



# Washington County Recycling Handbook



**\*\*\* Solid Waste Division \*\*\***



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*Washington County DPW - Solid Waste Division has a comprehensive Recycling Program from 1991 to 2007 the residents of Washington County have recycled:*

358 tons of Aluminum	8,720 tons of Newspapers
1,800 tons of Boxboard	820 tons of Office Paper
10,900 tons of Cardboard	2,150 tons of Plastic
17,750 tons of Scrap Metal	3,410 tons of Tin Cans
6,115 tons of Glass	7,300 tons of Wood Chips
12,230 tons of Magazines & Inserts	506 tons of Miscellaneous



*By recycling these 78,900 tons of material, the County earned \$4,125,000 and our residents avoided over \$5.2 million dollars in disposal fees.*



**Washington County Law Number 3 of 1992 directs mandatory recycling of certain items. At this time all items followed by the "M" must be recycled. Items may be added or deleted in the future.**

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**Items 1 through 20 will be accepted without charge at all recycling/transfer stations if sorted and presented according to these guidelines.**

ITEM	PREPARATION	RESTRICTIONS
<b>1. GLASS CONTAINERS M</b> (any color food and beverage containers)	MUST be clean MUST be dry SORT by color Remove caps and lids Remove plastic wraps Remove metal and plastic neck rings Paper labels are OK Leave intact Place in designated containers	NO "tramp" glass* NO china or ceramics       * SEE ITEM 2. - Tramp Glass
<b>2. TRAMP GLASS &amp; M CERAMICS</b>  (window, Pyrex, vision ware, drinking, crystal, milk, laboratory, mirrors, china, porcelain, and ceramics, plus any glass container that is not clear, green, or brown)	MUST be clean MUST be dry Remove any metal or plastic parts	NO light bulbs* NO fluorescent tubes* NO wire mesh glass* NO plastic laminate glass*  *SEE ITEM 24 - C&D
<b>3. TIN CANS M</b> (steel food and beverage cans, aerosol cans, cookie tins, steel screw caps and lids)  <b>WILL STICK TO MAGNET</b>	MUST be clean MUST be dry MUST remove one end (non-aerosol cans) Remove labels Remove any plastic Expel all gas from aerosol cans	NO aluminum cans * NO partially filled cans NO propane cylinders ** NO scrap metal **  *SEE ITEM 4 - Aluminum Cans ** SEE ITEM 16 - Ferrous Scrap Metal
<b>4. ALUMINUM CANS M</b> (non-deposit food and beverage cans)  <b>WILL NOT STICK TO MAGNET</b>	MUST be clean MUST be dry Remove labels Remove any plastic	NO foil items NO aerosol cans NO lighter refills NO tin cans NO "aluminum" bags
<b>5. ALUMINUM FOIL M</b> (TV dinner trays, pastry tins, and foil items)	MUST be clean MUST be dry Remove any plastic	NO aluminum cans NO "aluminum" bags NO aluminum coated plastic film or paper
<b>6. PLASTIC CONTAINERS M</b>	MUST be clean MUST be dry Remove caps and lids & sprayers Remove metal handles & rings Rinse and drain detergent bottles Drain oil containers for 24 hours Sort by number on bottom	NO tied bundles NO plastic bags NO plastic film NO plastic caps or lids NO sprayers or pumps NO plastic toys NO plastic housewares NO roofing tar or driveway sealer pails
5 PP - Colored Packing peanuts are accepted - must be clean, dry, and free of contamination. <b>*Jackson location only on trial basis.</b>		

7. <b>DEPOSIT CONTAINERS</b> (plastic, aluminum, glass)	MUST be clean MUST be dry MUST have deposit label intact Remove caps Place in designated container	NO unopened containers NO partially filled containers
8. <b>NEWSPAPER M</b> (black and white newsprint)	MUST be clean MUST be dry <b>Remove inserts *</b> Remove colored sections * Remove colored comics * MUST be loose Colored headlines and pictures in the black and white sections are OK	NO tied bundles NO bags NO newspaper inserts *  * SEE ITEM 9 - Inserts
9. <b>INSERTS FROM NEWSPAPERS M</b>	MUST be clean MUST be dry Remove any plastic Place in designated container	NO tied bundles NO bags NO magazines
10. <b>MAGAZINES M</b>  CATALOGS SIMILAR PRINTED MATERIALS	MUST be clean MUST be dry Remove any plastic	NO tied bundles NO bags NO newspaper inserts NO phone books * NO paperback books * NO hard cover books *  * SEE ITEM 11 - Books
11. <b>BOOKS M</b> A. HARD COVERED BOOKS AND SOFT COVERED TEXT BOOKS  B. PHONE BOOKS AND DIRECTORIES	MUST be clean MUST be dry Sort by type Place in designated container(s)  *Purchase of hardcover books- 3 Books for 1 Sticker	NO metal binders NO plastic binders NO plastic covers NO water or fire damaged material
12. <b>OFFICE PAPER M</b>  A. WHITE LEDGER AND COMPUTER PRINTOUT  B. COLORED LEDGER	MUST be clean MUST be dry Sort by type Staples OK Remove large metal or plastic fasteners Place in designated container(s)	NO envelopes NO carbon paper NO thermal copy fax NO paper clips NO wadded or crumpled paper NO stick on labels or stamps NO glossy paper
13. <b>CARDBOARD M</b> (corrugated boxes, brown paper grocery bags, brown kraft paper)	MUST be clean MUST be dry <b>BREAK DOWN FLAT</b> (open top and bottom) Remove string from bags Remove plastic and wax paper liners from pet food bags Remove all contents MUST be loose	NO waxed cardboard NO plastic coated cardboard NO tied bundles NO industrial cores NO boxboard
14. <b>BOXBOARD/CHIPBOARD M</b> (cereal, pasta, detergent, cake mixes, etc.)  <b>NO beer and soda boxes/carriers</b>	MUST be clean MUST be dry Remove all liner bags Remove cellophane windows Remove any metal or plastic parts Remove any foil or plastics wrappings Break down flat (open top and bottom) MUST be loose	NO tied bundles NO pizza boxes NO plastic coated boxes NO wax coated boxes NO foil coated boxes NO milk cartons NO egg cartons NO cardboard NO wet-strength board

<p>15. <b>TEXTILES M</b> CLOTHING AND BEDDING <b>Must be wearable</b> <b>(Will you wear it?)</b></p>	<p>MUST be clean MUST be dry MUST be reusable Empty pockets</p>	<p>NO rags NO oil, grease, or paint stained clothing NO paint or stained drop cloths NO fabric trimmings</p>
<p>16. <b>FERROUS SCRAP METAL M</b> IRON and STEEL Including empty paint cans and drained oil filters  <b>WILL STICK TO MAGNET</b></p>	<p>MUST be clean MUST be dry <b>Remove any wood, plastic, paper, rubber, and non-ferrous metal</b> Reduce to 4' lengths Drain fluids from motors Remove labels from paint cans Drain and purge all fuel tanks Drums must be open on one end Expel all gas from propane cylinders Oil filters MUST be drained for 24 hours</p>	<p>NO unopened containers NO partially filled containers NO liquid paint or stain NO motors with oil or gas NO needles* NO razors  * SEE ITEM 26 - Garbage</p>
<p>17. <b>NON-FERROUS SCRAP METAL M</b> Aluminum, Copper, Brass, Lead, etc. Electrical wire, cords, and ballasts</p>	<p>MUST be clean MUST be dry Remove any wood, plastic, paper, rubber, and non-ferrous metal Place in designated containers</p>	<p>NO unopened containers NO partially filled containers NO fuel tanks</p>
<p>18. <b>BATTERIES</b> A. HOUSEHOLD - carbon zinc and alkaline dry cells only  B. AUTOMOTIVE - wet cell</p>	<p>Place in designated container   Automotive Batteries - 1 Sticker</p>	<p>NO "Button" batteries NO NiCad Rechargeables</p>
<p>19. <b>YARD WASTE</b> (grass and hedge clippings, leaves, garden waste)</p>	<p>MUST be loose (May be brought in bagged or bundled but bags have to be emptied and bundles untied.) Place in designated containers</p>	<p>NO bags NO tied bundles NO branches or trunks over 14" dia. NO branches, brush, or bundles over 10' in length -<b>Separate Container</b> NO lumber * NO rock or masonry * NO stumps * NO metal or hardware * * NO dirt or stone mixed in * * * SEE ITEM 24 - C &amp; D <b>** These can cause damage &amp; possible injury when processing</b></p>
<p><b>NO ROCKS!!!</b> Yard waste is ground up for compost and rocks damage the grinding machine.</p>	<p><b>Must be clean</b> <b>Must be 10' in length or shorter</b></p>	
<p>NOTE: The stations have a 2 ½ cubic yard limit per household per day on Friday and Saturday and 6 cubic yards other open days.</p>		
<p>20. <b>ASHES</b> (coal and wood) <b>From households only!</b></p>	<p>MUST be cold Place in designated container outside of building</p>	<p>NO burnt garbage NO burnt glass or tin cans <b>NO burn barrels</b></p>

### TO OUR PATRONS

TO SAVE TIME AND HELP RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION...  
THE STAFF ASKS THAT YOU SORT YOUR RECYCLABLES ***BEFORE*** COMING TO THE STATION. BY DOING THIS YOU WILL SHORTEN THE TIME IT TAKES TO EMPTY YOUR VEHICLE AND HELP PREVENT THE TRAFFIC TIE UPS WE HAVE ALL EXPERIENCED.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING**

## The following items are accepted at the Recycling/Transfer Stations for the specified fee:

ITEM	PREPARATION	RESTRICTIONS
<p>21. <b>WHITE GOODS</b></p> <p><u>LARGE APPLIANCES - Non-Refrigerated</u> (stoves, washers, dryers, water tanks, fuel tanks, etc.)</p> <p><u>REFRIGERATED APPLIANCES</u> (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, water coolers, de-humidifiers, etc.)</p>	<p><b>Attach appropriate number of disposal stickers:</b></p> <p>Non-refrigerated Appliances      4 stickers each</p> <p>Refrigerated Appliances            7 stickers each</p>	<p>NO garbage inside</p> <p>NO boxed or crated appliances</p> <p>NO unpurged fuel tanks</p> <p>NO tanks with water in them</p> <p>NO firebrick in stoves or furnaces</p>
<p><b>NOTE: Refrigerators must be unloaded on the floor at the station (See attendant for assistance).</b></p>		
<p>22. <b>TIRES</b></p>	<p>MUST be dry</p> <p><b>Attach appropriate number of disposal stickers:</b></p> <p><b>With Rims</b></p> <p>16" diameter or less      2 stickers</p> <p><b>Without Rims</b></p> <p>16" diameter or less      1 sticker</p> <p>Up to 10 x 20              4 stickers</p> <p>Over 10 x 20                7 stickers</p> <p><b>Farm tractor only</b></p>	<p>NO split rims</p> <p>NO burnt tires</p> <p>NO inflated tubes</p> <p>NO OTR's (off the road tires)</p>
<p>23. <b>CONSTRUCTION &amp; DEMOLITION</b></p> <p><b>UNADULTERATED PROCESSIBLE WOOD, CLEAN WOOD, CONSTRUCTION CUTOFFS, LOGS, AND PALLETS</b></p> <p>(pressure treated wood, stumps, plywood, particle board, chipboard, engineered wood, and vinyl siding, concrete, masonry, tile, shingles, slate, stone, sheetrock, plaster, insulation, etc.)</p>	<p>Present disposal tickets for appropriate value to attendant:</p> <p>C &amp; D                      16 stickers/cubic yard</p> <p>30 gallon can            3 stickers</p> <p>55 gallon drum          6 stickers</p>	<p>NO bags</p> <p>NO tied bundles</p> <p>NO garbage (putrescibles)</p> <p>NO hazardous waste</p> <p>NO liquid paint or stain</p> <p>NO regulated waste</p> <p>NO recyclables</p>
<p>NOTE: The stations have a 2 ½ cubic yard limit per household per day on Friday and Saturday and 6 cubic yards other open days. Written calculation of the fee available on request.</p>		
<p>24. <b>FURNITURE, TV'S and BULKY ITEMS</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ask Attendant for disposal cost of items not listed.</b></p> </div>	<p><b>Attach appropriate number of disposal tickets</b></p> <p>Lawn Chair - 1 sticker</p> <p>Mattress - 3 stickers</p> <p>Box Spring - 3 stickers</p> <p>Couch - 3 stickers</p> <p>Love Seat - 3 stickers</p> <p>Chair - 2 stickers</p> <p>Carpet (room size) - 3 stickers (120 SF Max)</p> <p>Carpet Pads (room size)- 3 stickers (120 SF Max)</p> <p>Linoleum (room size) - 2 stickers (120 SF Max)</p> <p>Microwave - 2 stickers</p> <p>Fuel Oil Tank - 2 stickers</p> <p>Pool Liners - Garbage Rates</p> <p>Black Plastic - Garbage Rates</p>	<p>Auto Battery - 1 sticker</p> <p>Computer - 1 sticker</p> <p>Refrigerated Appliances -7 stickers</p> <p>Other Appliances - 4 stickers</p> <p>Fiberglass Tub - 3 stickers</p> <p>Television - 3 stickers</p> <p>Toilet -1 sticker</p> <p>CRT Monitors - 3 stickers</p> <p>Porcelain Sink - 1 sticker</p> <p>5 Gallon Pails - 4 for 1 sticker</p> <p>Outdoor Grills - 2 stickers</p> <p>Vacuum Cleaners - 1 sticker</p> <p>Piano - 7 stickers</p> <p>Lawn mowers - Push - 1 sticker</p> <p>Lawn mowers - Riding - 3 stickers</p>

25. **GARBAGE OR HOUSEHOLD REFUSE** - **\*\* MUST SHOW ATTENDANT  
STICKERED BAG \*\***

Attach appropriate value in disposal tickets:

0 - 15 gallon	1 sticker
16 - 30 gallon	2 stickers
31 - 45 gallon	3 stickers
46 - 60 gallon	4 stickers
Loose yard	16 stickers

NO hazardous waste  
NO flammable liquids  
NO liquid paint or stain  
NO recyclables  
NO industrial waste  
NO infectious waste  
NO loose needles \*  
NO construction and demolition  
debris  
NO dead animals  
NO coal or wood ash

Written calculation of the fee available on request.

For reusable containers (garbage cans), present stickers to attendant.

Fryer Oil:

2 ½ gallon	- 1 sticker
5 gallon	- 2 stickers

\* Households that generate hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, and other sharp objects should put the used items into a plastic bottle prior to disposal with their garbage.

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**The following items will NOT be accepted at the Recycling/Transfer Stations:**

Industrial Waste  
Hazardous Waste  
Regulated Medical Waste  
Infectious Waste  
Radioactive Waste  
Automotive Fluids  
or any other materials regulated by Federal, State, or Local Governments.

*(Motor Oil and Automotive Batteries may be taken at no charge to most stores and garages that sell it.)*

**NOTE: Items may be added to or deleted from this list in the future.**

***Mail-In order forms for purchasing disposal stickers are available from Town Clerks and this office.***

***PAINT DISPOSAL TIPS***

**HOW TO GET RID OF THAT LEFT OVER, UNWANTED PAINT!**

1. Use it up.
2. Give it to someone else to use.
3. Harden it for disposal with your garbage.

To harden both oil and latex paints, remove the lid and place the container outside in a covered, well ventilated area, away from children and pets. When paint has hardened, put the container in your regular garbage. Adding an absorbent like cat litter, saw dust, or shredded newspaper to the container will speed up the hardening process. Also, if your latex paint has separated, pour off the water portion first, then harden the remaining sludge.

**For more information please call: Washington County, Solid Waste Division at 746-2445.**

**WASHINGTON COUNTY  
RECYCLING / TRANSFER STATIONS**

**ALL STATIONS ARE OPEN  
6:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, AND SATURDAY  
(CLOSED HOLIDAYS)**

**WHITEHALL**

**Location:** Route 22, 2 miles north of the Route 4 intersection  
**Phone:** 499-2369

**GRANVILLE**

**Location:** Route 22, ½ mile south of Route 149 intersection  
**Phone:** 642-3026

**KINGSBURY**

**Location:** Route 196 (Maple Street), 3 miles east of the Route 4 intersection  
**Phone:** 747-8196

**GREENWICH**

**Location:** Corner of Fiddlers Elbow Road and Bald Mountain Road (County Rte 77)  
off from Route 40, north of the Route 29 intersection.  
**Phone:** 692-7505

**JACKSON**

**Location:** East end of Content Farm Road, 1/4 mile west of Old State 22(County Route 78)  
**Phone:** 677-8687

**NOTE:** For questions on Recycling or Waste Disposal, please call or visit the Solid Waste Division's main office in the Washington County Municipal Center, 383 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 2nd floor of Building A.  
OFFICE HOURS: 8 AM - 4:30 PM Monday - Friday  
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