

CURBSIDE RECYCLING



- ❌ **Do not bag recyclables.** Place loose items in the bin.
- ❌ Avoid "wish-cycling." **When in doubt, throw it out.**
- ❌ **No** needles/syringes, film plastics, food waste, diapers, or toxic items.*
- ❌ **No** textiles/clothes, footwear, etc. Donate if wearable.*
- ❌ **No** items smaller than a business card.
- ✅ **Plastics:** Ignore the numbers; use shape to decide recyclability: bottle, jar, jug or dairy tub = recycle.
- ✅ **Paper:** Empty and flatten boxes. Remove packing or film plastics in or around boxes. No boxes that lived in the fridge or freezer.
- ✅ **Containers:** Must be empty and rinsed. Labels are okay.
- ✅ **Lids and caps:** Reattach.

*Go to OCRRRA.org and type in your item to find recycling or disposal options.

WHAT HAPPENS TO TRASH IN ONONDAGA COUNTY?



Trash is turned into electricity at the Waste-to-Energy Facility instead of going to a landfill. This reduces greenhouse gases.

WHAT ABOUT YARD WASTE?



Yard waste cannot go into your trash or recycle bin. You can bring yard and food waste to an OCRRRA compost site with an annual drop-off pass.

CAN'T FIND WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR? SEARCH OUR DATABASE!

Go to OCRRRA.org and type in your item to find recycling or disposal options.



RECYCLING RULES



PLACE RECYCLING LOOSE IN YOUR BIN

DON'T BAG RECYCLING IN PAPER OR PLASTIC BAGS



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PAPER

PLASTIC (IGNORE NUMBERS; RECYCLE BY SHAPE)

METAL

GLASS



CURBSIDE RECYCLING



**DON'T BAG
RECYCLABLES**

- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs and softcover books
Keep loose, don't tie.
- Papers and mail (including window envelopes)
- Boxes: cardboard, takeout pizza, pasta, cereal, etc. (no boxes that go in the fridge or freezer)
Empty and flatten.

- Bottles: beverage, soap, shampoo, spray, etc. (no bottles that held toxics)
Empty, rinse and reattach cap.
- Jars: mayonnaise, sauce, nuts, jelly, parmesan cheese, etc.
Empty, rinse and reattach cap.
- Jugs (items with a handle): milk, orange juice, water, laundry detergent, etc.
Empty, rinse and reattach cap.
- Stackable tubs (dairy/dairy alternative only): butter, yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.
Empty, rinse and reattach lid.

- Food and beverage cans
Empty, rinse and place lid inside can.
- Aluminum foil and disposable aluminum pans and plates
Must be clean and wadded up.
- Aerosol cans
Must be empty. No cans that held toxics; they should go in the trash.

- Food containers: salsa, jam, sauce, salad dressing, etc.
Empty, rinse and reattach lid.
- Beverage bottles (any color)
Empty, rinse and reattach cap.



DROP OFF TO RECYCLE

- Shredded paper
For details, visit ocrra.org/shredded-paper or put in the trash

- Plastic bags (clean and dry)
Recycle at large grocery and retail stores
- Electronics
For details, visit ocrra.org/ewaste

- Batteries
For details, visit ocrra.org/batteries
- Propane tanks
For details, visit ocrra.org/propane-tanks

- Light bulbs
*For details, visit ocrra.org/fluorescent-bulbs
Place LED and incandescent bulbs in the trash*



TRASH

- Frozen and refrigerated food boxes
- Soda/beer boxes
- Takeout or fast food boxes
- Egg cartons (any type)
- Items with glitter or foil
- Plates and cups
- Tissue paper
- Hardcover books

- Any plastics not listed above
- Tanglers: cords, hoses, etc.
- "Clamshells": berry, salad, bakery cartons
- Takeout or fast food boxes
- Disposable cups and utensils
- Prescription vials
- Diapers, wipes and toys
- Containers that held toxics

- Any metals not listed above
- Needles (need special prep)
Visit ocrra.org/sharps
- Small appliances: toasters, vacuums, etc.
- Combination metal-cardboard canisters: peanuts, cocoa, oatmeal, coffee, etc.
- Empty metal paint cans

- Broken glass
- Drinking glasses
- Dishes and mugs
- Ovenware and ceramics
- Window and picture glass
- Mirrors