



RECYCLING FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1	It appears that my trash and recycling are mixed together in the same truck. Does my recycling actually get recycled?	<p>Yes, all North Castle recyclables placed curbside are recycled. The Suburban Carting trucks, called split packers, have 2 separate sections in the back. One side is for waste, the other for recycling. See the Zero Waste section “Follow That Trash” on the Recycling and Sustainability website for other photos.</p> 
2	How do I dispose of batteries?	<p>Common household batteries include 3 different types: alkaline, rechargeable and button cell batteries. Alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9v), like the ones used for games or flashlights, must be placed in your waste.</p> <p>Small button cell batteries (watches, hearing aids) contain hazardous waste and should be disposed of at a Westchester County Household Material Recovery Day (environment.westchestergov.com/recycling).</p> <p>As of December 5, 2011 rechargeable batteries (such as phones, computer, camera</p>

		etc.) are considered hazardous and cannot be placed with your waste. All rechargeable batteries must be disposed of at either a Westchester County Household Material Recovery Day or a local retailer who sells rechargeable batteries. These retailers are required by law to accept up to 10 rechargeable batteries per consumer per day, independent of purchase. Rechargeable batteries may be recycled at a store such as Staples, Target, Home Depot, Lowe's or cell phone provider locations. To find a convenient location, go to call2recycle.org .
3	How do I dispose of old paint cans?	Household paint (latex or oil-based) cans must be dried before collection. Harden paint by mixing with kitty litter or another absorbent pellet material. Specialty products to harden paints can be bought at a paint store or Home Depot. After paint has hardened, place can and lid separately at curbside.
4	How do I dispose of light bulbs?	Regular household light bulbs should be carefully wrapped and placed in your waste. Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) contain mercury and must be disposed of as hazardous waste through a Westchester County Household Material Recovery Day or at a Home Depot or Lowe's.
5	Can I leave tires at the curb?	No, Suburban Carting will not take tires from the curb. Call your local service station or Mavis Tires in Mt Kisco to see if you can bring them there.
6	How do I dispose of sneakers?	If sneakers are in good condition, consider donating to a shelter or to a charity that will ship them internationally. If not, recycle at Nike.com or call a local shoe store to see if they have a sneaker bin for collection.
7	Are plastic bags recyclable?	Generally. Most store, grocery or newspaper bags are numbered and can be recycled with commingled plastics. If they are not numbered, large grocery stores have collection bins for bag return.
8	Are drinking straws recyclable?	Yes, drinking straws are generally #5 or #2 plastic and can be recycled.
9	Do I have to remove the top from plastic bottles before recycling?	No, plastic tops of bottles are recyclable, too. They do not need to be removed when recycling any bottle.

10	Can cardboard milk/juice containers be recycled?	Yes, as of January 1, 2014 any wax lined containers such as the ones to hold milk/juice or frozen foods may be recycled. Place with your commingled and paper recycling.
11	Where do I dispose of propane tanks?	To properly dispose of an old tank, bring it to a Westchester County Household Material Recovery Day (http://environment.westchestergov.com/recycling) or to a propane dealer. A charge may apply to return an old tank to a propane dealer.
12	Can I leave large pieces of furniture or mattresses at the curb?	If in good condition, please consider donating it to charity organization such as Furniture Sharehouse. Furniture Sharehouse is a regular participant at Zero Waste Day. If the item is not in good condition and is under 4 feet in maximal dimension, please call for Suburban Carting (914-698-4300) first then place curbside for pickup.
13	How should I dispose of animal feces?	Animal feces contain a very high level of bacteria. The best method of disposal is to bag it and place in your curbside waste.
14	What should I do with my old medications?	Expired or unwanted prescriptions and over the counter medications for humans and animals must be disposed of properly. Please do not flush them down the toilet or place in your waste as they will contaminate the water supply or the ground. Medications may be brought to a Westchester County Household Material Recovery Day for disposal. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA)organizes a National Prescription Drug Take Back Day with its community partners, giving the public another opportunity to dispose of medications, no questions asked. NCRC will publicize these events as they become available.
15	How do I get rid of old appliances?	When purchasing a new appliance, try to select a vendor who removes your old appliance for proper recycling. Otherwise, old appliances may be brought to the North Castle Recycling Center on the first Saturday of every month or to a Zero Waste Day for recycling as scrap metal. Freon does not need to be removed.