



# TOWN OF DARIEN SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING GUIDE

All recyclable items should be **empty, rinsed, clean & open**.  
Keep recyclables loose – do **not** box, bag or bundle.  
For detailed list, visit [www.darienct.gov](http://www.darienct.gov)

## ACCEPTED

## NOT ACCEPTED

## NEW RULES FOR RECYCLING

Effective March 2020

These have been developed to reduce problems in processing & to avoid contamination.

### PAPER

Cardboard & boxboard  
Food & beverage cartons  
Gift wrap (non-metallic)  
Magazines & newspapers  
Office paper, envelopes & junk mail  
Pizza boxes (no liner, no food residue)

Gift bags  
Paper cups (hot & cold)  
Paper towels, napkins, tissues  
Shredded paper  
Take-out food containers  
Tissue paper

### Materials No Longer Accepted:

**PLASTIC BAGS** Recycle clean, dry plastic bags & film packaging at participating stores

**SHREDDED PAPER** Trash

**STYROFOAM** Trash

**TINY, LOOSE ITEMS LESS THAN 2" X 2" IN SIZE** Trash

### GLASS

Beverage bottles & jars  
Food bottles & jars

Ceramic mugs & plates  
Mirrors & window glass  
Pyrex, drinking glasses, vases

For a **FULL LIST** of items Accepted/Not Accepted in single stream, and those which must be taken to the Darien Recycling Center, visit the Public Works page at [www.darienct.gov](http://www.darienct.gov) or email [recycle@darienct.gov](mailto:recycle@darienct.gov)

The Darien Recycling Center is open to Darien residents with a valid permit (sticker)

Monday-Saturday 7 am - 2:45 pm  
(Swap Shop closes 2 pm)

126 Ledge Road

### METAL

Aerosol cans (empty)  
Aluminum foil  
Cans & bottles (incl. lids)  
Pots & pans

Foil tops from food containers (e.g. yogurt)  
Paint cans  
Small pieces of scrap metal

### PLASTIC

Plastic bottles (with or without caps attached)  
Plastic containers, tubs & lids  
Plastic plates, bowls & utensils  
Plastic one-use cups (no lids, no straws)

Food & snack wrappers  
Loose bottle caps  
Plastic bags & packaging  
Single-use coffee pods  
Straws  
Styrofoam (all types)  
Water filters

*Thank you for recycling right!*



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# SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Paper • Cardboard • Plastic • Metal • Glass  
**ALL IN THE SAME BIN**



**RECYCLABLES MUST BE EMPTY, RINSED, CLEAN AND OPEN**

## ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN SINGLE STREAM



- Any item on the “non accepted list”.
- Three main materials no longer accepted are PLASTIC BAGS (or any plastic “film” packaging: bread, zip-top, dry cleaning, newspaper or produce bags; air pillows, bubble wrap, case wrap, etc.), SHREDDED PAPER, STYROFOAM;
- No “tangles” that can get caught in and damage equipment: wires, hoses, cords, hangers, etc;
- For a full list of recyclables, together with those items no longer accepted, visit [www.darienct.gov](http://www.darienct.gov) (click on Departments/Public Works/Recycling Center) or email [recycle@darienct.gov](mailto:recycle@darienct.gov)

## OTHER ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING AT DARIEN RECYCLING CENTER



- Appliances (Freon disposal fee required for air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, refrigerators)
- Batteries (all types)
- Construction & demolition debris
- Electronics
- Food scraps *\*New! Look for drop-off across from Single Stream!*
- Lawn & garden debris
- Lightbulbs
- Mattresses
- Motor oil
- Paint & paint products
- Plastics too large for recycling bin (e.g. play toys, patio chairs)
- Reusable items – Swap Shop
- Scrap metal
- Smoke detectors
- Textiles (clean & dry – usable or unusable clothing , shoes, linens, accessories; no rugs or carpets!)
- Tires

## PLACE IN HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE



- Trash – any item or material that cannot be recycled

## OTHER



- Plastic bags and other plastic film packaging may be returned to retailers participating in the WRAP recycling program. Details at [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org)
- Medication disposal (prescription and OTC ) – permanent drop-off box in the lobby of the Darien Police Station, 25 Hecker Avenue.
- Hazardous waste – Household Hazardous Waste Day is the 1st Saturday in June in Darien



**Remember – RECYCLING RIGHT conserves valuable resources, energy and tax dollars!**

For further information please visit the Public Works page at [www.darienct.gov](http://www.darienct.gov).  
Questions or comments? Email [recycle@darienct.gov](mailto:recycle@darienct.gov). For regular updates,  
follow Darien Recycling Center on Facebook and Twitter!