



TOWN OF DARIEN

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

(Expanded List)

Paper. Cardboard. Plastic. Metal. Glass

ALL IN THE SAME BIN

RECYCLABLES MUST BE EMPTY, RINSED, CLEAN & OPEN!

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PAPER & CARDBOARD – ACCEPTED:

- ✓ Aseptic food & beverage cartons
- ✓ Bags (all colors; no fiber or plastic handles, no glitter or metallics)
- ✓ Blueprints
- ✓ Books (paperback & hard cover), including phone books
- ✓ Boxboard (e.g. cereal, cookies, crackers, snack, gift & shoe)
- ✓ Cardstock (e.g. file folders, index cards)
- ✓ Cardboard (flattened)
- ✓ Envelopes (not padded; plastic windows okay)
- ✓ Food & beverage cartons (e.g. juice boxes, milk, egg, frozen food)
- ✓ Gift wrap (non-metallic, non-glitter)
- ✓ Greeting cards
- ✓ Kraft paper/envelopes (all colors; no plastic liners)
- ✓ Magazines, brochures & catalogs
- ✓ Mail & junk mail
- ✓ Newspapers & inserts
- ✓ Office paper (white & colors; staples okay but remove paper clips)
- ✓ Pizza boxes (remove food & liners)

PAPER & CARDBOARD - NOT ACCEPTED:

- Cash register receipts
- Diapers
- Paper towels/tissues/napkins
- Paper cups (hot & cold) or paper plates
- Photos
- Ribbons/bows
- Shredded paper
- Spiral-bound notebooks
- Stickers & address label sheets
- Take-out food containers
- Tissue paper
- Sanitary products
- Waxed paper/items

PLASTIC – ACCEPTED:

- ✓ Bottles & jugs (with or without caps attached); remove & discard pumps from spray bottles
- ✓ Containers (e.g. boxes, buckets, clamshells, crates, take-out, tubs, trays)
- ✓ Lids from food containers (e.g. margarine tubs, cream cheese)
- ✓ Plates, bowls & utensils (no food residue!)
- ✓ Prescription bottles *if larger than 2" x 2"* (remove label)
- ✓ Single-use cups/lids (no straws or stirrers)

PLASTIC - NOT ACCEPTED:

- Bottle caps (loose)
- CDs/DVDs/VHS (including their cases)
- Compostable plates/bags/utensils
- Diapers
- Disposable razors
- Ink/toner cartridges
- Plastic bags, films & wraps, or bubble wrap - *Return to participating retailers for recycling*
- Mylar products such as chip bags, candy & power bar wrappers, helium balloons
- Pens & mechanical pencils
- Rubber or latex items
- Single-use coffee pods (e.g. Keurig)
- Straws, stirrers
- Styrofoam items & packing peanuts
- "Tanglers" (6-pack holders, electric cords, garden hoses, hangers)
- Toothpaste tubes
- Tyvek envelopes (e.g. FedEx)
- Water filters

METAL – ACCEPTED:

- ✓ Aerosol containers (must be empty)
- ✓ Aluminum foil (balled and over 3" in size)
- ✓ Cans & bottles
- ✓ Foil containers (e.g. pie plates, baking trays)
- ✓ Lids from cans & jars
- ✓ Pots & pans

METAL - NOT ACCEPTED:

- 3-ring binders
- Batteries - *Recycle separately at the Recycling Center*
- Bottle caps (e.g. beer bottles)
- Foil tops from yogurt & other food containers - *Accepted if clean & bound w/larger pieces of foil*
- Hangers - *Recycle separately at the Recycling Center (Scrap Metal)*
- Paint cans - *Recycle separately at the Recycling Center*
- Propane tanks
- Razors
- Scrap metal - *Recycle separately at the Recycling Center*
- Sharps/needles
- Spiral-wound containers (e.g. refrigerated cookie dough)

GLASS – ACCEPTED:

- ✓ Beverage bottles & jars (clear or colors)
- ✓ Food bottles & jars

GLASS - NOT ACCEPTED:

- Ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Eyeglasses - *Check with local eye care providers for recycling options*
- Glass cookware (e.g. Pyrex)
- Lightbulbs - *Recycle separately at the Recycling Center*
- Mirrors
- Vases
- Window panes

Unless noted otherwise:

- *items smaller than 2" x 2" are not accepted in single stream*
- *Items made of multiple materials are not accepted unless the different materials can be separated (e.g. an asthma inhaler can be separated into its plastic & metal components)*

Items accepted for recycling ONLY at the Darien Recycling Center:

- Appliances (Freon recovery fee required for air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, refrigerators)
- Batteries (all types)
- Construction & demolition debris
- Electronics
- Food scraps
- Law & garden debris
- Lightbulbs
- Mattresses
- Motor oil
- Paint & paint products
- Plastics too large for recycling bin (laundry baskets, car seats, play toys, etc.)
- Reusable items – Swap Shop
- Scrap metal
- Smoke detectors
- Textiles (clean & dry – usable or unusable clothing, shoes, linens, accessories)
- Tires



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