

RESOURCES:

-**Norwich Transfer Station attendants** are very knowledgeable. They can answer many of your questions. Just ask!

-**Greater Upper Valley Solid Waste Management District** (guvswmd.org) is the solid waste authority for Norwich offering helpful resources from A to Z.

-**LISTEN Thrift Store, The COVER Store,** and various consignment shops: Accepting furniture, clothing, household goods, etc.

-**Apparel Impact textile collection bins** located throughout the Upper Valley.

-**The Norwich Solid Waste Committee** is happy to receive comments or suggestions at our public meetings.

Coming soon:

-**Updated Solid Waste Committee website** with more info on recycling, trash & compost.

-**“BetterBin” app** - use your smartphone’s camera to scan packaging barcodes for recycling instructions for Norwich.

All recyclables must be 2” or larger

Anything smaller than 2” can fall through the sorting machinery at the materials recovery facility (MRF). Example: Plastic prescription bottles must go in the trash.

When in doubt, throw it out! An item that’s not really recyclable can contaminate an entire load of marketable recyclables.

SPECIAL RECYCLING:

FEE REQUIRED:

Electrical items w/ cords (microwaves, small appliances, etc.)

Construction and Demolition materials (see the attendants for more info.)

FREE:

Household Batteries and fluorescent light bulbs (all types and sizes) are collected at the office. No car/truck batteries.

Electronics: TV’s, computers & their peripherals, monitors, & desktop printers

Paint. Norwich Transfer Station collects paint for the VT PaintCare program. They accept oil, latex, and stains in their original can. If it’s missing a label, rusted, or leaking, the can **MUST** go to a household hazardous waste event. (See below.) Completely hardened paint goes in the trash.

Food Scraps: Compost at home or bring your food scraps (including bones and cooking oil) to the transfer station.

NOT ACCEPTED:

Motor oil, paint thinner, household cleaners, herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers, pool cleaners, etc. These items are only accepted at special household hazardous waste events in our region.

Styrofoam is not recycled here but there are special collection events in the Upper Valley.

Tires are no longer accepted. You can bring them to Lebanon Landfill, Evergreen Recycling (Wilder) or ask the place where you buy your new tires if they’ll take the old ones.

Norwich Transfer Station

24 New Boston Road

Wednesday and Saturday, 8 am - 4:45 pm

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RECYCLING PROPERLY SAVES
THE TOWN MONEY



Did you know that some recyclables are more valuable when they are separated? Sorting trash at home for recycling makes your trip to the transfer station faster *and saves the town money.*

This brochure will help guide you in handling the many different recyclable materials collected at the Norwich Transfer Station.

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GLASS

YES: Empty and rinsed food and beverage containers (Pickle jars and wine bottles.)

NO: Pyrex, cookware, ceramics and drinkware (dispose in trash). Large items like mirrors, windows or auto glass go in the construction-demolition dumpster.

VT deposit glass bottles go in bins on pallets next to the glass dumpster.

Q: Why isn't glass part of Zero Sort recycling?

A: Glass is heavy and therefore expensive to transport. NTS collects glass separately, can store it for longer periods, and therefore ship it less frequently. This saves the town money.

Q: What happens if the "wrong" glass gets into the glass recycling container?

A: If the load is contaminated with other material like window glass, the town is then charged a higher fee. The town loses money when deposit bottles are thrown in the recycling container. Employees waste time removing the "wrong" glass from the containers.



One of our transfer station employees pulls misplaced items out of the glass container. Leaving it there would contaminate the waste stream and cut our revenues!

PLASTIC

- ONLY



PET

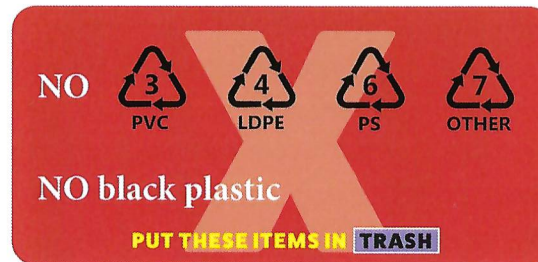


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- VT-deposit plastic bottles go in bags to the side



PLASTIC BAGS:

-Although not recyclable at the NTS, grocery stores collect plastic bags.

-Please do not put plastic bags or any plastic "film" with your other recyclables. They get caught in the machinery at the sorting facility.

SCRAP METAL

YES: Any metal or product containing at least 75% metal (Example: toasters are OK.)

NO: Even if it mostly contains metal, nothing with chips (like computers or microwaves) or refrigerant (AC units or refrigerators). If in doubt, check with an attendant.

SINGLE STREAM or "ZERO SORT"

PAPER:

YES: Loose paper, junk mail, paperback books, non-greasy pizza boxes, cereal boxes, egg cartons, paper bags, magazines, and newspapers. Please do not bundle, tie or bag.

NO: Tissue paper, paper towels, shredded paper, gift wrapping, spiral notebooks, coffee cups, waxy milk or ice cream cartons and juice boxes. (These all go in the trash.)

PLASTICS:

YES: #1, #2 or #5 are acceptable.

NO: Black plastics, buckets, baskets, bins, feed bags, containers lined with plastic, films, food wraps, grocery bags - even if it has a #1, #2, or #5 recycling symbol.

METAL - CANS, LIDS & FOIL:

YES: Aluminum soda cans, tin food cans, metal lids & non-crumpled foil. Please rinse!

NO: Wire, pots & pans. (See Scrap Metal)

MAYBE: Redeemable bottles/cans. These are OK in mixed recycling, but cans and plastic bottles are collected next to the dumpster door so deposit refunds go to the town. Put deposit glass bottles in the small bin near the glass dumpster.

CARDBOARD

YES: Corrugated, brown or colored cardboard.

Please flatten and remove staples. Tape is OK.

NO: Pizza boxes, cereal boxes, egg cartons, or paperboard. These items go into the mixed recycling compactor. Waxed cardboard goes in the trash.