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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
UMBRELLAS METAL	Once you remove the fabric and handle from a metal umbrella, the skeleton can be recycled with scrap metal.		Metal Scrap Recycle
UMBRELLAS PLASTIC	Plastic umbrellas are not recyclable, but can be donated if they are still in good condition.		Trash
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS	The scrap metal from used underground storage tanks may be accepted at a scrap yard provided that the tank has been cut in half (minimum) and no remaining sludge or liquid remains in the tank. Contact site more information/acceptance.		Scrap yard
UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS REMOVAL	Pennsylvania regulates underground storage tanks (UST) where the system volume is greater than 110 gallons and where at least 10 percent of the UST volume is beneath the surface of the ground. A listing of state permitted removal companies, listed by county, can be found here , or you can call the customer service unit at 1-800-42-TANK. The EPA developed the flow chart to aid in determining whether your UST qualifies for the heating oil tank exemption. Local municipalities may require some permitting to remove your underground storage tank. There is a Homeowner's Guide to underground tank removal that may answer some procedural questions. Current Environmental also offers detailed questions and answers regarding underground storage tank removal.		Contact Tank Removal Company or Licensed Contractor
USB CABLE	Residents can take their unwanted cables, charges and connectors to Best Buy® or Staples® for free recycling. There is a limit of three items per household per day. Cords, chargers and connectors should not be placed in your recycling bin. They get tangled up in processing equipment and can cause damage and harm to workers.		Best Buy or Staples
USED COOKING OIL	Designate a container and fill with used oil each time you cook. There is no need to drain of fats but try to remove large pieces of meat or produce. Seal container and dispose in trash.		Trash
USED NEEDLES OR SYRINGES	See Sharps Disposal Guide .		Sharps Disposal Guide
UTENSILS METAL	Kitchen utensils are commonly made of steel, an iron-chromium alloy, they can be recycled as scrap metal.		Metal Scrap Recycling
UTENSILS PLASTIC	Plastic utensils are not accepted in curbside recycling programs. Put them in the trash.		Trash