



Details on Using Your Recycling Bin

The open gray bins that you see next to the trash barrels on pickup day are for recycling. It's for certain types of glass, metal, plastic, newspaper, and cardboard. Recycling is good for the environment, and relieves you from having to take it somewhere yourself since the State of Connecticut has had mandatory recycling for a number of items since January 1, 1991. Reduce – Reuse – Recycle – It's the Law! Recycling begins with you and is included in your monthly homeowners' assessment dues.

Recycle these items.

Glass Bottles & Jars Glass food containers only. All colors. Rinse clean and discard lids.

Metal & Aluminum Cans

Food and beverage containers. Must be rinsed clean. Do not flatten.

Aerosol Cans

Plastic Bottles

Containers marked 1 or 2. Rinse clean and do not flatten.

Newspapers & Inserts, Magazines & Catalogs, & Junk Mail

Please place in paper bags only. No plastic bags!

Corrugated Cardboard

Corrugated boxes have two flat layers connected by a wavy center section. Empty all boxes, flatten and stack beneath your recycle bin so that they will not litter the neighborhood.

Do not recycle these items.

- Flat or Broken Glass, Light Bulbs, Mirrors, Ceramics, Pyrex, & Drinking Glasses
- Paint Cans
- Clothes Hangers
- Plastic Bags, Automotive Fluid Containers, & Containers Not Marked 1 or 2

- Soiled Paper
- Food Contamination, Wax Coated Boxes, Packing Material & Pizza Boxes
- Waxed & Foil Coatings
- Hard cover books

Please visit the Simsbury Bulk Waste/Recycling Center at http://www.town.simsbury.ct.us/Public_Documents/Departments/SimsburyCT_Pubworks/bulkywaste or call 860-658-9481 to find out if there are alternative recycling options for these items. Don't put them in your recycle bins!

When do I put out my recycling bin?

Recycling is collected on the same day as your regular weekly garbage collection, but by a separate truck. Routes start early so you should have your bin and barrel out by 6:00 am on the day of collection for your location. Most people seem to put them out the night before.

Where do I place the recycling bin?

Please place the recycling bin near the street within 2 feet of the curb and at least 3 feet from your barrel. This is because the truck's lifting mechanism needs to wrap around the rubbish barrel to grab it.

Why was garbage collected, but not recycling?

Recycling is collected on the same day as your regular weekly garbage collection, but by a separate truck and at a different time. It may be that the recyling truck just hasn't come yet.

How do I sort my Recycling?

All recycling items can now be mixed together in the recycling bin. Sorting of items is no longer needed. This is because of the extremely efficient single-stream recycling system now in place in which items are mechanically sorted at an advanced processing center. However, please attempt to place items in the bin in a secure manner that will help to keep them from blowing away due to wind. We suggest you place your paper in the bottom of the bin and the cardboard flat under the bin to keep the material from blowing away on windy days.