEALANTS PETROLEUM-BASED	Petroleum-based sealants (label will read "flammable") can be taken to a household hazardous waste collection event for disposal. <u>If you cannot wait for or attend a collection event:</u> Household 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
			Trash
SEALANTS WATER-BASED	Water-based compounds can be dried out and placed in the trash.		Trash
SEED TRAYS	Seed trays made of non-black plastic are recyclable. Lowe's and Home Depot offer a recycling program for empty flower pots and trays can be taken back for recycling. Trays made of black plastic or that cannot be reused should be thrown in the trash.		Garden Supply Store
			Trash
SHARPS	Sharps Disposal Guide.		
SHINGLES ASPHALT	Small quantities of asphalt shingles can be disposed of in household trash. Large quantities should be taken to a construction/demolition disposal site.		Construction/Demolition Drop-Off Locations
SHINGLES WOOD	Wooden shingles that are untreated, unpainted, and unstained can be recycled with wood. Call location to confirm that they can take shingles before dropping off. Treated, painted, or stained wooden shingles must be landfilled.		Yard Waste Drop-Off Locations
SHREDDED PAPER	Do NOT include paper that has already been shredded in your curbside recycle bin. The paper falls through the cracks in the machinery at the sorting facility, and will not be recycled. Paper can be recycled 7-12 times. However, when shredded, its value is decreased and the number of times it can be recycled reduces. Therefore, shred only when necessary. Consider only shredding parts of documents that contain sensitive information – and recycle the rest whole. Shredded paper can be composted or used as animal bedding, otherwise it should be disposed of in your trash.		Trash
SHOCK ABSORBERS	Plastic shock absorbers and parts may be placed in the trash. Metal shock absorbers can be recycled as scrap metal. Remove all non-metal parts.		Trash
			Scrap Metal Recycling
SHOES	Soles 4 Souls is a non-profit that facilitates the donations of shoes, which are used to aid the hurting worldwide. All shoe types are accepted. Visit the website to find local drop boxes for individual donations or how to organize a large shoe drive.		Soles 4 Souls
SHOWER CURTAINS	Unwanted shower curtains can be reused as drop clothes for painting, dragging leaves and mulch and other DIY projects in and around the house. Unusable shower curtains can be disposed of in the trash.		Trash

SILICA GEL PACKETS	Silica gel is a desiccant, a substance that absorbs moisture. The gel itself is nontoxic, but sometimes a moisture indicator called cobalt chloride is added; it's a known toxin that turns pink when hydrated and is otherwise blue in its dry form. Consider repurposing before tossing into the trash. Silica gel packets can be used to protect personal papers, documents, photos and jewelry from humidity. It can be used to dry flowers, cell phones and other small electronics. You can also store some packets on your dashboard to help maintain a clear windshield when it gets foggy during high humidity.		Reuse
SILVERWARE	Unwanted silverware can be donated or repurposed. Unusable silverware should be recycled as scrap metal.		Donate or Metal Scrap Recycling
SINGLE-USE COFFEE PODS	Single-use coffee pods and capsules of all types should be thrown away in the trash. They are not locally recyclable.		Trash
SINGLE-USE SERVINGWARE	Single-use servingware should be disposed of in the trash. Single-use servingware refers to paper & plastic plates, cups, bowls, napkins, straws, utensils, paper towels and other items used for eating that are designed to be thrown away after using. Single-use servingware labeled with a #7 PLA or as "compostable" should never be included in curbside recycling.		Trash
SIX-PACK HOLDER	Rigid 6-pack holders can be reused, or thrown away in the trash. They should not be included in curbside or drop-off recycling. Cutting the rings helps minimize the risk of harming wildlife. You can also see if your local school participates in the Ring Leader Recycling Program , where kids collect six-pack rings to be recycled in other plastic items.		Trash
SMALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES	Small kitchen appliances such as coffee makers, blenders, toasters, food processors, and mixers can be recycled at a metal recycling collection bin or scrap yard. Contact site before dropping off. Appliances should not be put in curbside recycling. Hamilton Beach offers a mail-in recycling program for their products. The only metals that are accepted in curbside recycling are aluminum and steel cans, and aluminum foil. Other scrap metals should never be included in curbside recycling, as they can damage recycling equipment at the sorting facility. They should instead be recycled at local scrap metal recyclers.		Metal Scrap Recycling
SMOKE DETECTORS	There are two types of smoke detectors: photoelectric or ionizing. The ionizing variety is radioactive and may pose hazards to human health if large quantities are accumulated. Smoke detectors can be returned to the manufacturer. See the United States Postal Services instructions for mailing back old smoke detectors to the manufacturer. Newer models of detectors are free of radioactive elements and can be disposed of in the trash. These do not display the radioactive symbol on them.		Mail-back to manufacturer . Follow USPS guidelines.
SNOW BLOWERS	Snow blowers can be recycled as scrap metal at a metal recycling collection bin or scrap yard. An item must be at least 50% metal to be recycled as scrap metal. This includes a wide variety of items, including water heaters, lawn mowers, wire, satellite dishes, metal shelves and bicycles. Snow blowers should be drained of all fluids prior to scrapping.		Metal Scrap Recycling
SOLAR OUTDOOR LIGHTS	Solar lights contain rechargeable batteries which must be removed and recycled. Once batteries have been removed, light fixtures containing at least 50% metal can be recycled as scrap metal. If they are mostly plastic, they should go in the trash.		Trash
SOLAR PANELS	(also referred to as photovoltaic solar panels). Legally, solar panels can be disposed of in the trash by a homeowner. Most homeowners have a warranty or contract for their solar panels. If the panels fall under the warranty (usually 25 years), then it's the responsibility of the <i>installer or the manufacturer</i> to recycle the solar panels properly. Check your warranty or contract for responsibility, if applicable. If applicable, drain heat transfer liquid before disposing. If the heat transfer liquid is antifreeze, bring antifreeze to an auto garage or shop for recycling. If the heat transfer liquid is a salt solution, pour the solution down a sanitary sewer (like a toilet or utility sink), followed by lots of water.		Contact Manufacturer

SOLO® CUPS	Solo cups are made out of number six plastic called polystyrene, the same type of plastic that toys, and Styrofoam are made out of. Curbside single stream recycling programs do not accept this type of plastic. However, you do have some options. There is a company called Terracycle that does recycle Solo cups through a free mail-in program , as well as other types are plastics that are hard to recycle. You can also contact your municipal drop-off center for Plastic #6 acceptance.		TerraCycle® Mail-in recycle program
			Trash
SOLVENT & STRIPPERS	Solvents are chemicals that dissolve other substances. They include paint thinner, nail polish remover, paint remover, grease remover, etc. Most solvents are recyclable, although this is not always practical to do at home. Always try to use up the product in its intended manner. Paint thinners that have paint mixed into them can be reused by capping the container tightly and allowing the paint to settle to the bottom of the container (this process may take several months for large volumes). The clean solvent may then be poured off the top and reused and the sludge that is left can be allowed to dry out (preferably outdoors) and then discarded with household trash. Always ensure proper ventilation when evaporating solvents. Paint thinners can also be used up by mixing them into oil-based paints or can be reused after filtering them through a coffee filter. Please see the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Guide , for options on what to do with your unwanted or expired products.		Hazardous Waste
SOLVENT BASED CLEANERS	Waxes, polishes, spot removers, degreasers, mineral spirits and other petroleum based products are considered hazardous. Use up, donate or dispose of at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.		Hazardous Waste
SPACE HEATER	Proper disposal depends on the type of heater. Oil-filled space heaters should be drained first, and can then be taken to a metal scrap location. Propane tanks should be removed prior to scraping, tanks can be recycled at a Blue Rhino location .		Metal Scrap Recycling
SPEAKERS/ SOUND BARS	You can donate or try selling your unwanted speakers, sounds systems or sound bars. Residents can take their unwanted speakers, sounds systems or sound bars to Best Buy® for free recycling. There is a limit of three items per household each day. Staples® accepts small units for recycling.		Best Buy, Staples or Electronics Recycling
SPIN MASTER TOYS AND GAMES	TerraCycle® and Spin Master, Global Children’s Entertainment Company, have partnered to create a national recycling program for Spin Master toys and games with the exception of Kinetic Sand.		TerraCycle® Mail-in recycle program
SPORTS MEDALS	Sports Medal Recycling recycles unwanted and extra medals from competitions, events and races.		Mail-in recycling program
STAINS & VARNISHES	Use up, donate or dispose of at a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. <u>If you cannot wait for or attend a collection event</u> : Stains and varnishes 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. Note: Paint thinner can be filtered through cloth and reused. Empty and dried containers should be disposed of in your trash.		Hazardous Waste
			Trash
STERNO CANS EMPTY	Empty or mostly empty sterno cans can be put in the trash. Household amounts only, sterno cans should be cold to the touch prior to disposal.		Trash
STERO/SOUND EQUIPMENT	Stereos, speakers, and other sound equipment in working condition can be donated to local thrift shops. Contact specific locations before donating. They can also be recycled as electronic waste at Best Buy®. Staples® accepts small units for recycling.		Donate
			Best Buy, Staples or Electronics Recycling

<p>STICKERS AND LABELS</p>	<p>The sticky adhesive ("pressure-sensitive adhesives" or PSA) on stickers and labels gets caught in recycling equipment. Therefore, stickers and paper with stickers on it should not be thrown in the recycling bin. The only exception, according to the EPA, is Post-It Sticky Notes which have been engineered to break downs easily during the recycling process</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p>STOVES</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>STRAWS PAPER and PLASTIC</p>	<p>Due to their small diameter straws fall out during a processing designed to remove small items of contamination and get stuck in machinery, because of this, most recyclers do not accept straws. On the flip side, paper straws are fully biodegradable and compostable and will start to break down in a landfill within a few weeks. Another option are metal straws, which are economically designed for safe reuse.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p>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>STROLLERS</p>	<p>Strollers in gently used condition can be donated to local thrift stores or disposed of in the trash. Contact thrift stores for details. *Strollers that are not in good condition or those that have been recalled should not be donated*. Metal strollers can be recycled as scrap metal, wheels and fabric may need to be removed prior to scraping. Plastic strollers that are not useable should be thrown out as trash.</p>	  	<p>Donate Metal Scrap Recycling Trash</p>
<p>STYROFOAM PRODUCTS</p>	<p>Styrofoam products such as blocks, coffee cups, coolers, egg cartons, packing peanuts and take-out food containers are not locally recyclable and should be reused or disposed of in the trash.</p>		<p>Trash</p>
<p>SUMP PUMP</p>	<p>Sump pumps no longer in good condition should be recycled as scrap metal. Remove hazardous components prior to recycling.</p>		<p>Metal Scrap Recycling</p>
<p>SWIFFER™ DUSTER, SWEEPER, WETJET PADS</p>	<p>TerraCycle® and Swiffer have partnered to create a free recycling program for all Swiffer refills: Sweeper, Duster, and WetJet pads.</p>		<p>TerraCycle® mail-in recycle program</p>
<p>SWIMMING POOL CHEMICALS</p>	<p>Contain chlorine, acids, or calcium hypochlorite (an oxidizer). These materials are corrosive and may cause burns or injury on contact, or if swallowed or inhaled. They may also pose a fire hazard. They should be stored carefully, away from any source of heat or spark, and saved for a household hazardous waste collection event. Please see the Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Guide, for options on what to do with your unwanted or expired products.</p>		<p>Hazardous Waste</p>
<p>SYRINGES AND NEEDLES</p>	<p>This includes needles, syringes, lancets and EpiPens. Do not put needles or syringes in the trash or recycling. Do not flush needles or syringes down the toilet or drain.</p>		<p>SHARPS Disposal Guide</p>