

Recycling News

Over the last few months, the use of our Recycling Program here in Monroe has increased dramatically. This is great news, but this also means it is time to develop a program to better meet the needs of the community. Starting (8/10/2020) we will be joining forces with the Town of Littleton to create a more cost-effective recycling program that also allows the community to continue recycling at the current location and in a similar way. The current zero sort recycling containers will be replaced with our own custom containers. This new program will require residents to sort the material into 7 categories.

Categories are as follows:

1. **Cardboard**- This is corrugated cardboard; it must be clean and dry; boxes must be broken down as flat as possible. No waxed cardboard
2. **Paper** - This includes the following: Junk mail, magazines, egg cartons, food/cereal boxes, phone books/paperbacks, office/school paper and newspapers. Staples, paperclips, and window envelopes are ok.
3. **#1 PETE Plastic** (Bottles and Jars only)** - Examples are soda/water bottles, Peanut butter jars, salad dressing bottles. Can not be solid or dark colored
4. **#2 HDPE Plastic** (Bottles only)** - Examples are Milk/Water Jugs, Detergent, and soap containers. Cannot have contained Oils.
5. **Glass** – Bottle and Jars, ceramics, windowpanes, porcelain, sinks and toilets (Fixtures must be removed). NO lightbulbs, headlights, or windshields.
6. **Aluminum Cans** - This will remain the same as the current setup.
7. **Metal** – All metals (other than aluminum cans); This includes anything metal that you might have once saved to bring to Large Junk day; Food containers must be cleaned.

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.

We will also continue to accept tires and electronics. Tires must be removed from the rims. (Rims go in the metal bin).

Our final large trash day of the year will be held on September 19th from 7am to 11am. The town personnel working that day are going to place items they feel could be reused or repurposed along the side of the municipal building. These items will be available for community members to take from noon on Saturday until Monday morning. Please help yourself if you see anything in that area you could use. Picking from the dumpsters is not allowed.

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

