**Mini-Disposal Guide for Residential Reusables, Recyclables, Compostables & Trash in Addison County**

Recycling: It’s the law in Vermont. It is illegal to throw recyclables and other banned items away as landfill-bound trash.

Got questions about disposal options, fees, and specifications? Contact ACSWMD!
Phone: (802) 388-2333
E-mail: info@acswmd.org
Visit: [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org)

**HazWaste**

HazWaste Center hours are Mon-Fri, 8 - 2 pm & Sat, 8 - 1 pm

Household products with labels that contain the words “Warning,” “Danger,” “Poison,” or “Caution” DO NOT belong in the trash. Instead, bring these items to our HazWaste Center at no charge to District Residents:

- Automotive & engine supplies & fluids
- Home improvement supplies, including:
  - paints
  - stains
  - thinners
- varnish
- adhesives
- tars
- household cleaners
- drain openers
- garden supplies
- fertilizers
- pesticides
- gas cylinders
- mercury containing devices & lighting

PLEASE NOTE: Businesses with hazardous waste must register for an appointment time and are responsible for all disposal costs.

The District’s REUSE IT OR LOSE IT! sheds are closed. Consider other ways to donate household goods and building materials in reusable condition. Methods include donating goods and materials to family and friends, advertising reusable goods on Front Porch Forum, Facebook Marketplace, FreeCycle or Craigslist, hosting a yard sale or donating to an area thrift store.

**District Drop-Offs**

District residents & businesses can bring trash, recycling, food scraps and leaf & yard waste to one of 16 town drop-off stations. Some exclusions apply. To learn more, visit [www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org](http://www.AddisonCountyRecycles.org) and search, “Town drop-off.”
Mandatory Recyclables. Banned from landfill disposal. No food residue. Items must be clean, empty & dry.

**PAPER**
- MUST BE EMPTY, CLEAN & DRY.
- **NEWSPAPERS**, **MAIL, OFFICE PAPER, ETC.**
- **CARDBOARD & BOXBOARD** Must be empty, clean & dry.

**PLASTIC**
- MUST BE EMPTY, & RINSED CLEAN.
- **BOTTLES, TUBS & JUGS**
- **SINGLE-USE FOODWARE**

**METAL**
- MUST BE EMPTY, & RINSED CLEAN.
- **CANS**
- **ALUMINUM FOIL & PANS**

**GLASS**
- MUST BE EMPTY, & RINSED CLEAN.
- **BOTTLES**
- **JARS**

**Common Blue Bin No-Nos:**
- Cartons: Ice cream containers, orange juice cartons, milk cartons & soup cartons are not recyclable.
- Shoes & clothing: Donate or throw away.
- Automotive parts & other scrap metal: Only metal food & beverage containers allowed in recycling bins.
- Plastic bags, Styrofoam in any form.

Q: Why aren’t plastic bags recyclable in my blue bin? A: They get tangled in the recycling equipment, causing facility shutdowns. Many grocery stores accept them for special recycling!

Q: Why aren’t paper cups recyclable? A: They have an unrecyclable plastic or wax coating.

Q: Do I really have to rinse my plastic & glass recyclables? A: Yep. Recycling works because companies that buy recyclables need those recyclables to be uncontaminated. Food & beverages are contaminants. Hint: Soak your peanut butter jar in hot, soapy water overnight — it’ll be easier to clean.

Q: Why isn’t Styrofoam recyclable? A: We don’t produce enough in Addison County to make it economically or environmentally feasible to collect it and ship to market.

Q: Why isn’t everything with a number recyclable? A: Many people may be surprised to learn that the recycling symbol, also known as the chasing arrows symbol does not indicate recyclability. The symbol is simply meant to indicate the type of plastic the item is made out of (i.e. resin code).

**NOTE:** All items should be at least 2” on any 2 dimensions.