

Rules for Recycling

What You Can and Can't Put in Your Recycling Cart



What About Recyclable Items That Can't Go in My Recycle Cart?

Household Hazardous Waste

Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) operates a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program free for all Delaware residents. Numerous events are held throughout the year.

You can bring the following items to a HHW collection event:

- Product containers marked with words, "Warning: Hazardous," "Flammable," "Poisonous," "Corrosive" or "Explosive." See below for listing.
- Household Items: Full aerosol cans, bleach, chemistry kits, nail polish, polish removers, perfumes, disinfectants, drain cleaners, floor wax, mercury thermometers, moth balls, oven cleaner, spot remover, toilet cleaner, fluorescent light bulbs and compact fluorescent light bulbs.
- Explosives: Ammunition, firecrackers, gunpowder
- Workshop Items: Corrosives, paints (other than latex), small compressed-gas cylinders, solvents, stains, strippers, thinners, varnish, wood preservatives, fluorescent bulbs
- Yard/Garden Items: Fungicides, herbicides, pesticides, pool chemicals
- Automotive Materials: Antifreeze, auto batteries, degreasers, waste fuels - gasoline, kerosene, used motor oil mixed with other fuels

DSWA also provides dedicated local Recycling Drop-off Centers for many common items such as batteries and large cardboard boxes.

To find a current schedule of HHW events or a local drop-off center, visit: www.dswa.com.

Electronic Goods

DSWA has an electronic goods recycling (EGR) program. DSWA facilities offer electronic goods recycling drop off events for residents at least once a week. DSWA also holds special electronic goods collection events throughout the year.

To find the nearest drop-off location or the next special event, visit: www.dswa.com.

Acceptable electronic goods for recycling:

- Personal Computers and Monitors
- Keyboards, Mice, Terminals, Cables and Printers
- Laptop computers and Notepad Computers
- Copiers, Calculators and Electronic Typewriters
- Telephones, Cellular Phones and Pay Telephones
- Recorders and Answering Machines
- Televisions, Video cameras and Tape recorders
- VCRS, Cassette & DVD Players and Radios
- Microwave Ovens and Electronic Toys

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