

Riverkeeper Sweep Recycling Tips

Cans, Bottles, and Plastics:

These items can be bagged as recyclables, even if they're dirty. **Check to make sure your city takes the following, and ask whether they need to be separated by type:**



Plastic Bottles and Containers #1-7



Glass Containers



Metal Containers

Other Large Items:



Tires can be recycled - ask your local Highway Department or local tire center if they'll take what your crew collects. [Bridgestone](#) also offers services to help.

Metals of various types can be recycled at local scrap yards or transfer stations. Items include: tire rims, shopping carts, fencing, and other pieces of metal that are too large for household recycling programs.



Textiles can be recycled! Call your local Goodwill and Salvation Army to see if they recycle ripped, stained, unusable clothing, rugs, and other fabrics. [Learn more about textile recycling here.](#) **Items must be CLEAN and DRY to be dropped off.**

TRASH



Marine Floats: Local marinas may be interested in taking back items like bumpers and buoys if they're in good shape. If not reusable, the foam should be discarded with the trash.

Household Plastic Goods and Other Good Things: Big plastic toys may be donated if in good enough shape. Bicycles can be donated to local groups if the frame is in decent shape. Ask your closest used bike shop if they want it for parts.



Wood: If you find untreated wood planks that are not warped or cracked, they may be suitable for various building projects! Remember: you cannot burn treated or painted wood, and you cannot use treated wood for raised bed planters. Treated wood has a greenish tint - ask fellow volunteers if unsure.

Other ideas:

Terracycle is a company that collects non-traditionally recyclable items like cigarette butts, paper cartons, and thin plastic packaging. Visit terracycle.com and choose the username "NFPRiverkeeperSweepYourSiteName" (ie. "NFPRiverkeeperSweepRiversidePark"). You can then sign up to recycle any of a number of categories of waste.

Get Informed on your Local Recycling Regulations & Resources:

Westchester County:

<http://environment.westchestergov.com/recycling/curbside-recycling>

NYC:

<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/services/recycling/what-to-recycle>

New Jersey:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/>

Rockland County:

<http://www.rocklandrecycles.com>

Putnam County:

<http://www.putnamcountyny.com/green-putnam/#toggle-id-3>

Orange County:

<https://www.orangecountygov.com/434/Recycling>

Ulster County:

http://www.ucrra.org/files/2015/04/UCRRA_RecyclingBrochure_3.pdf

Dutchess County:

<http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/countygov/departments/solidwastemgmt/21814.htm>

Rensselaer County:

<http://www.rensselaer.ny.gov/departments/DepartmentPublicWorks-SolidWasteDepartment.aspx>

Columbia County:

<http://www.wm.com/location/oregon/columbiacounty/ documents/odd-recycling.pdf>

Greene County:

<http://www.co.greene.pa.us/secured/gc2/depts/ed/swr/swr.htm>

Saratoga County:

<http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/wp/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/NEW-Recycling-FLYER-PDF.pdf>