



# WHAT CAN I PUT IN MY CART?

Place all of your recyclables in one cart. Although there are a few rules to follow, recycling at home is relatively effortless.

Below you will find an easy to follow list of items you can and can't put in your recycle cart. It is critical and necessary that you follow these simple guidelines set forth by the State of Delaware.

If you still aren't sure if it's a recyclable, it probably isn't. So...

## WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

### These Things Go in Your Recycle Cart...



- Newspapers
- Office Paper
- Colored Paper
- Paper Bags



- Pizza Boxes
- Paper Boxes
- Corrugated Boxes
- Cereal/Snack Boxes



- Glass Bottles
- Glass Jars



- Steel Cans
- Tin Cans
- Aluminum Cans
- Clean Foil



- Plastic Cups
- Plastic Bottles/Jugs
- Butter Containers
- Yogurt Containers



- Telephone Books
- Paperbacks
- Magazines



### These Things DON'T Go in Your Recycle Cart...



- Plastic Grocery Bags or any type of Clothing or Textiles.



- Styrofoam Containers, Packing Peanuts & Egg Cartons



- Motor Oil & Chemical Containers



- Electronics and Incandescent & CFL Light Bulbs



- Shredded Paper



- Window & Mirror Glass



- Scrap Metal & Wood



- Batteries both Household & Automotive



- Food & Yard Waste



# What About Recyclable Items That Can't Go in My Recycle Cart?

## Household Hazardous Waste

Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) operates a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Collection Program is free for all Delaware residents.

Numerous events are held throughout the year.

You can bring the following items to a HHW collection event:

- Product containers marked with words, "Warning: Hazardous," "Flammable," "Poisonous," "Corrosive" or "Explosive." See below for listing.
- Household Items: Full aerosol cans, bleach, chemistry kits, nail polish, polish removers, perfumes, disinfectants, drain cleaners, floor wax, mercury thermometers, moth balls, oven cleaner, spot remover, toilet cleaner, fluorescent light bulbs and compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Explosives: Ammunition, firecrackers, gunpowder
- Workshop Items: Corrosives, paints (other than latex), small compressed-gas cylinders, solvents, stains, strippers, thinners, varnish, wood preservatives, fluorescent bulbs
- Yard/Garden Items: Fungicides, herbicides, pesticides, pool chemicals
- Automotive Materials: Antifreeze, auto batteries, degreasers, waste fuels - gasoline, kerosene, used motor oil mixed with other fuels

DSWA also provides dedicated local Recycling Drop-off Centers for many common items such as batteries and large cardboard boxes.

*To find a current schedule of HHW events or a local drop-off center, visit: [www.dswa.com](http://www.dswa.com).*

## Electronic Goods

DSWA has an electronic goods recycling (EGR) program. DSWA facilities offer electronic goods recycling drop off events for residents at least once a week. DSWA also holds special electronic goods collection events throughout the year.

To find the nearest drop-off location or the next special event, visit: [www.dswa.com](http://www.dswa.com).

Acceptable electronic goods for recycling:

- Personal Computers and Monitors
- Keyboards, Mice, Terminals, Cables and Printers
- Laptop computers and Notepad Computers
- Copiers, Calculators and Electronic Typewriters
- Telephones, Cellular Phones and Pay Telephones
- Recorders and Answering Machines
- Televisions, Video cameras and Tape recorders
- VCERS, Cassette & DVD Players and Radios
- Microwave Ovens and Electronic Toys

## Yard Waste

Yard Waste includes grass, leaves, prunings, brush, shrubs, garden materials, Christmas trees, and tree limbs up to 4 inches in diameter. These materials cannot be disposed of in your trash or in any DSWA landfill.

Republic Services offers dependable weekly Yard Waste Pickup.

**Visit [www.recycling.delaware.gov](http://www.recycling.delaware.gov) for more information.**

# Rules for Recycling

## What You Can and Can't Put In Your Recycling Cart

