

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

Material	Description	NOT ALLOWED	Preparation
<b>GLASS</b>			
<b>Glass bottles, jars</b>	Food and beverage containers only	No light bulbs, dishes/ceramics, Pyrex, drinking glasses, windowpanes	<b>Rinse clean</b> ; Remove all lids; Recycle plastic lids
<b>METAL</b>			
<b>Aerosol cans</b>	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
<b>Aluminum</b>	Cans, foil, pie plates	No stuck-on food or grease	<b>Rinse clean</b>
<b>Metal cans</b>	Food and beverage cans	No oil filters, bottle caps, scrap metal	<b>Rinse clean</b> ; Labels OK; Lids placed inside cans OK
<b>PLASTIC</b>			
<b>Plastic #1 - #7 containers and molded packaging (blisterpak)</b>	<b>Follow the rule of 2: minimum size = 2" on any 2 sides, maximum size = 2' on any one side;</b> 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	<b>No Styrofoam or plastic bags!</b> <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)	<b>Rinse clean; Important: Remove paper/cardboard inserts from blisterpak for recycling;</b> 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; <b>Remember the rule of 2</b>
<b>PAPER</b>			
<b>Envelopes, opened mail</b>	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
<b>Magazines, catalogs, soft-cover books</b>	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
<b>Newspaper</b>	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.
<b>Paper bags</b>	All colors	No plastic-coated or -lined bags; No animal food or kitty-litter bags	Remove twine and plastic handles
<b>Shredded paper</b>	Confidential documents	No shredded plastic; No plastic bags	Empty paper from plastic bags
<b>White and colored paper</b>	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
<b>CARDBOARD</b>			
<b>Boxboard</b>	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
<b>Corrugated cardboard</b>	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