

## Recycling Guidelines

Are you new to town or new to recycling? Welcome! Our self-serve recycling center bins are for use by Monroe residents only, for items from Monroe residences. The recycling bins are located in the parking lot of the Monroe Municipal building. Turn in at the road near the Fire Danger sign on Route 135 (Woodsville Rd).

In 2020 we joined forces with the Town of Littleton to create a more cost-effective recycling program that allows the community to continue recycling at the current location and in a similar way. Zero sort recycling has been replaced with our own custom containers. This program requires residents to sort the material into 6 categories.

### Categories are as follows:

1. Corrugated cardboard (double-walled cardboard, not paperboard)
2. Mixed paper
3. Glass
4. Plastics - marked with recycling symbol #1 through #7 - exception is black plastic containers.
5. Aluminum beverage cans in the big wire mesh aluminum beverage can bin (Fun Fact: The cans are redeemed, and the refund is used to support the Monroe 8<sup>th</sup> graders class trip.)
6. Metal - includes all metal items such as duct work, tire rims and grills and small metal items such as soup, vegetable and pet food cans made of steel – no aluminum beverage cans.

**Remember:** No plastic bags in the recycling bins; only the items you are recycling

The library or town offices can print this information out for you if needed.

The bins will be emptied as needed by town employees who will prepare the items for transport to Littleton. This program depends on the community to correctly sort their own material prior to placing it in the bins (absolutely no bags, loose material only). The better we do as a community in sorting our material the more cost effective the program will be. If you have any questions, please ask a town employee or Email Justin @ JBradshaw@MonroeNH.org.

### Corrugated Cardboard and Mixed Paper

1. **Into the Cardboard Recycling Bin-** This means corrugated cardboard; it must be clean and dry; flatten corrugated cardboard containers before adding them to the corrugated cardboard bin.

**NOTE: Corrugated Cardboard** is double-walled cardboard. It's named for the interior layer of wavy paper, also called the corrugated medium, which gives the cardboard its strength.

**NOT OK:** waxed cartons or waxed cardboard.

2. **Into the Mixed Paper Recycling Bin** - This includes junk mail, magazines, egg cartons, food/cereal boxes, phone books, paperback books, office/school paper and newspapers, paper bags.

**Plain "cardboard," also called paperboard, goes into the Mixed Paper Recycling Bin.**

**NOT OK:** gift wrap, soiled tissues or napkins, pizza boxes or other food boxes with food/oil residue.

**NOTE:** Staples, paperclips, and window envelopes are OK.

### Glass Recycling

**Into the Glass Bin** - Bottle and jars, ceramics, windowpanes, porcelain, sinks and toilets (Fixtures must be removed). You don't have to scrub the food containers, just rinse or wipe out before recycling.

**Not OK:** lightbulbs, headlights, windshields, fixtures.

**NOTE:** Bring fluorescent bulbs that have already been removed from their fixtures to a scheduled Big Trash Day.

## Plastic Recycling

**Into the plastics bins** can go Plastics #1- #7 including drink bottles, food and household bottles, food container tubs and lids (such as margarine and cream cheese tubs and lids), clamshell and other containers for produce, deli and bakery containers, cups and trays, nonfood containers, and packaging.

**Not OK:** Large storage totes and tubs, black plastic trays and containers, containers that held hazardous products, flowerpots or buckets, bags, wrap or film plastic, Styrofoam, or other foam.

**NOTE:** You don't have to scrub the containers, just rinse or wipe out before recycling.

**\*\*Plastics are identified by the following symbols, commonly found on the bottom of the container:**



## Plastic Bags, Liners, and Plastic Films

**Monroe's program does not recycle plastic films such as grocery bags.** But Walmart and many supermarkets have recycling containers at their store entrance for these.

**Remember:** Do not leave plastic bags in the bins. Only put in the items you are recycling, not the bags you carried them in.

## Metal Recycling and Aluminum Beverage Cans

1. **Into the Metal Recycling Bin** – All metals including soup, vegetable and pet food cans made of steel – not aluminum beverage cans. This also includes larger items that are all metal that you might have once saved to bring to Large Trash Day.

**NOT OK:** Coffee makers, paper shredders, items made of a combination of metal and plastic, or other materials. These should be saved for the scheduled Big Trash Days.

**NOTE:** You don't have to scrub the food containers, just rinse or wipe out before recycling.

2. **Into the Aluminum Beverage Cans Wire Mesh Bin** – Aluminum Beverage Cans only. The cans are redeemed, and the refund is used to support the Monroe 8th graders class trip.

## Monroe BIG TRASH DAYS/BIG JUNK DAYS

We are so lucky to have Big Trash Days in our town. Watch for the dates in the newsletter and on the town website. They are from 7am to 11am. Same as our recycling bins, Monroe Big Trash Days are exclusively for Monroe residents only, for items from Monroe residences.

This is where large items that cannot easily be disposed of can be taken: building materials, mattresses, appliances, lamps, and such.

Electronics are accepted at Big Trash Days.

Fluorescent bulbs that have already been removed from their fixtures are also accepted.

The size limit is one cord of big trash or junk. It must be organized in such a way that it can quickly and safely be removed from your vehicle.

**For Safety:** Picking from the dumpsters is not allowed.

**Note: Tires may only be dropped off during big Trash Days.** Tires must be designed for a 21-inch or smaller rim. They must be removed from the rims. (Rims go into the metal bin). They must be clean and not full of dirt and water.

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**Additional Option:** The NH Department of Environmental Services offers a list of Computer and Electronics Recycling Vendors as a reference in the search for recycling options: <https://bit.ly/E-recycle>

The list presents commercial manufacturers and charitable organizations that accept computer and electronic equipment.

**NOTE:** The library or town offices can print this electronic recycling list out for you if needed.

## **Hazardous Chemicals**

Hazardous waste includes insecticides, pesticides, non-latex paint, unused gasoline, pool chemicals, recyclable batteries.

**Do not bring these to recycling.** Keep these in a safe place, away from children and pets and save them for a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in our town or a local town.

## **Unwanted or Expired Medicines**

Bring these to the secure collection box at the entrance to the Littleton Police Department or the North Haverhill Police Department. The pharmacies at Walmart in Woodsville and Littleton have a secure drop off bin, available when the pharmacy is open.

**NOTE:** For your privacy, black out or remove labels with personal identification.

## **Clothing**

The Littleton Food Co-op is hosting two bins from Apparel Impact, a veteran-owned NH textile recovery company. Your donated clothing will be sorted for re-use or recycling. Some items get distributed to community programs for folks in need, and the rest are sorted and recycled into all kinds of things like fiber, yarn, rags, and more.

**Items Accepted:** all clothing, all shoes/sandals, purses, bags, hats, ties & scarves, towels & linens

All items must be dry, contain no odor or mold. Items DO NOT need to be in wearable condition.