

RECYCLED:



Shredded paper



Boxboard, cereal boxes,
frozen food boxes



Plastic tubs



Clean
aluminum foil
wrap and pans



Aluminum cans



Phone books



Plastic bottles
(necks smaller than base)



Plastic jugs



Newspaper
& inserts



Corrugated cardboard
(flattened)



Clean metal food cans



Mail, mixed paper,
and catalogs



Magazines

RECYCLED AT LAWTON CENTER:



Clean glass jars & bottles

NOT RECYCLED:

- Ceramics
- Clamshell Food Containers
- Juice Boxes
- Milk Cartons
- Paper Cartons
- Plastic Bags, Cups & Utensils

ITEMS THAT CAN BE TAKEN DIRECTLY TO SHADY GROVE FACILITY:

- Aerosol Cans (Non-Hazardous)
- Pots & Pans
- Scrap Metal

Dear Neighbor,

Sorting and disposing of household waste appropriately can be confusing, even for recycling enthusiasts! In addition, China's recent waste management changes have resulted in a <1% acceptance rate of and dramatic price decreases for US recycling materials. In response, the Town of Chevy Chase's recycling contractor, Goode Companies, has changed its policies for acceptable recycled materials. We are therefore writing to provide you with a brief refresher course in how to dispose of your household waste.

- **Only include authorized items in your recycling.** On the back of this flyer, there is a graphical depiction of acceptable recycled items. If an item is not included on the list, it should be either composted (see below) or disposed of in the trash.
- **No plastic bags!** This means you should neither enclose your recyclables in plastic bags nor include bags among the items to be recycled. Instead, recycle plastic bags and plastic films in the bag recycling bin in front of most grocery stores. Cut off any paper labels prior to recycling. Stuff one bag full of other bags, tie it up and pop it in!
- **Clean all items before recycling.** Dirty items, including dirty bulky items, cannot be recycled. Also, dirty items often contaminate other items and prevent their recycling as well. Washing out recyclables including plastic lids, caps, aluminum foil and pans, and metal containers, also helps keep your recycling bins clean.
- **Separate paper and cardboard.** Although we have single stream recycling, loose paper easily becomes contaminated, and small scraps get lost in the shuffle. Putting papers inside a cardboard box or paper bag helps prevent this. Ideally, shredded paper should be enclosed in a paper bag. You can recycle corrugated cardboard that does not contain a wax coating, junk mail, magazines, newspapers, books, and wrapping paper.
- **Do not include glass in your curbside recycling.** Goode Companies is no longer accepting glass, which is easily broken and can harm workers and machines. The Town has a temporary solution: residents can bring their glass recycling to the Lawton Center and place the glass in one of the many containers in the rear of the center where the trash and composting is located – it is accessible from 44th street near the corner of 44th and Elm St.
- **Sign up for free curbside composting!** A wide variety of organic materials are collected every Tuesday by our composting contractor, the Compost Crew, including pizza boxes. Every household can receive one composting bucket free of charge. You can sign up for this service through the Town's website.
- **When in doubt, throw it out.** Items not specified on either the recycling or the composting list, including cans or bottles of paint, chemicals, motor oil should be put in trash.

And remember, the best way to minimize waste is to **reduce** purchases, particularly of single-use plastics such as disposable cups and cutlery, and **reuse** items whenever possible. Thank you for your attention to this important environmental matter!