

# Material the County's Curbside Recycling Program Does Not Include



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## AEROSOL CANS

The Monroe County HHW (Household Hazardous Waste) Program accepts all types of FULL or PARTIALLY FULL aerosol cans for recycling. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on [Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment](#), or call 753-7600.



Only EMPTY aerosol cans with lids removed - **EXCLUDING SPRAY PAINTS AND INSECTICIDES** – can be placed in the recycling bin. All lids and empty cans that contained SPRAY PAINTS and INSECTICIDE must be placed in the trash.

## APPLIANCES CONTAINING FREON (Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers & Air Conditioners)

Call your refuse hauler – there may be a charge for service (usually between \$30 and \$50).

When purchasing a new appliance, ask if the retailer provides “haul away service” for the appliance that is being replaced. In some instances this may be cheaper than recycling it on your own.

### WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH OLD APPLIANCES?

**Suburban Towns** – contact town or hauler, some haulers will pickup for free but usual charge is around \$35.00.

**City** – appliances (refrigerators must have doors removed) can be placed at the curb on your regular refuse pick up day.

## ASBESTOS

Asbestos fibers that become airborne (friable) when disturbed are dangerous if inhaled—disposal must be done professionally. Call one of several contractors listed in the phone book under “**Asbestos Removal and Abatement Services.**”

### WHAT SHOULD BE DONE WITH NON-FRIABLE ASBESTOS?

Again, judgements whether asbestos waste poses a health hazard is best left to professionals. Residents may take non-friable asbestos (shingles, flooring, etc.) to the **Mill Seat Landfill**—call first at 494-3000.

For questions pertaining to health issues surrounding asbestos, contact the Monroe County Health Dept. at 753-6000.

## AUTOMOTIVE CARE ITEMS

### CAR BATTERIES

It is illegal in New York State to discard a car battery in the trash or on the street. Auto batteries can be recycled, and state law requires retailers to accept, free of charge, up to two used batteries per month from any individual.

When buying a new battery, a \$5 surcharge is included.

Return the dead battery when purchasing a new one and avoid the surcharge.

Vehicle batteries can also be taken to most town DPWs (please call first) or scrap yards.  
*IF ACID SPILLS ON ANY MATERIAL – NEUTRALIZE WITH BAKING SODA.*

### USED MOTOR OIL

Any service establishment that sells at least 500 gallons per year of new oil and performs vehicle servicing must accept from the public at no charge up to 5 gallons of used oil per person per day. Retailers who don't service vehicles but sell at least 1,000 gallons per year of new oil must also accept used oil from the public.

Motor oil mixed with gasoline is accepted at **HHW collections**.

### ANTIFREEZE, BRAKE FLUID, TRANSMISSION FLUID

These automotive fluids are accepted by Monroe County's Household Hazardous Waste program. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600.



## BATTERIES

### ALKALINE BATTERIES (Household batteries)

Alkaline or zinc batteries can be disposed of in the trash. For a fee-based program, visit: [www.thinkgreenfromhome.com/Batteries.cfm](http://www.thinkgreenfromhome.com/Batteries.cfm)

### RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cad) and Lithium Ion can be brought to several drop off sites, including: Best Buy, Home Depot, Sears, Staples, Sprint, Target, and Verizon Wireless. They will also be accepted by Monroe County's Household Hazardous Waste program. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600 (option 3).



### BUTTON BATTERIES

Some small button-shaped batteries (from cameras, computers, hearing aids, watches, etc.) contain mercury — which is hazardous and should not be disposed of in household trash. These batteries can be taken to the following drop off sites: Staples, Sears Hardware, Home Depot, Target, WalMart and Verizon Wireless. The **Monroe County HHW program** will also accept button batteries for recycling. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600 (option 3).

**NOTE:** For batteries bought before 1993 (or corroded or leaking batteries), visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600 (option 3).

## BUSINESS (Hazardous) WASTE

The **HHW Facility** will accept wastes from businesses if they meet Small Quantity Generator (CESQG) status. CESQG program **Exempt Form #7** explains the policy and procedures can be downloaded from the HHW pages of this web site. The form can also be mailed to you by calling 753-7600 (option 3).



## CELLULAR PHONES

Under the New York State Wireless Recycling Act, all wireless telephone service providers that offer phones for sale will accept your cell phones for reuse or recycling. This law requires these businesses to accept up to 10 cell phones from any person or to provide shipping for phones.

Cell phones can be recycled locally at Home Depot, CVS, Staples, WalMart, Radio Shack, Sears, Lowes, Best Buy, Sam's Club and Target. The Monroe County Household Hazardous Waste program also accepts used cell phones for recycling. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600 (option 3).

Consult the internet for many not-for-profit opportunities to donate a used cell phone.

## COMPUTER RECYCLING

While it is legal for residents to place old computer equipment at the curb for disposal, identity thieves can steal personal information from old hard drives. It is illegal for businesses to dispose of computers in the regular trash.

To properly dispose of used computer equipment:

- Find a responsible recycler OR
- Return to a retailer

**Find a responsible recycler** - Businesses and residents who wish to properly dispose of used computer equipment should call Regional Computer Recycling and Recovery – 924-3840; Sunnking, Inc. – 637-8365; or Maven Technologies, 458-2460. There may be a fee associated with these services.

**Goodwill Project Reconnect offers free recycling for any brand of computer equipment in any condition. Residents can find a drop-off location at [www.reconnectpartnership.com](http://www.reconnectpartnership.com) or [www.abvi-goodwill.org](http://www.abvi-goodwill.org). Residents are responsible for removing data from hard drives and other storage media before donating to Goodwill, and ABVI-Goodwill staff will provide donors with a receipt at the time of donation.**

**Return to a retailer** - When buying new computer equipment, ask if the retailer will take back old gear. Many retailers do this for free, or a small fee.

An additional way to dispose of old electronics is to contact local town or village authorities and inquire regarding scheduled municipal collections.

## CONFIDENTIAL PAPER



All types of paper that contains confidential information can be recycled after shredding. Businesses can call Metro Waste Paper (527-8110) for certified document destruction or a list of other companies can be found under the “**Paper-Shredded**” section of the Yellow Pages.

## ELECTRONIC DATA STORAGE MEDIA (and its packaging)

Visit [www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com) to responsibly and securely dispose of all of your electronic data storage media (hard drives, CDs, DVDs, Zip disks, floppy disks, etc.) and their cases—for a fee. For more information call 1- 800-305-3475. Residents should also call local computer recycling companies to see if they provide similar services.



### FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS / TUBES / BALLASTS

Careful recycling of Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) prevents the release of mercury into the environment and allows for the reuse of glass, metals and other materials. Households are strongly encouraged to recycle these mercury-containing lamps, including low-mercury “green-end” caps. CFL’s ONLY may be taken to any Home Depot for recycling.

Certain small businesses with 100 or less employees disposing of 15 or less non-hazardous waste lamps per month are exempt.

High Intensity Discharge (HID) lamps, such as those that contain metal halide, high pressure sodium, or mercury vapor should also be recycled.

The Monroe County Household Hazardous Waste program accepts CFL and HID bulbs for recycling. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600 (option 3).

### FOOD WASTE PRODUCTS

Certain inedible food waste (meat, fat, cooking oil, etc.) from restaurants or businesses can be recycled into products such as animal feed. For information contact **Baker Commodities** at 482-1880. County residents may bring home-use cooking oil-fat to Monroe County’s Household Hazardous Waste program. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600.

Please DO NOT dispose of cooking oil down ANY drain.



### PRINTER CARTRIDGES

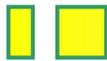
Used cartridges can be remanufactured many times over and keep plastic, steel, aluminum and rubber out of landfills. Check with the retailer when you purchase a new cartridge – most recycle.

Metro Cartridge [www.metrocartridge.com/contact\\_rochester.asp](http://www.metrocartridge.com/contact_rochester.asp) offers refilling of cartridges at several local retail locations.

Goodwill offers cartridge recycling through its Project Reconnect: - <http://reconnectpartnership.com>.

### OIL-CONTAMINATED SOIL

Contact the Monroe County Health Department at 753-6000.



### OLD TIRES

Call your refuse hauler, if they do not accept :

**Northside Salvage Yard** – 954 Linden Ave., E. Rochester – 381-9667 (\$2 per tire on/off rim)

**Tire Trax** – 558 Atlantic Ave. – 482-2940 – (\$1.25 per tire off rim/\$3 per tire on rim)

**Uneda Tire Shop** – 180 Hudson Ave. – 546-3860 – (\$2 per tire off rim/\$5 on rim).

### MERCURY

Mercury (from thermometers, thermostats, etc.) should be packaged in secondary containment (i.e. jug inside of pail) for transport and brought to Monroe County’s Industrial Waste section or an **HHW collection**. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600.

If you have a very large quantity of mercury (10 lbs. or more) please call HHW Coordinator Tom Sinclair at 753-7553.



### METAL TANKS (propane, fire extinguishers, helium, gas, fuel oil, etc.)

#### PROPANE TANKS

- **Taylor Rental** – 205 North Ave., Webster – 872-2770. Will take 20, 30, 40 and 100 lb. tanks (free).
- **Suburban Propane** – 3325 Chili Ave., Chili Center 889-3770 – (\$4 each tank)
- **Jackson Welding Supply** – 535 Buffalo Rd. – 235-2920. Will take 20, 30, 40 and 100 lb. tanks (\$5.00 disposal fee)
- One or 20-pound tanks (full or empty) can be dropped off at the **Monroe County HHW** facility for disposal (no charge). Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600.

#### FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

The **County’s HHW Facility** will accept fire extinguishers. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600.



#### HELIUM TANKS

The county’s HHW program will accept helium tanks. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600 (option 3).

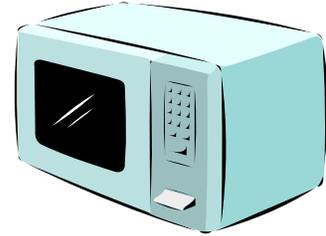
### HOME HEATING FUEL OIL TANKS

If still on property, call **AAA Universal Heating** at 328-1423. For \$595 they will pump, remove and dispose of the tank and oil. (Price effective as of 2/24/10 and is subject to change.)

Old heating oil can be brought to a **county Household Hazardous Waste collection**. Visit [www.monroecounty.gov](http://www.monroecounty.gov) and click on Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste Appointment, or call 753-7600.

### MICROWAVE OVENS

Local scrap yards will recycle microwave ovens and other scrap metal for no charge.



### PLASTIC CONTAINERS #3-7

These containers should be placed in the regular trash. Because of their consistent quantities and long-term market stability, plastics (#1 & 2) have been a mainstay of the county plastic recycling program. Plastics (#3 to 7) have not been added to the recycling program for the following reasons:

- A consistent, reliable market is needed. This market has been historically unstable and, at times, non-existent.
- Education is critical to a successful recycling program. This effort will only succeed with a consistent message that does not change with the variability of the recycling markets. .
- A significant capital investment would be required at the Monroe County Recycling Center to process 3-7 plastics. Current markets do not justify this expenditure vs. revenue generated.
- If not properly separated from PET (#1) and HDPE (#2), plastics 3 to 7 would become contaminants to the mainstay of the Monroe County program.

For more information on plastics, visit [www.americanchemistry.com/plastics/](http://www.americanchemistry.com/plastics/)

### PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

Plastic grocery bags should be **returned to the store** for recycling. Please **DO NOT** put plastic bags in your curbside recycling container. If you must use something, brown paper bags can be used to contain your paper items.

Most stores will accept the following materials-**all should be CLEAN and DRY:** retail bags with string ties and rigid plastic handles removed; newspaper bags; dry-cleaning bags; produce, bread, cereal and frozen food bags with food residue removed; wrap from paper products (paper towels, etc.); stretch/shrink wrap with all food residue removed; and zipper-type bags with the plastic closing mechanism removed.

### SHARPS (syringes, lancets, etc.)

Sharps must be in an approved sharps container, in a two-liter plastic pop container, or a rugged laundry soap bottle with cap taped on, and labeled "SHARPS."

They may be brought to the county's Industrial Waste section at 444 E. Henrietta Road during business hours. Call 753-7600 (option 3) for details, directions or to obtain container labels.



Additionally, area hospitals and nursing homes accept sharps for proper disposal. Please call ahead for details.

### SMOKE DETECTORS

Although some smoke detectors contain a small radioactive component, they may be placed in the regular trash. The manufacturer may also be contacted for recycling options.

First Alert detectors will be accepted by the company for recycling for a \$1 per unit fee. Call First Alert at 1-800-323-9005 for details.

### OTHER RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

**Contact Monroe County Health Dept. 753-5600 – 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (business hours only) or State Health Dept. (24-hour hotline – 1-518-465-9720). Also call 911.**

### STYROFOAM PACKAGING

For Styrofoam packing peanuts, call your local **mail/packing store** for reuse information. Styrofoam egg cartons can be recycled at Dolco Packaging, PO Box 1005, 2110 Patterson Street, Decatur, IN 46733-5005. Call 260-728-2161 or visit [www.tekniplex.com/companies/dolco.html](http://www.tekniplex.com/companies/dolco.html) for information.

LARGE PIECES OF POLYSTYRENE ONLY are accepted for recycling by Thermal Foams, Inc. Call 247-0324 for more information.

### UNWANTED /USABLE PRODUCTS

MAT-EX was established as a reuse program for a 19-county region. MAT-EX typifies the adage that "one person's trash is another person's treasure." MAT-EX can help a business or individual locate users for surplus materials or to find free or inexpensive materials. For more information, call 585-344-2580 x 5463 – or visit [www.mat-ex.org](http://www.mat-ex.org).

### WIRE COAT HANGERS

Some dry cleaners will accept wire coat hangers for reuse. Additionally secondhand stores that sell clothing, such as Goodwill, the Salvation Army, and Volunteers of America will also reuse them.

