

Frequently Asked Recycling Questions

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****Sykesville Residents may place ALL recyclables in a single container, no need to separate. Containers may include cans, buckets, paper bags, 32 gallon trash cans marked for recycling...these can be set out in addition to or in place of Town-owned yellow and blue bins.****

Food Preparation Items

1. What do I do with **tin foil** that is contacted by greasy food, sauces, or oils?
Clean foil can be recycled
2. Can Saran wrap, **cling wrap** or bubble wrap be recycled?
Clean wrap and bubble wrap can be recycled along with plastic grocery sacks. Please put all in one bag to consolidate before putting in curbside. Bubble wrap can also be taken to Packaging and Mailbox stores along with Styrofoam
3. What about **wrapping paper, candy wrappers**, and granola bar wrappers?
Non Metallic wrapping paper can go in the curbside. No to candy wrappers and granola bar wrappers
4. Are **pizza boxes and cardboard** in contact with food recyclable?
If the greasy part is cut away
5. What types of **cardboard** are accepted, how waxy is too waxy?
Packing boxes, cereal boxes (separate the liner), gift boxes etc. Any corrugated type box. Wax impregnated boxes are not acceptable. A paper cup with a waxy interior for example.
6. Are TV dinner trays and **plastic carryout food trays/containers** able to be recycled?
Anything with a #1-#7 recycling code can be placed in your curbside. No Styrofoam trays please.
7. What about **unsoiled paper plates** (no greasy food, sauces, oils)?
Can be recycled
8. What can I do with no longer needed dinner plates, dishes, mugs (**ceramic or glass**)?
Donate, or take to the Swap Shop at the Northern Landfill
9. Is my used **silverware** recyclable?
Donate; take to the Swap Shop or metal recycling at the Landfill
10. Is there anyway I can prepare or wash **plastic utensils** for recycling collection?
Clean plastic utensils can be recycled. No special cleaning needed.
11. Are **plastic cups** (disposable and #2 permanent) recyclable?
Yes

12. Are all lids and caps now accepted?

Yes, they don't need to be removed

Furniture/ Construction

1. What **scrap metal** is accepted curbside and what must I dispose of through a dealer or salvage yard?

There is a metal drop off at the Recycling Center, Northern Landfill

2. Is any part of the **metal in furniture** recyclable?

If it is taken to the Recycling Center metal drop at the Northern Landfill

3. Is aluminum or wooden **fences** able to be recycled at a drop-off location?

Aluminum can be taken to the metal drop off at the Northern Landfill

4. I've just finished remodeling my house, how do I dispose of **debris, drywall, siding**, roofing, fencing window, frames, studs, support beams, braces, etc.?

Some of these items are accepted for a fee at the landfill. Individually they may be recycled. We have a recycling container for vinyl siding at the Northern Landfill. Any metal items may go to the metal pile at the Landfill.

5. What types of **wooden products**, specifically furniture and accessories, are recyclable?

Furniture can be donated or taken to the Swap Shop

6. Can **tools** be recycled?

If they are in working condition they can be donated, taken to the Swap Shop or to the metal deposit at the Northern Landfill

7. Can I recycle **paint bottles** (hobby paints) and cans once rinsed and dried?

If they are clean

Household Items

1. How do I dispose of electronics (AA, AAA, D, etc) **batteries**? Car batteries?

Everyday batteries can be wrapped in paper and placed in the trash. Car batteries can be taken to the Landfill, Battery Warehouse etc.

2. How can I dispose of my incandescent **light bulbs**? What about CFL?

Regular incandescent bulbs can be wrapped and placed in the trash. CFL bulbs can be taken to the Home Depot.

3. Can coat or shirt **hangers** be recycled?

Rigid plastic hangers can be taken to the Landfill. Metal hangers can be donated, taken to any dry cleaner or to the metal drop off at the Northern Landfill.

4. Are **suitcases, backpacks and briefcases** (or any cloth-related products) recyclable?

These items should be donated or taken to the Swap Shop

5. What should I do with torn and ripped **clothing**?
There is a textile drop area at the Northern Landfill for clean and dry items
6. Are **molded plastic containers** attached to cardboard and packaging materials able to be recycled?
Any large amounts of rigid plastic can be taken to the Recycling drop off centers
7. Are there any **rubber materials** able to be recycled?
Not at this time at our locations
8. What is the best disposal method for plastic **toys**?
If they are useable they should be donated, taken to the Swap Shop. Depending on what they are made of they may be placed in the rigid plastic drop of container at the Landfill.