

SOMERSET COUNTY CURBSIDE RECYCLING HOW-TO GUIDE

DUAL STREAM TOTE PROGRAM

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU HAVE TWO-WHEELED RECYCLING TOTES

The tote with the lime green lid is for cardboard and paper products, and the tote with the yellow lid is for commingled glass, cans, and plastic materials.

PAPER TOTE (LIME GREEN LID)

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Any retail boxes (*gift, shirt, shoe*)
Books (*hard covers removed*)
Catalogs
Chipboard boxes (*including cake, cereal, cookie, cracker pasta*)
Clean pizza boxes
Colored paper
Corrugated cardboard
Detergent (*remove plastic liners*)
Envelopes
Inserts

Junk mail
Magazines
Newspapers
Non-metallic gift wrap
Office and school papers
Paper bags
Paper egg cartons
Paperback books
Phone books
Shredded paper (*loose*)



COMMINGLED TOTE (YELLOW LID)

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Cans (*aluminum, bimetal, steel*)
Glass bottles (*all colors*)
Glass jars (*all colors*)
Plastic bottles and containers #1-#7 (*Examples: water, soda, milk, juice, soap, detergent, bleach, shampoo, and cleaning-agent bottles*)

You may also include:
Peanut butter, yogurt and diaper-wipe containers, margarine tubs, plastic trays and clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars.

20-GALLON BLUE BUCKET PROGRAM

FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS IF YOU ARE USING THE BLUE 20-GALLON RECYCLING BUCKETS

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, CHIPBOARD & PIZZA BOXES

Corrugated cardboard must be cut into 2 ft. x 2 ft. squares and tied with string or twine. Please include clean pizza boxes & chipboard with corrugated cardboard. Place tied bundle (*clean pizza boxes, chipboard & cardboard*) next to your recycling bucket.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS



Brown bags
Chipboard boxes including:
Cake, cereal, cookie, cracker, detergent (*remove plastic liners*), gift, pasta, shoe, shirt and any retail boxes. *Poster board & backing from writing pads also accepted.*

Corrugated cardboard
Paper towel rolls
Pizza boxes (*clean!*)
Tissue boxes

GLASS BOTTLES, STEEL, BIMETAL & ALUMINUM CANS, ALL PLASTIC BOTTLES & CONTAINERS (#1 - #7)

These items should be rinsed thoroughly and placed inside your recycling bucket. Remove caps and crush all plastic bottles to save space.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Cans (*aluminum, bimetal, steel*)
Glass bottles (*all colors*)
Glass jars (*all colors*)
Plastic bottles and containers
NO STYROFOAM®

CONTAINERS #1-#7 EXAMPLES

Bottles: Bleach, Cleaning-agent, Detergent, Juice, Milk, Shampoo, Soap, Soda, Water
You may also include containers: Clear plastic clamshell containers from restaurant salad bars, diaper-wipe, peanut butter, yogurt, margarine tubs

NEWSPAPERS

Newspapers **must be bundled and tied with string or twine.** Place tied bundles next to your blue bucket.



ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Newspaper
Inserts that come w/newspapers, such as comics, glossy coupons, TV/magazine sections & colored food/store ads

OTHER PAPER / JUNK MAIL

Other paper should be placed in a brown paper bag or cardboard box and placed next to your blue bucket. Shredded paper must be in clear or labeled plastic bags.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

All envelopes
Catalogs
Copy paper
Hardcover books w/hard covers removed
Magazines
Non-metallic gift wrap
Office paper
Paperback books
Phone books
Shredded paper
Store fliers w/ mailing labels
Writing/school paper



WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE CURBSIDE...

NO PLASTIC BAGS

DO NOT PUT RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS

NO GARBAGE

DO NOT MIX GARBAGE IN WITH YOUR RECYCLABLES

APPLIANCES

Air Conditioners
Dehumidifiers
Humidifiers
Refrigerators

PAPER

Cups
Frozen food boxes
Metallic & plastic-coated paper
Napkins
Paper towels
Paper with metal objects (*file folders, binders, etc.*)
Tissue paper
Waxed paper

PLASTIC

5-gallon buckets (*spackle & paint*)
Beer balls
Garbage cans
Kitty litter containers
Microwave trays
Motor oil and antifreeze bottles
Paper plates

NEEDLES / SHARPS (see page 3)

BATTERIES (see page 4)

Alkaline go in garbage
Bring rechargeable (*Lithium-causes fire hazard*) & button-cell batteries to Household Hazardous Waste Days

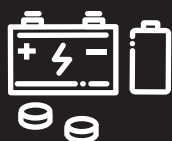
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS (see page 4)

Bring to Household Hazardous Waste Days

TEXTILES

Take clothing, linens, drapes and other textiles to any local non-profit collection bin

Pesticide containers
Plastic bags
Plastic caps
Plastic coat hangers
Plastic cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons
Plastic drums & crates
Plastic flower pots
Plastic toys
Pool chemical containers
Prescription bottles
Styrofoam®
Un-numbered plastics



NO BATTERIES

MAKE SURE ALL RECYCLABLES ARE AS CLEAN AS POSSIBLE TO DETER PESTS & ODORS.

RECYCLING CENTER
(732) 469-3363

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Recyclables are the property of Somerset County when placed at the curb. Please notify your local police department or the Somerset County Recycling Center if anyone other than county employees remove recyclables from your curb. Theft of recyclable materials is illegal.