

Recycling Guide

Town of Cornwall and Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson

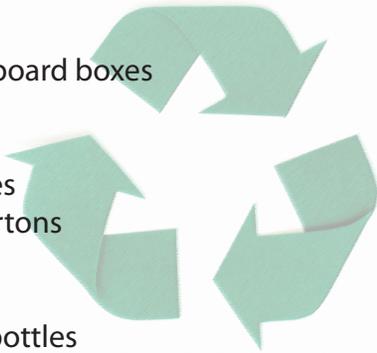
RECYCLABLE

Paper:

- Paper (*staples okay*)
- Newspaper
- Envelopes (*w/windows OK*)
- Junk mail
- Phone books
- Brochures, magazines
- Books (*softcover and hard w/cover removed*)

Cardboard:

- Corrugated cardboard boxes
- File folders
- Poster board
- Frozen food boxes
- Milk and juice cartons



Plastic (#1-7):

- Water and soda bottles
- Take-out containers (*cleaned out*)
- Shampoo, soap, and detergent bottles

Aluminum & Metal:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Food cans
- Aerosol cans (*empty*)
- Aluminum foil and foil pans (*clean*)

Glass:

- Bottles (*clear, green & brown*)
- Jars



NOT RECYCLABLE

- Soiled paper (*grease, dirt, food, etc.*)
- Batteries
- Clothing
- Food waste
- Napkins, tissues and paper towels (*compostable*)
- Mirrors & household glass (*windows, etc.*)
- Ceramic and glass plates and dishes
- Pyrex
- Metal hangers
- Plastic bags
- Stickers/Address labels
- Styrofoam
- Plastic 6-pack holders
- Plastic toys
- Paper coffee cups



Special handling

These items should never be mixed with regular recycling and require special handling. Contact your local provider and see the other side of this flyer for assistance with the following:

- Incandescent light bulbs
- Fluorescent tubes
- Computers & electronics
- Needles, syringes, hazardous waste
- Paint, toxic material containers

RECYCLE, REUSE, OR DISPOSE OF OTHER HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Plastic Bags:

- Many types of flexible plastic bags like carry out bags, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, etc. can be recycled and will often have a recycling symbol and number of them. Most large retail centers like major supermarkets, Target, Lowes, Walmart, etc. are required to provide bins for collecting plastic bags for recycling.

www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/recycling-bags-and-wraps/find-drop-off-location/

Clothes & shoes & homewares (*gently used*):

- Goodwill Store in Vails Gate: www.goodwillnynj.org/shop/goodwill-store-locations

- Various clothing drop boxes in town

- Shoes: Watch for school collections through ShoeCycle

Compact Fluorescent Bulbs: <https://recycleabulb.veoliaes.com/home>

Electronics: Now accepted at Orange County Transfer Station in Newburgh. (*Items NOT accepted are: alkaline batteries, small appliances, vacuum cleaners, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, broken CRT glass, and light bulbs.*)

- Cornwall Goes Green paper shredding and Recycling annual event (contact Cornwall Chamber of Commerce for dates each year)

Hazardous Waste (*paints, solvents, motor oil, pesticides, etc.*):

- Orange County Hazardous Waste Events: www.orangecountygov.com/450/Events-for-County-Residents

Prescription Medicines (*including over-the-counter medicines*): Town of Cornwall Police Department drop-off

Scrap metal (*pots & pans, old bikes, garden tools, hangers, etc.*):

- Regional scrap and junk yards listing: www.planetsalvage.com/junkyard-listings/metal-recycling-centers.html

- Complete R&R, Newburgh, NY: www.completernr.com

Yard Waste (*twice monthly collection spring through fall*):

- Town of Cornwall schedule: www.cornwallny.com/Departments/Highway-Sanitation

- Village of Cornwall-on-Hudson schedule: www.cornwall-on-hudson.org/dpw.htm

Food Scraps Recycling: Reduce your trash by 35% by composting in your back yard. Composting bins can be purchased online.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What do I do with the metal lids from jars and bottle caps from soda and beer bottles?

A: Metal lids and bottle caps are recyclable. Make sure they are clean of food or grease and recycle.

Q: What should I do with plastic bottle caps and lids from jars/coffee containers?

A: Small plastic bottle caps are NOT recyclable and contaminate otherwise "pure" recycling. Larger plastic lids from food jars will sometimes have a recycling symbol on them and are safe to recycle. Bottom line: if you see a symbol, it goes in the recycling.

Q: This styrofoam packing has a recycling symbol and number on it. Why can't I recycle it?

A: Despite the symbol often being present, polystyrene foam plastic (such as foam packing peanuts and Styrofoam®) is not recyclable. Before discarding foam packing peanuts, consider taking them to your local mail and packaging store for reuse, typically without charge.

Q: Why do I need to wash out food containers before putting them in the recycling bin?

A: Aside from non-recyclable materials, food waste and grease are two of the main factors in recycling contamination.

Food waste rots and attracts vermin and contaminated recycling that cannot be processed is simply dumped in the landfill.

Q: Why is metal and glass recycling so important?

A: Metals and glass that can no longer be used for their original purpose are sold and processed to make new items that are usable. Metal and glass can be recycled over and over again. Recycling means less mining, less depletion of precious resources, less waste in landfills and less energy used.