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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
WASHER MACHINE	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. <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. 	 New Purchase/Exchange  Electric Utility Provider  Scrap yard  White Goods Collection  Junk Removal Company
WATER COOLERS	Water coolers that actually chill water must be processed to remove hazardous materials before being recycled. If you are purchasing a new water cooler, ask the retailer if they will recycle your old one when they deliver the new one. Or check with the water cooler manufacturer to see if they have recycling options. Water coolers should be handled as an appliance containing Freon.	 Hazardous Waste, can be recycled as scrap metal after refrigerant is removed.
WATER FILTERS	You can mail Brita® filters, pitchers, dispensers, bottles, faucet systems and packaging to TerraCycle for recycling. Body Glove® and Zero Water® also has a mail-in recycling program for their brand of filters. Water filters should either be returned to their manufacturer for recycling or disposed of in the trash. Contact manufacturer for details.	 Mail-in recycling programs  Trash
WATER HEATER	Water heaters can be recycled at a scrap yard. Be sure to drain of water before recycling. If the appliance is in good condition, consider trading it in or selling it to a used appliance store.	 Scrap yard
WATER SOFTENER SALT	The salts (sodium or potassium chloride) used in water softening systems are not hazardous and can be thrown away in your household trash. Salt and potassium chloride bags should also be disposed of as trash.	 Trash
WAX PAPER	Soiled & wax-coated paper like microwave popcorn bags, meat/cheese paper, cookie bags and paper plates belong in the trash.	 Trash
WET PAPER	Unfortunately, not recyclable and must be placed in the trash.	 Trash
WETSUITS	Wetsuits are made of neoprene, which is a synthetic type of rubber made from petroleum. Neoprene is not recyclable, so it must be repurposed, upcycled or thrown away. You can donate a wetsuit in usable condition to a local thrift store or a group such as AmpSurf , which runs adaptive surf clinics for disabled veterans, adults and children.	 Donate
WHEELCHAIRS	Visit Wheels for Wishes and Life Nets to donate wheelchairs to others in need.	 Donate
WINE CORKS	Wine corks can be reused for arts & crafts/DIY projects. Corks that cannot be reused should be disposed in your trash or compost bin.	 Trash
WIPES	Baby wipes, wet wipes, cleaning wipes, and any wipes labeled "flushable" go in your trash. When flushed down your toilet, they can clog your sewer pipes and cause damage to your plumbing system.	 Trash

WINDSCREEN	Windscreens, contain a layer of plastic film (polyvinyl butyral) sandwiched between two layers of safety glass. This stops them from shattering into dangerous shards when they break, these are great for safety but are not recyclable.		Trash
WINDOW BLINDS	Useable blinds can be donated or upcycled into DIY projects such as plant ID tags. Dispose of broken blinds in your trash.		Trash
WINDOW GLASS/PANE	Window glass is a different type of material than glass bottles or jars, and CANNOT be recycled with them. You can sell or donate intact windows. If disposing, preventive measures should be taken to ensure glass is not broken at the curb. Large pieces should be safely broken into smaller pieces that fit securely and can be safely contained in a trash bag.		Trash
WINDSHIELD WIPERS	If you remove all the plastic and rubber parts, the metal pieces can be disposed of with scrap metal. The plastic and rubber pieces can be thrown in the trash. Consider using silicone wiper blades instead of traditional ones. They are built to last longer, so you won't have to replace them as often.		Metal Scrap Recycling
			Trash
WINE IN A BOX	The box can be recycled, but the bag the wine came in should be placed in the trash.		Recycle the box
			Trash the bag
WINTER COATS	Use the zip-code finder at One Warm Coat to learn where to donate year-round, or contact your local thrift store.		Donate
WIRE	Wire can be recycled as scrap metal. Contact scrap metal location for details on whether to bundle the wire prior to recycling. When included in curbside recycling, wire and other "tangles" cause damage to equipment at the recycling sorting facility.		Metal Scrap Recycling
WOOD WASTE 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
WOOD WASTE 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
WOOD PALLETS	Wooden pallets that are untreated and unpainted can be reused for DIY projects, permitted bonfires or recycled.		Wood Pallet Drop-Off Locations
WOOD PERSERVES	Are used to make wood resistant to insects, fungus and other pests. Either 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> 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
WRAPPING PAPER	Wrapping paper can be recycled in your curbside recycle bin or at a municipal drop-off recycling site. Do not recycle any glittery, foil or metallic wrapping paper, ribbons, or bows. Consider wrapping gifts in newspaper, maps, cloth bags, reusable gift bags, or reusable gift boxes as alternatives to wrapping paper.		Recycle
WOVEN PLASTIC FEED BAGS	Bags made of woven plastic, often used for animal feed bags, should be disposed of in the trash.		Trash