

## A User's Guide to Recycling & Trash Removal In the Village of Liberty

The Village of Liberty operates an award-winning recycling program that saves taxpayers money while it protects the environment.

Residential & commercial recyclables fall into 4 categories: 1) newspapers; 2) corrugated cardboard; 3) glass containers; and 4) metal containers. Recyclables are separated from household trash.

This guide offers you some tips for how to prepare items in each category.

### Newspapers

These items include regular newspapers and the glossy inserts. Separate newspapers into piles (not too heavy to lift) and tie both ways with a cord.

### Cardboard

These items include corrugated cardboard (boxes and cartons) and brown paper shopping bags. No wax or plastic coatings. Remove packing tape and Styrofoam inserts. Cardboard must be clean and mostly dry. Flatten boxes and tie with cord. Do not include mixed paper or newspaper.

### Glass Containers

These items include glass bottles of all colors, glass containers, jars and plate glass. Rinse out containers so they are clean. Remove lids and any metal parts. (Metal lids may be placed in the bin with metal containers, but plastic lids must be thrown away with the household trash.) Labels may be left on. No light bulbs, auto glass, ceramics, mirrors or TV or computer screens. Place glass containers in a separate recycling bin and put out at the curb.

### Plastic & Metal Containers

This mixed category includes three types of containers:

1. Plastic containers with the numbers 1 through 7 labeled on them (these are "resin code" numbers, placed inside a recycling symbol triangle, to identify what type of plastic they are):

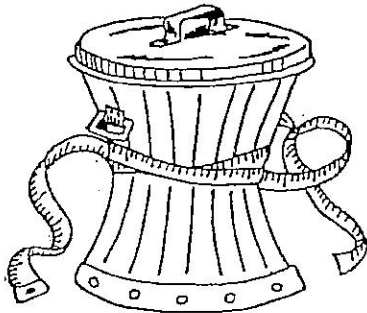


These containers include soda bottles, juice bottles, margarine tubs, yogurt cups, plastic take-out containers, mouthwash bottles, bleach bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs and clean anti-freeze and windshield fluid jugs.

2. Steel cans. These include iron, steel, tin and be-metal cans and containers, such as soup cans, pet food cans and vegetable cans, and the metal lids from jars.
3. Aluminum beverage cans, such as soda cans.

Do not use plastic bags. Styrofoam, plastic toys, motor oil jugs, 5 gallon buckets, glass, pie tins, and foil or scrap aluminum. Empty all containers of any liquids or food residue, then rinse them until they are clean. Throw away plastic caps and parts. Labels may be left on.

These three types of containers may be mixed together. Place them in a recycling bin. Do NOT use clear bags for recyclables; put them into a plastic bin curbside on Thursdays.



## Trash

The household trash that's left after you've removed the recyclables must be put out in a watertight, securely-tied **CLEAR** plastic bag. **DO NOT USE BLACK PLASTIC BAGS!!!!** The bag may also be placed in a watertight trashcan, which must have handles and a secure cover. The trashcan must be no smaller than 10 gallons and no larger than 35 gallons, and the lid must be closed. Non-compliant cans or dumpsters will be tagged with a violation ticket.

The Village will NOT pick up construction or demolition debris, furniture, tires, appliances, televisions, computers, auto parts, mattresses, bedsprings or fluorescent bulbs. The Village will NOT pick up yard waste, including soil, stones, garden rakings, animal waste, used motor oil, or soot from furnaces. For information on how to dispose of or recycle those items, call the Sullivan County Division of Solid Waste at 845-794-4466 or contact a private hauler of your choice.

### Pick Up Schedules:

Residential trash pickup is on either Tuesday or Wednesday depending upon where you live and residential recycling is picked up on Thursdays. On weeks when there is a Monday holiday, trash pick-up will be pushed to the next day, but recycling will still be picked up on Thursdays. Thanksgiving week is the exception to this rule. On occasion, mechanical problems with Sanitation trucks and/or staffing problems may cause a delay in collection. Trash and recycling must be curbside by 6:30 a.m. If you have any questions regarding what day your location is

picked up, or if you have a complaint or concern regarding trash/recycling collection, please contact DPW at 292-7031.

The Commercial trash/recycling schedule is as follows:

Trash is picked up on Mondays and Thursdays.

Commercial cardboard is picked up on Tuesdays.

Recycling is picked up on Fridays.

### **Other Clean Up Opportunities**

Each **spring and fall**, both the Town and the Village, in conjunction with Sullivan County, conduct a **clean-up week** during which many of the above items may be disposed of at the Town Barn or at the Village DPW on Elm Street. This allows residential property owners to dispose of bulk items such as furniture, scrap wood, etc. We do NOT accept, TV's, computers or computer parts, paint cans, or car parts. Permits may be obtained at the Village Clerk's office at no charge, with one permit allowed per parcel. Watch for our public announcement of clean up dates and times in the Sullivan County Democrat.

The County also conducts also conducts **tire amnesty weeks** at which normal disposal fees are reduced.

The County, in conjunction with the Town and Village, conducts **Spring "Litter Pluck"** campaigns at which volunteers remove litter from the roadsides and the County waives tipping fees for disposal. The County also conducts a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event once a year. Watch local newspapers for the dates of the special clean-up events.

### **Scrap Metal**

The Village does NOT pick up scrap metal curbside. But the Village does maintain a dumpster at the Department of Public Works on Elm Street, where Village residents and businesses may dispose of scrap metal for recycling, free of charge. Hours when scrap metal may be brought to the Village dumpster are Monday thru Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. excepting holidays.

### **Recycling Bins**

Many residents and businesses already have blue plastic recycling bins that were once made available with funding from a Sullivan County grant decades ago, which has been depleted. Unfortunately, there are no new grants we can apply for in the foreseeable future. In the meantime, you may use other bins available in local retail stores. Do NOT put recyclables in any type of bags.

If you have any questions regarding any of this information, feel free to contact the Village DPW during regular business hours at (845) 292-7031.