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Do you ever stand over your trash can hesitating before you throw in your old batteries or yogurt containers? Do you ever wonder what to do with all of the catalogs and junk mail you receive? Confused about the triangles on the bottom of your milk carton? What happens if you put the wrong plastic into the bin? It's not as complicated as you think.

- The Town of North Hempstead has a comprehensive, detailed list of what to recycle, how to prepare it, etc. You can refer to the easy to read and understand guide <http://www.northhempstead.com/filestorage/4433/4435/CurbsideRecyclingProgram.pdf>.
- You can also find more information about garbage and recycling (including garbage districts, resident drop-off, curbside recycling, etc.) at: <http://www.northhempstead.com/content/4433/4435/default.aspx>.
- To discover the recycling day for your specific address: <http://www.northhempstead.com/content/4433/4435/5479.aspx>

Recycling FAQs (frequently asked questions)

- **Can I mix my paper recycling?** Yes, corrugated cardboard needs to be bundled separately, but all other paper (including newspapers and inserts, magazines and newsletters, direct mail and catalogs, construction and wrapping paper, greeting cards, and paperback books, paper bags) can be packed in brown paper bags or tied with twine.
- **Can I mix my bottles and cans?** Yes! Simply rinse and remove labels. You can leave lids on the containers. You may place directly in your recycle bin. No blue plastic recycle bag necessary.
- **What happens if I make a "mistake" and put in the wrong kind of plastic?** The staff at the recycle center goes through all recyclables. Your "mistake" won't "contaminate" the whole bin. It will be removed at the center.
- **Are milk cartons or juice boxes recyclable?** Unfortunately, no. But plastic milk bottles are. Also, juice pouches are recyclable through <http://www.terracycle.net>
- **Who can I call if I have more questions?** 311 information is not just for the city. You can call 311 and speak with a live operator who will answer questions about recycling.
- **Do I need to buy the plastic blue recycle trash bags?** No! Just place clean bottles, cans, crumpled aluminum foil, glass, etc. co-mingled directly into your recycle bin.
- **Do I need a special "recycle" bin outside my home?** No, you just need a container that is clearly marked. For paper, it can be placed in a paper grocery bag or tied with twine.

More local options:

In addition to the curbside recycling program, here are some simple, local options for recycling everyday household items:

- **Plastic bags**, or any stretchy bags such as grocery bags, clean saran wrap, dry cleaning plastic, etc. can be dropped off at the following local stores: Whole Foods (bin by customer service), King Kullen (by entrance), Staples (by entrance) Stop N Shop (recycle center by main entrance.)
- **Bottles/Glass/Cans** can be recycled for \$.05 per item at King Kullen (main entrance recycle center), Stop N Shop (main entrance recycle center), and Whole Foods (inside by restrooms-rear of store).

- **Batteries** can be dropped off at Whole Foods (bin in rear) or Staples (customer service), and Staples also takes old cell phone batteries.
- **Used CFL's and drill bits** can be dropped off at Home Depot (customer service).
- **Old printer cartridges** can be dropped off at Staples (no charge); **old printers, monitors, keyboards, and computers** can also be dropped off at Staples for a \$10 charge per item.
- **Dry cleaning hangers**—many dry cleaners will recycle hangers. New Vincent French Cleaners also has a “green” dry-cleaning option.

Non-Recyclable household items include:

Envelopes with plastic windows, cardboard drink containers, cereal boxes, hardcover books (consider donating to library or school), phone books (go to yellowpages.com for information on recycling or to opt-out of receiving them), styrofoam (avoid using if you can).

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