

Single Stream Recycling Guidelines (cont.)

Some key items not accepted in Single Stream Recycling include:

- Tiny, loose items less than 2"X2" in size
- Plastic bags, plastic wraps and packaging films
- Shredded paper
- Styrofoam
- Mylar products (chip bags, candy and power bar wrappers, helium balloons); look for tear-resistance and shiny, reflective interior.
- Contaminated items (diapers, sanitary products, paper towels, tissues, napkins, medical waste)
- Ink cartridges can be recycled at local retail stores (Staples, Best Buy, Target) or with prepaid labels from on-line retailers (Quill.com, HP, Xerox)
- Mirrors
- Pyrex glass and ceramics
- Razors and hypodermic needles
- Rubber and latex items
- Tyvek envelopes
- Wax, waxed paper, or wax-coated paper (eg. Dixie cups)
- Wooden pencils or crates (from produce, food, or wine)

Place in household garbage:

- Trash is any item or material that cannot be recycled.
- Items contaminated with food, grease, chemicals, and non-recyclables

Questions on Recycling in Connecticut?

Search for answers at www.recyclect.com or download the **RecycleCT Wizard** App free today from Apple or Google.

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All residents, including those who use a hauler, are encouraged to have a permit to take advantage of the increased recycling opportunities at the Darien Recycling Center!

Color Map Available

Find a Color Map of the Recycling Center by scanning this QR Code:



Unacceptable Waste

The following items are not accepted at the Darien Recycling & Refuse Center:

- Hazardous waste disposal occurs on Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHWD) held on the first Saturday in June in Darien. Visit ct.gov/deep for HHW dates in neighboring communities.
- Liquids (paint & waste oil accepted in the specific locations shown on the map)
- Asbestos
- Pathological or medical waste
- Fire extinguishers, propane tanks, cylinders, sealed containers, and barrels
- Prescription & Over-the-Counter drugs are disposed of in the bin in the lobby of the Darien Police Station, 25 Hecker Avenue. No needles or lotions are permitted.



Darien Recycling & Refuse Center

126 Ledge Road, Darien CT 06820
(203) 656-7340

Hours of Operation

Monday - Saturday, 7:00am to 2:45pm
Swap Shop*: M-F 8:30am to 1:00pm

*Swap Hours subject to change

Holiday closures: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas.

Department of Public Works (DPW)

Darien Town Hall
2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT 06820
(203) 656-7346

Recycling Center Permits

A current permit is required to enter the Darien Recycling Center. Yearly permits expire on June 30th. **Renewals** may be done on-line. A **new permit** may be obtained by mail or in person at Town Hall (DPW). Check website for fees and required documentation.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- **WEBSITE:** go to www.darienct.gov or search for "Darien Recycling Center" in any browser.
- **FACEBOOK:** 'Like' the Darien Recycling Center page for regular updates or to ask questions.
- **TWITTER:** follow @DarienRecycles.

What & How to Recycle at the Darien Recycling Center

Look for signage at the drop-off locations or refer to the map on our website.

Appliances

Refrigeration equipment (freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) requires a \$15 Freon-recovery fee. Pay cash or check to scale house attendant or at DPW office. Freon-free items (washers, dryers, ovens, stoves) require no fee and are placed with scrap metal. Small, non-metal appliances are placed with e-waste.

Batteries (all types)

Bins located inside transfer station building for

- Automotive (lead acid)
- Non-rechargeable (alkaline)
- Rechargeable (lithium-ion, NiCad, NiMH) and specialty (lithium, silver oxide). These can also be placed with e-waste.

Construction & Demolition Debris

All non-combustible materials (asphalt shingles, sheetrock, porcelain, fiberglass, tiles, etc.) and treated lumber.

Oversized bulky waste: combustible materials (untreated lumber, etc.) is permitted only if it is too large to fit in the MSW hopper (larger than 6" in diameter and 4' in length).

Electronics: Any item with a cord, or that uses a cord to charge.

Food Scraps: Place in the totes to the right of the transfer station building.

Lawn & Garden Debris: Leaves, brush (branches, twigs, stumps, vegetation) and grass clippings. Logs are dropped in a separate area (see map).

Light bulbs (all types, unbroken)

Bins are located inside the transfer station building.

What & How to Recycle... (cont.)

Mattresses: Must be dry.

Oversized Plastic

Plastic too large for the recycling bin (patio furniture, play toys, car seats).

Paint

Any brand of oil-based or latex paint, primer, stain, sealer. No aerosols or solvents. Must be in original container (label intact) with secure lid.

Reusable Items—Swap Shop

Most household items accepted. No large furniture or appliances, TVs, clothing, mattresses, cribs, or car seats. Please place items inside the shop.

Scrap Metal

All unusable metal goods. No appliances with Freon.

Single Stream Recycling

Paper, flattened cardboard, rigid plastics, glass, and metal are permitted. Detailed information is provided on the right fold of this page.

Smoke Alarms

Place ionizing smoke alarms in the yellow CuriePack inside the transfer building near batteries and paint.

Textiles

Clean, dry, usable clothing, footwear, linens (bedding, towels, draperies), or accessories (handbags & backpacks, belts, hats, gloves, scarves). No rugs or carpets.

Tires: Place on the ground next to locked trailer.

Waste Oil (motor oil, only)

See attendant for proper procedure & recycling tank location. No anti-freeze, brake fluid or gasoline.

*Leaf Compost and Wood Chips are available for permit holders to take for **Free!** These piles are located beyond the scale house. **Help yourself!***

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Paper, Flattened Cardboard, Glass, Rigid Plastics, and Metal are permitted in Single Stream

Recyclables must be:

- **LOOSE** - do not put in plastic bags
- **EMPTY** - no food or liquids
- **RINSED** - to avoid contamination of stream

Paper & Cardboard includes newspapers & magazines, food & beverage cartons, mixed paper, flattened boxes, and like items.

Glass includes bottles & jars.

Metal includes food & beverage cans, aluminum foil, and foil containers.

Plastic includes jugs, tubs, and lids.

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WHY RECYCLE?

Recycling conserves natural resources, reduces greenhouse gases, and saves on solid waste disposal costs (and taxpayer dollars!)