

CITY OF NEW CASTLE RECYCLING INFORMATION



Who must Recycle: All residents and businesses of New Castle are required by state and local laws to recycle at their curb. Property managers must provide recycling for housing, condo, or apartment complexes for situations where they arrange for trash disposal. Act 101 and New Castle provide penalties for recycling violations.

Contact: Aiken Refuse, 724-758-9400, for information about your account and questions about the program. Contact New Castle for bins (when available)—724-656-3568.

How are Materials Collected: At your curb. Materials can be mixed together.

When: Contact Aiken Refuse for your schedule.

Large/Bulky Item Pickup: Residents purchase special tags for bulky items through the City's contractor, Aiken Refuse. Tags are available for purchase from Aiken Refuse's website.

Leaf & Yard Waste (excluding grass): Leaf waste must be placed in a brown paper leaf bag and put out during your normal trash pickup. Contact the City or Aiken for the schedule.

Christmas Trees: Aiken Refuse will pick up Christmas Trees at no charge to their customer base between Jan 4 – Jan 14 on normal garbage days. The tree must be free of decorations and trees greater than 8' must be cut into 4 pieces.

For More Information:

<https://www.newcastlepa.org/live/garbage-waste/>
<https://www.aikenrefuse.com/new-castle-residents>

Aiken Refuse

724-758-9400

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- Aluminum
- Steel and Tin CANS
- Plastic BOTTLES & JUGS
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Magazines
- Newspapers, Including Inserts
- Mixed Office Paper
- Junk Mail

Only bottles, jugs, cans, and clean paper are recyclable in the curbside program. Do not place materials in plastic bags and do not include any items not listed. Acceptable materials may periodically change so always follow the information provided from your hauler.

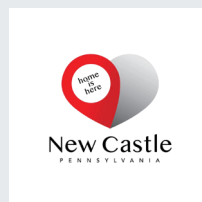
Aiken Refuse has the right to reject recycling bins that contain non-recyclable materials.

Businesses must also recycle but may pick the recycling hauler of their choice.

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<https://lawrencecountypa.gov/departments/recycling-and-solid-waste>

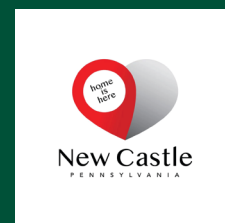
www.mercercountypa.gov/recycling



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USEFUL INFORMATION



Recycling can be confusing because what is accepted as recyclable may be different between hauling companies and communities. Recycling programs are driven by markets and vary from region to region and state to state. Newer residents that move to our community are often surprised by the differences.

“Wishcycling” and Contamination

Contamination occurs when trash/unacceptable materials are placed in your recycling bin. With wishcycling people mean well, but unintentionally hurt recycling programs by placing the wrong materials into their bins. Examples include plastic toys, food containers, tubing, or buckets. When placed in the recycling bin, these and similar items must be physically removed and then landfilled. It is estimated that up to 20% of the cost of recycling is used to deal with items that should have been placed in the trash. Items that are not listed as recyclable WILL NOT get recycled. This includes plastic bags.

Plastic is the most confusing material because it comes in a variety of forms and resins that are chemically different. People often think that because something is “plastic” that it is recyclable. This is not the case. The same holds true with the “recycling” symbol and number commonly found on plastic items. The purpose of the symbol and number is to indicate the resin type. It has nothing to do with recycling!

Instead, focus on the shape of item. When it comes to recycling, think “plastic bottles/jugs, metal cans, and clean paper.” If you’re holding a plastic item, consider if it is a bottle. For example, butter tubs, yogurt containers, and clam-shell/take-out food containers are plastic and usually have a recycling symbol and number on them. But—they are not a bottle/jug and belong in the trash. When in doubt, throw it out.

How to Prepare Your Recyclables

A simple rinse of food/beverage bottles and jugs is all that is needed. Cardboard should be flattened and mixed papers (magazines, junk mail, newspapers) can be placed in your bin loosely or in a brown paper bag. Do not put any materials in plastic bags. Plastic bags must be ripped open. And loose bags jam conveyor belts and gears. They are a significant cost to manage when they get into the system and will not get recycled at the recycling center. Many local grocers accept plastic bags for recycling.

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