

# TRUMBULL RECYCLES RIGHT

Use this guide to learn **What's IN** and **What's OUT** of your bin.

## What's IN?

**DO NOT BAG YOUR ITEMS. Don't shred, tie, or box items.**

**DO empty, clean, rinse, and repeat for each item.**



**PAPER &  
CARDBOARD**



Newspapers & magazines, food and beverage cartons, mixed paper and flattened boxes



**GLASS**



Non-redeemable, bottles and jars. Remove lids, corks, and caps



**METAL**



Food and beverage cans, aluminum foil and foil containers



**PLASTIC**



Jugs, tubs and lids. Don't go by the plastic recycling symbol number. Food and beauty grade plastics that are over 2 inches and under 3 gallon are recyclable.

## What's OUT?

**See back of flyer for alternative recycling options for *SOME* of these items**



No plastic bags or plastic wrap  
(Utilize alternative drop off options-see back for details)



No styrofoam or black plastic containers  
(Styrofoam is trash. Drop off black plastic to-go containers-see back for details)



No clothing or linens  
(Utilize town drop off donation programs-see revers for options)



No tanglers  
(No hoses, wires, chains or electronics)



No combustibles  
(No propane tanks, batteries, and non-food grade aerosol cans like spray paint and pesticides)



## Out the Door CHECKLIST

**LOOSE** items only in the bin, not bagged or tied

Items are **CLEAN**, free of any food or liquids

Items are on the **WHAT'S IN** not the **WHAT'S OUT** list



To learn more about what goes in your bin: [RecycleCT.com](http://RecycleCT.com)

For all other Trumbull recycling inquiries:

[recyclingcoordinator@trumbull-ct.gov](mailto:recyclingcoordinator@trumbull-ct.gov)

[www.trumbull-ct.gov/1223/Recycling-Programs](http://www.trumbull-ct.gov/1223/Recycling-Programs)



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# Recycle Don't Wish-Cycle

Wish-Cycling is tossing items into a single-stream recycle bin that should be thrown into the garbage. These items will contaminate full loads of recyclable materials resulting in all being trashed instead of recycled. Contamination of the curbside recycling results in extra disposal fees placed onto taxpayers.

## AVOID PLACING THESE COMMON CONTAMINANTS IN TRUMBULL'S RECYCLING BINS:

**Bagged Items:** Any recycling which is bagged will immediately be placed in the trash. Keep recyclables loose in the bin.

**Batteries:** All batteries should not be placed in the trash or recycling bins as they can cause a fire. Bring batteries to the electronic waste container at the Transfer Station.

**Black Plastic:** Black plastics include take-out containers, rotisserie chicken trays, frozen food trays, and much more. These are not recyclable in your home bin. The monthly recycling drive accepts cleaned take-out containers (tops & bottoms) to be reused by a local food donation program. Plastic plant pots can be returned to your local nurseries or dropped off to the monthly recycling drive. All other black plastic should be placed in the trash.

**Carpet:** Sizes less than 4' X 2' can be placed in the Bay State bins at Hillcrest or Madison Middle Schools, or via Helpsy curbside. Larger-sized rugs should be trashed unless there is an opportunity to donate.

**Clothing/Textiles:** Drop into the Bay State Textile bins at Hillcrest or Madison Middle Schools or arrange for curbside pick-up from Helpsy. Drop off also accepted at the Beyond the Bin's Monthly Recycling Drive (see below).

**Food Waste:** Create an area on your property for a compost bin or pile, sign up for curbside pick up of food scraps with your local hauler, and donate unexpired and edible leftovers. Trash any other food waste.

**Garden hoses:** Put in the trash.

**Glass:** Never include lightbulbs, mirrors, or broken glass. Either separate and bring accepted glass to the collection container at the Transfer Station, or place accepted items curbside.

**Paper drink/food containers that are plastic-lined:** Drinking cups and liquid-holding packaging such as frozen food containers are lined with a plastic coating and are not recyclable. Trash.

**Plastic Bags:** Bring clean stretchy and flimsy plastic bags, bubble wrap, and saran wrap (#2 and #4) to Stop & Shop, Big Y, Kohl's, Target, or any participating retailer, or drop off at the monthly recycling drive at Trumbull High School.

**Small Plastics:** Items that are less than 2 inches (like salad dressing to-go containers) are too small for CT recycling machinery to sort. Drop off accepted small items at one of the Beyond the Bin programs. If item is not accepted, place in the trash.

**Styrofoam/foam to-go containers:** Throw into the trash. Even if the item has a recycling symbol, it is not recyclable. Don't forget to remove and trash all styrofoam packaging before recycling cardboard boxes.



**CHECKLIST BEFORE YOU TRASH ITEMS, see if they can be recycled via one of these ADDITIONAL RECYCLING OPTIONS ONLY in Trumbull**



### Beyond the Bin Recycling:

Drop off many items that can't be recycled curbside including oral care items, beauty care tubes, and plastic film. Drop off locations include the Trumbull Library and the Monthly Recycling Drive every 2nd Saturday from 9-12 at Trumbull High School.

### Glass Recycling:

Bring non-redeemable, rinsed glass bottles, jars, food & alcohol bottles with lids/corks removed to the "glass only" container located at the Transfer Station. Dropping off clean glass reduces recycling fees to taxpayers and provides material to make a glass cement replacement used in local concrete products. Glass can also be recycled in single stream curbside recycling.

### Electronics Recycling:

TVs, stereos, computers, telephone equipment, cell phones, cords, batteries, and holiday lights are some of the items accepted in the electronics container located at the Transfer Station. A list of accepted items is available on the town website.

### Textile Recycling:

Textiles too worn to donate for reuse? Our programs take clothing, linens, shoes, and other home textiles at our Baystate bins, located at Hillcrest and Madison Middle Schools, or utilize curbside pickup with Helpsy. Items must be bagged.

For more information on Trumbull recycling



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