

Single Stream Recycling Guidelines (cont.)

Items NOT included in Single Stream Recycling:

- Any tiny, loose items less than 2"X2" in size
- Plastic bags, plastic wraps and film packaging
- 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—recycle at local retail stores (Staples, Best Buy, Target) or with prepaid labels from on-line retailers (Quill.com, HP, Xerox)
- Mirrors
- Pyrex glass
- 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—any item or material that cannot be recycled;
- Items contaminated by food/grease/chemicals/non-recyclables.

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!

Unacceptable Waste

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

- Hazardous waste—save for Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHWD) - always the first Saturday in June in Darien. Visit ct.gov/deep for HHW dates in neighboring communities.
- Liquids
- Asbestos
- Pathological or medical waste
- Barrels, cylinders, fire extinguishers, propane tanks and sealed containers
- Prescription & OTC drugs—drop-off bin in lobby of Darien Police Station, 25 Hecker Avenue. No needles or lotions.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- **WEBSITE:** darienct.gov (click on Town Services) or search "Darien Recycling Center" in any browser.
- **FACEBOOK:** "Like" the Darien Recycling Center page for regular updates or to ask questions.
- **TWITTER:** follow @DarienRecycles.

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



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Darien Recycling & Refuse Center

126 Ledge Road, Darien CT 06820

(203) 656-7340

Darienct.gov (click on Town Services)

Hours of Operation

Monday—Saturday, 7:00 am to 2:45pm
(Swap Shop closes 2:00 pm)

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.

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—place with scrap metal. Small, non-metal appliances—place 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.) permitted here only if too large to fit into 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 can be dropped off in a separate area.

Light bulbs (all types—unbroken)

What & How ... (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 appliances, TVs, clothing, mattresses, cribs, car seats. Please place items inside tent.

Scrap Metal

All unusable metal goods. No appliances with Freon.

Single Stream Recycling

Paper, cardboard, plastic, glass & metal—all in one bin (see detailed info on right fold).

Smoke Alarms

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

Textiles

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

Tires: Place on ground next to locked trailer.

Waste Oil (motor oil, only)

Recycling tank is locked—see attendant. 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!

Single Stream Recycling Guidelines

Paper • Flattened Cardboard

Glass • Rigid Plastic • Metal

ALL IN ONE BIN

Recyclables must be:

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

Notes:

- Cardboard should be flattened
- **These items are no longer accepted in single stream:**
 - * Plastic bags, plastic wraps and film packaging
 - * Shredded paper
 - * Styrofoam
 - * Tiny, loose items less than 2"X2"

For a complete list of single stream recyclables, please check our website.

