

nswd.org | Recycling in Northwest Vermont | **ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS DETAILS**

Material	Description	NOT ALLOWED	Preparation
GLASS			
Glass bottles, jars	Food and beverage containers only	No light bulbs, dishes/ceramics, Pyrex, drinking glasses, windowpanes	Rinse clean ; Remove all lids; Recycle plastic lids
METAL			
Aerosol cans	Cans must be empty	No full or partially full containers; Deliver paint, cleansers, automotive sprays, and other hazardous waste to the Georgia facility	Separate caps from container; Recycle plastic caps over 2" (discard smaller caps); Do not puncture cans
Aluminum	Cans, foil, pie plates	No stuck-on food or grease	Rinse clean
Metal cans	Food and beverage cans	No oil filters, bottle caps, scrap metal	Rinse clean ; Labels OK; Lids placed inside cans OK
PLASTIC			
Plastic #1 - #7 containers and molded packaging (blisterpak)	Follow the rule of 2: minimum size = 2" on any 2 sides, maximum size = 2' on any one side ; Bottles, and tubs from jugs from foods, beverages, beauty products, cleaning products, detergents, etc.; 5-gallon pails; Takeout clamshell containers; Frozen food trays; Flower pots and trays	No Styrofoam or plastic bags! <i>Filmy or pliable plastic (grocery bags, bubble wrap, etc.) is collected separately at drop-off sites</i> ; No foam polystyrene (Styrofoam) products such as cups, takeout containers, packaging blocks and peanuts, etc.; No laundry baskets, sleds, house wares, office products, etc; No motor oil containers; No electronics housings; No biodegradable plastics (PLA)	Rinse clean; Important: Remove paper/cardboard inserts from blisterpak for recycling ; Remove caps from containers and recycle those over 2" (discard smaller caps); Remove handles from pails; Recycle metal handles as scrap metal; Do not tie with string; Remember the rule of 2
PAPER			
Envelopes, opened mail	White, manila, colored, gummed and window envelopes	No Tyvek or plastic envelopes; No mailers padded with bubble wrap	Remove non-paper enclosures (CDs, plastic cards, etc.) and strings; Labels OK
Magazines, catalogs, soft-cover books	Glue- or staple-bound publications, paperback books, phonebooks, etc.	No plastic wrapping, CDs, spiral notebooks, 3-ring binders, plastic covers	Must be clean and dry; Phonebooks OK year-round
Newspaper	All sections and inserts	None that are soaking wet or contaminated with paint, oil, pet waste, etc; No plastic bags	Must be clean and dry; Remove from plastic bags; Do not tie with string.
Paper bags	All colors	No plastic-coated or -lined bags; No animal food or kitty-litter bags	Remove twine and plastic handles
Shredded paper	Confidential documents	No shredded plastic; No plastic bags	Empty paper from plastic bags
White and colored paper	Printed, letterhead, copier paper, glossy flyers, brochures, file folders, kraft paper, manila folders, index cards, construction paper, non-metallic wrapping paper, tissue paper	No pressure-sensitive duplication forms; No foil paper; No paper towels or facial tissue, or paper plates or cups; No stickers or sticker backing	Must be clean and dry; Remove plastic tabs, paper clips and metal hanging-file strips; Staples OK
CARDBOARD			
Boxboard	Cereal, shoe, and clothing boxes; 6- and 12-pack soda & beer carriers; Paper egg cartons; Dry-food boxes (pasta, rice, etc.); Tissue boxes, paper towel and toilet paper cores, etc.	No laundry detergent boxes, frozen- or refrigerated-food boxes, drink boxes, or milk/juice cartons; No paper plates or cups	Empty and flatten; Remove and discard plastic liners; Recycle metal pour spouts as scrap metal
Corrugated cardboard	Boxes with a wavy center layer	No oil-, paint-, or chemical-stained, wet, unclean, or wax-coated cardboard; No strapping or string; No plastic, filmy or foam packing materials	Empty and flatten; Up to 1 cubic yard of up to 4' sections accepted at drop-off sites; Staples, tape and labels OK