



Town of Porter

SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOME ---

GUIDE DOCUMENT

This document Must be posted in a conspicuous place within the Kitchen area!

SHORT-TERM RENTAL HOMES

Occupancy of a single-family residential premises for a term of no more than 30 days, on two or more occasions during any six-month period. Occupancy shall not exceed two people for each bedroom, plus two additional occupants. On-site parking as otherwise required by the Town of Porter Zoning Law shall be provided. All laws and ordinances related to the maintenance of single-family homes shall be complied with including, but not limited to, providing wastewater treatment facilities, fire protection systems, compliance with building maintenance rules and compliance with noise ordinances. Any violation shall be enforced by the Code Enforcement Officer, or other person authorized by law to enforce these laws and ordinances. In the event of three or more convictions/confirmed violations during any twelve-month period, any fines provided for in this zoning law shall be doubled. Property owners renting their single-family homes on a short-term rental basis are responsible to collect any bed or occupancy taxes which may be imposed by state or local municipalities. Short-term rentals are permitted in any district where a single-family residence is permitted. Only Single-family residences shall be used as a Short-Term Rental.

Short-Term Rental operations shall register with the Town of Porter Code Enforcement officer prior to commencing operations. The registration shall comprise of providing the Town with pertinent information regarding the operation as requested on an approved Registration Form. The Town Board shall approve, by resolution, the Short-Term Rental Form's content. A local Property manager shall be identified, and their contact information provided. The local Property manager shall be authorized by the owner of record to make determinations regarding all aspects of the property, live in the United States of America, within 30 miles of the Rental parcel, and be available 24 hrs. per day/seven days a week. Short Term Rental operators shall have a Hold Harmless Agreement duly executed with the Town of Porter, as approved by the Town's attorney, and filed with the Town Clerk's office. The Code Enforcement Officer is to maintain a current listing of all registered Short Term Rental properties and their required registration documentation. Enforcement of these stipulated requirements shall be per the currently adopted Zoning Code Enforcement and Zoning Code Penalties respective code sections. Failure to register a Short-Term Rental operation shall constitute a violation of the Zoning Code.

[L.L. No. 4-2023] - (§200-122)

- 1) **Parking** Requirements – **On-street parking** is **NOT** allowed for **STRH**. Off-street parking for any/all vehicles associated with lessees and lessors of **STRH** shall be accommodated on the site and in compliance with any adopted laws. Said vehicles shall include all cars, Trucks, SUV(s), RV(s), Boats/Trailers, Utility Trailers, etc..
- 2) **RVs** parked on a parcel, for which a **STRH** use exists, shall only be stored as an accessory use to the primary residence. **RV's** shall not be occupied/slept in for **STRH**.
- 3) **Occupancy Limits** – shall be posted & followed – no exceptions.
- 4) Full compliance **Smoke & CO** detection/alarm system shall comply with the currently adopted code and be in operation. No Smoking allowed.

- 5) An appropriate/inspected/operable/fully charged **Fire Extinguisher(s)** shall be in all cooking areas - within visual site of the primary stove/oven.
- 6) **Swimming Pools/Spas** shall be maintained in strict compliance with the currently adopted codes. Pool/Spa Safety regulations shall be posted in a conspicuous place.
- 7) A **Guest Registry** shall be maintained by the property **owner**; contact information for all registered Guest shall be made available to the Town Code Enforcement Officer, if requested.
- 8) **Owner/Operator/Agent**, if the owner is not local (within 30 miles of the **STRH** parcel), shall be on call/available 24/7:
 - a) **Owner/Agent Name (both):**

Owner/agent Phone number:

This information shall be posted/available in the **STRH** at all times.

- b) **Adjacent property owners** (*within 500 feet of Short-Term Rental Homes - from all property lines*) shall be notified of the Short-Term Rental Home's existence and provided with the Owner and or Agent contact information.
- 9) **Garbage/Refuse** disposal Rules shall be clearly posted in the Dwelling of a Short-Term Rental Home. Rules shall be in keeping with the Town's regulations/Refuse policies.
- 10) **Privacy of Neighboring occupants/properties is vitally important** – any/all efforts of both the Lessee & the Lessor to preserve the character of a neighborhood and the privacy of the immediate neighbors. In the event of three or more violations during any twelve-month period for Local Laws (*Noise, Noxious Odors, Property Maintenance, and or Trespassing, etc.*) will result in doubled fines. Lessees who violate said local laws may be charged with a violation and the penalties associated with said violation(s).
- 11) **Noise Limitation** regulation (Town of Porter's currently adopted local law) shall be posted in a conspicuous location within the Kitchen area of the **STRH**. Compliance with the Noise regulations is required by all occupants/lessee(s).
- 12) **Quiet Hours: 10pm to 7am**, (all days of the week)
- 13) Evidence of compliance with **Niagara County Bed and or Occupancy taxes** shall be provided upon request by the Town's Code Enforcement officer.
- 14) **Open Burning and or Recreational Fires** shall be discouraged by lessees given the high-risk nature of such activity. Open burning and or Recreational fires shall, at very least, comply with the Town of Porter Guidelines and the NYSDEC regulations. **Noxious odors/Smoke** may constitute a violation of the Town's Zoning law which will be actively enforced.

Chapter 200. Zoning

Article V. Requirements Applying to All Districts

§ 200-75. Noise limitations.

The Town of Porter recognizes that people have the right to and should be ensured an environment free from unreasonable, excessive noise that may jeopardize their health or safety or welfare or degrade their quality of life or value of their real property. This section is enacted to protect, preserve, and promote the health, well-being and quality of life for the residents of the Town of Porter through the reduction, control, and prevention of unreasonable and unnecessary noise.

- A. Except as provided in this section below, no person shall cause, suffer, or allow sound from the premises of any permitted use that creates a public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm, or recklessly creates a risk thereof by the making of unreasonable noise.
- B. For the purpose of this chapter, "unreasonable noise" shall mean any sound that is excessive or unusually loud and that disturbs the peace, comfort or repose of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.
- C. Factors to be considered in determining whether unreasonable noise exists include, but are not limited to the following:
 - (1) The level of the noise.
 - (2) Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual.
 - (3) Whether the origin of the noise is associated with nature or human-made activity.
 - (4) The intensity of the background noise, if any.
 - (5) The proximity of the noise to sleeping facilities.
 - (6) The nature and the zoning district of the area within which the noise emanates and the areas where it is received.
 - (7) The time of the day or night the noise occurs.
 - (8) The duration of the noise.
 - (9) Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent, or constant.
 - (10) The existence of complaints concerning the noise from persons who are affected by the noise.
- D. Noise prohibitions. The following acts are deemed to be in violation of this chapter when the sound there from is unreasonable noise as defined in Subsection **B** above. This enumeration is not exclusive:
 - (1) The playing of any noise-producing devices such as radios, electronic devices, televisions, CD players, loudspeakers, public address systems, musical instruments, and other amplification devices in such a manner or with such volume as to be audible beyond the property line of the premises upon which it is being used between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 am, or audible at a distance of 50 feet beyond the property line of the premises upon which it is being used between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
 - (2) Noise from a dog or other pet animal that disturbs the comfort and repose of any person in the vicinity and exceeds a period of 30 minutes, continuously or intermittently.

- (3) The sounding of any horn, security alarm or other auditory signaling device emanating from any structure, vehicle, vessel, engine, machine, or stationary boiler for a period of time longer than 15 minutes, except as required by law or to provide a warning signal during use thereof. This provision shall not be construed to prohibit the use and operation of a signal device on an emergency vehicle.
- (4) The use of any automobile, motorcycle, recreational vehicle or like vehicle so out of repair or operated in such a manner or at such a time as to create loud and unnecessary noise.
- (5) No person shall operate or cause to be operated, any recreational motorized vehicle, whether or not duly licensed and registered, either on or off a public right-of-way or on private lands at any time in such a manner as to create an unreasonable noise.
- (6) No person shall cause or permit discharge into the open air of the exhaust of any device, including but not limited to any steam engine, diesel engine, internal combustion engine or turbine engine, so as to create an unreasonable noise.
- (7) The operation of any power equipment, including a chainsaw, drill, grinder, lawn mower or garden tool, leaf blower, or similar tool in residential zones outdoors between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Mondays through Friday and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays. The hours restriction herein shall not apply to snow blowers during their normal use to remove snow.
- (8) The operation or causing the operation of any tools or equipment used in construction, excavation, demolition, grading, alteration or repair work between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Mondays through Fridays and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays, except for emergency work or work performed by public service utilities.
- (9) No person shall cause or permit the creation of any unreasonable noise adjacent to a hospital, school, library, nursing home, or long-term medical or mental care facility which interferes with the workings of such institutions or disturbs or annoys the occupants of said institutions, provided that conspicuous signs are displayed indicating the location of such facility.
- (10) No person shall cause or permit the creation of any unreasonable noise resulting from loud or raucous behavior likely to annoy or disturb the peace, comfort or repose of a reasonable person of normal sensitivities.

E. Exceptions. In addition to specific exceptions provided above, these provisions shall not apply to the following:

- (1) The emission of sound for the purpose of alerting persons to the existence of an emergency.
- (2) Noise from the use of machinery or equipment for public or private emergency needs or purposes.
- (3) Noise from the use of any authorized machinery or equipment for the purpose of the maintenance and repair of public roads and highways, including snowplows.
- (4) Noise generated by the installation and maintenance of utilities.
- (5) Agricultural activities on land zoned for such activities.
- (6) Noise from Town-sponsored celebrations or events.
- (7) Noise from nonsponsored events which have been authorized by the Town.
- (8) The operation or use of any organ, bells, chimes or sound amplifiers associated with a church, synagogue or any other place of public worship.
- (9) Refuse collection vehicles.
- (10) The discharge of firearms for the purpose of hunting during the hours and locations permitted by state and local law.
- (11) Activities of the Town, school, law enforcement, or volunteer fire company in performance of its duties, drills or public demonstrations.

(12) Noise from any legitimate commercial or industrial use or activity located in its proper zone as long as the noise emanating therefrom does not begin prior to the hour of 7:00 a.m. and does not regularly run beyond the hour of 12:00 a.m. or is not otherwise scheduled to run beyond 12:00 a.m.

- F. Enforcement. The noise control requirements established by this chapter shall be administered and enforced by the Town of Porter Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer, and/or the law enforcement agency that has jurisdiction in the Town of Porter.



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Recreational Fires & Open Burning Guidelines for the Town of porter

Purpose

The intent of this guideline is to provide the minimum standards necessary to meet the safety requirements when using **outdoor barbecues** and **recreational fires** such as **pit barbecues**, in addition to the requirements for **open burning**. The requirements are prescribed in 2020 Fire Code of New York and NYSDEC regulation Title 6 CRR-NY part 215.

No Open Burning of any kind between March 15 and May 15

Do Not Burn Garbage, Leaves, Plastics, Tires, Treated/Coated Wood, and Plywood

Scope

This guideline applies to **open burning**, **recreational fires**, and **commercial Barbecue pits**. **Open burning** is also regulated by New York State Environmental Conservation Law, §9,19, 6 NYCRR Part 215 Open Fires.

Fire Code of New York State - Definitions

Bonfire shall be defined as an outdoor fire utilized for ceremonial purposes.

Open Burning shall be defined as the burning of materials wherein products of combustion are emitted directly into the ambient air without passing through a stack or chimney from an enclosed chamber. Open burning does not include road flares, smudge pots and similar devices associated with safety or occupational uses typically considered open flames or recreational fires. For the purpose of this definition, a chamber shall be regarded as enclosed when, during the time combustion occurs, only apertures, ducts, stacks, flues or chimneys necessary to provide combustion air and permit the escape of external gas are open.

Portable Outdoor Fireplace. A portable, outdoor, solid-fuel-burning fireplace that may be constructed of steel, concrete, clay or other noncombustible material. A portable outdoor fireplace may be open in design, or may be equipped with a small hearth opening and a short chimney or chimney opening in the top.

Recreation Fire shall be defined as an outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, barbecue grill or barbecue pit and has a total fuel area of 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height; for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth and or similar purpose.

Requirements

Section §307.1 General. A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning unless conducted and approved in accordance with this section.

§307.2.1 Authorization. Where required by state or local law or regulations, open burning shall only be permitted with prior approval from the state or local (Niagara County) air and water quality management authority, provided that all conditions specified in the authorization are followed.

§307.3 Extinguishment authority. Where open burning creates or adds to a hazardous situation, or a required permit for open burning has not been obtained, the Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to order the extinguishment of the open burning operation.

§307.4 Location. The location for open burning shall not be less than 50 feet (15 240 mm) from any structure, and provisions shall be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet (15 240mm) of any structure.

Exceptions:

- (1) Fires in approved containers that are not less than 15 feet (4572 mm) from a structure;
- (2) The minimum required distance from the structure shall be 25 feet (7620 mm) where the pile size is 3 feet (914 mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610 mm) or less in height.

§307.4.1 Bonfires. A bonfire shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a structure or combustible material unless the fire is contained in a barbecue pit. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 50 feet (15 240 mm) of a

structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

§F307.4.2 Recreational fires. Recreational fires shall not be conducted within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure or combustible material. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 25 feet (7620 mm) of a structure shall be eliminated prior to ignition.

§307.4.3 Portable outdoor fireplaces. Portable outdoor fireplaces shall be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and shall not be operated within 15 feet (3048 mm) of a structure or combustible material. **Exception:** Portable outdoor fireplaces used at one and two-family dwellings.

307.5 Attendance. Open burning, bonfires or recreational fires shall be constantly attended until the fire is extinguished. A minimum of one (1) portable fire extinguisher with a 4-A rating or other approved on-site fire extinguishing equipment, such as dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose or water truck, shall be available for immediate utilization.

Administration

Recreational fires and portable outdoor fireplaces are a privilege and allowed for special occasions by the Code Enforcement Officer. A recreational fire, which creates property damage, personal injury or is deemed a nuisance, may be cause for further legal actions to be taken by the Code Enforcement Officer and or the Niagara County Sheriff Department.

The Code Enforcement Officer may allow burning for recreational purposes consistent with state, county and local codes and laws, using the following guidelines:

FIRE SAFETY must always be followed.

Recreational fires must be of the same size as in fireplaces (no larger than 3 feet in Diameter; no taller than 3 feet in Height), located 25 feet from combustible structures (houses, fences, sheds, garages, wooden decks, similar structures) and conducted on non-combustible surfaces.

Materials for burning must be clean seasoned firewood (wet wood, pressure treated wood, fresh cut wood, painted or stained wood creates smoky conditions (nuisance fire) and is not allowed to be burned).

Competent adult supervision must be at site while fire is burning. Competent adult supervision is someone over 18 years of age, not impaired by drugs, alcohol or having a medical or mental condition which would impair their ability to take proper actions if required.

A source of water must be available to control or extinguish any fire (charged garden hose hooked up to a water supply, multiple pans of water or a 4-A rating fire extinguisher).

No new materials may be added to a fire after 10 PM, fire must be extinguished before abandoning.

Fires cannot create a nuisance. Smoke and/or odors may be considered a nuisance.

Outdoor portable fireplaces made of metal, ceramic and like materials and contain a fire within that approved appliance. The approved appliances must follow these same rules (all) and not be placed on any combustible materials (decks, porches, tables, etc.) They may not be located less than 15 feet from a combustible structure and must be extinguished before abandoning.

The most common complaint from neighbors is when recreational fires are not conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations, or when the environmental conditions cause the smoke to migrate off the property into the residence of neighboring property. Persons with chronic breathing problems can often be affected by these conditions.

Another issue that commonly comes up associated with recreational fires, is noise and disturbance of the neighborhood when these events extend late into the evening. This is an Enforceable matter and will be dealt with by the Niagara County Sheriff Department or Town of Porter Code Enforcement Officer.

If a Code Enforcement Officer and or Deputy Sheriff orders you to extinguish your fire due to non-compliance with the rules and regulations, or the fire creates an offensive or objectionable condition, you are bound by law to comply with the request. Failure to do so may result in you being charged with violation of the open burning regulations.

Bonfires must be approved by the NYSDEC and or a Temporary Use permit issued By the Town of Porter, at least 30 days prior to such event. Bonfire Temporary Use Permits normally are only issued for community type events such as ceremonial events, pep rallies and neighborhood association gatherings.

Any fire causing the Fire department or Sheriff department to be called maybe considered by the responding official as a nuisance fire. Nuisance fires must be extinguished.

Do not hesitate to contact the Code Enforcement Office of the Town of Porter at (716) 745-3730, ext. 7, if you have any questions regarding this or any other fire safety concerns.

Website resources:

- ✓ <http://cceniagaracounty.org/environment/open-burning>
- ✓ <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/32060.html>



FAQs *New Cart-Based Program in the Town of Porter*

I DON'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, CAN I "OPT OUT"?

All Single, Double, Triple and four family parcels are required to participate in the Town's refuse collection program.

WHEN CAN I PUT OUT LARGE TRASH ITEMS?

Residents can place out a total of three (3) bulk items each quarter. Information will be mailed to you annually and available on the Town and Modern's website. Normal bagged household trash is not considered a bulk item and must be placed in your trash carts or have an "additional capacity" tag attached to be collected.

WHERE CAN I DISPOSE OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS?

The Town will issue each eligible address, two (2) dump permits per year for Modern Landfill. Residents with a Town issued dump permit (issued by the Town Clerks Office) will be able to dispose of additional items (no limit). Modern will be open to residents on the first Saturday of each month between 8 am and 12 pm.

WHAT IS ALLOWED AT THE CURB?

Each week you can place your trash cart out for collection. Please be sure the lid can close on your cart. Any additional bagged household trash outside the cart must have an "additional capacity" tag attached to be collected. During quarterly bulk collection, three (3) items are allowed out for placement. Recycling should be placed out every-other-week.

WHAT IF I WANT TO PUT OUT MORE WASTE?

There are options if you have more waste that will fit inside your cart. You may purchase "additional capacity" tags for bagged household trash for \$5 per tag at Town Hall. If you feel that you need an additional cart, please contact the Town Supervisors office. An additional cart will increase your Refuse District annual bill by \$55.00.

CAN I PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL CART FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN THE TOWN OF PORTER?

No. The Town has contracted with Modern for collection from ONLY Town issued carts for both refuse and recycling. Any other cart or can placed out for collection will not have the contents emptied.

WHAT DO I DO IN THE WINTER WHEN THERE IS SNOW IN MY DRIVEWAY?

We encourage you to clear a spot to place your cart when snow is on the ground. If you would like to place your cart in your driveway, you are welcome to, but please expect your cart in the same location after it is emptied.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CART BLOWS OVER?

We request that you make every effort to place your cart on stable ground. On very rare occasions, if a full cart blows over, please attempt to stand it up.

HOW DO I PLACE MY CARTS OUT FOR COLLECTION?

All carts should be at minimum of three (3) feet away from cars and other objects and handles must face towards the house. Please have carts out by 6am on day of collection. Contents must fit inside cart/not overflowing/lid should close. Any material outside of cart will not be collected unless it is bagged household waste fitted with an "additional capacity" tag purchased from the Town. Also, only waste in a Town issued cart will be collected.

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY OLD GARBAGE CONTAINERS?

If you wish to dispose of your old containers you may do so the week AFTER your new cart arrives. Simply place a "Take Me" sign on them and place out with your cart for collection. If you decide later to throw them out, please place them out during bulk collection week with a "Take Me" sign on them. If you have previously purchased carts from a home improvement store and do not want to dispose of them, you are encouraged to identify an alternate use for them.

MY CART IS DAMAGED OR BROKEN.

If your cart is broken, please contact the Town of Porter at 716-745-3730. If your lid is bent, it may just need a little time to return to its original form after delivery. Please allow one week or place your cart in the sun for a few hours to fix the lid.

CAN I WRITE MY HOUSE NUMBER ON MY CART?

Each cart is assigned a unique set of numbers and bar code. You are encouraged to write that number down in the event your cart is missing. Also, all carts are scanned with your address upon delivery. If you wish to write on your cart, do so on the interior of the lid.

Please Help

Leave space around your carts and other objects to improve collection efficiency and help us serve you better.

Good Cart Placement



Keep Space Between
Cart & Other Objects

Poor Cart Placement



Objects & Carts Too
Close Together



Place Wheels of Carts
Toward House

What can be Recycled:

Aluminum foil? **Yes. Recycle it in your cart or bin.**

Bicycles? **Not in your curbside cart or bin...but maybe somewhere else.**

Branches, leaves, grass? **Not in your curbside cart or bin...but maybe somewhere else.**

Chip bags and Candy Wrappers? **Not in your curbside cart or bin...but maybe somewhere else.**

Clothes? **Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else.**

Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFL's)? **Not in your curbside cart or bin.**

Electronics? **Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else.**

Food Scraps? **Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else.**

Keurig® and K-Cup® type coffee packages? **Not at this time.**

Metal hangers? **Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else.**

Paper towels? **Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else.**

Pizza boxes? **Yes. Recycle it in your cart or bin.**

Plastic bags and film wrap? **Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else.**

Plastic foam? **Not at this time.**

Plastic packaging? **Yes. Recycle it in your cart or bin.**

Plastic silverware? **Not at this time.**

Shredded paper? **Yes. Recycle it in your cart or bin.**

VCR/Cassette Tapes? **Not at this time.**

Aluminum foil? Yes. Recycle it in your cart or bin. Aluminum foil is recyclable in your curbside container. Please rinse first.

Bicycles? Not in your curbside cart or bin...but maybe somewhere else. Sell usable bikes via reuse outlets like Craig's list or donate them to a charitable organization. GoBike Buffalo (www.GObikebuffalo.org) accepts working and broken bicycles. Broken bicycles may also be taken to a scrap metal dealer.

Branches, leaves, grass? Not in your curbside cart or bin...but maybe somewhere else. Follow your municipal regulations for yard waste. Please do not place branches, leaves, or grass in your curbside recycling container. Some communities collect yard waste separately to make compost. Other municipalities direct yard waste into the trash.

- You can always compost at home. Information is available at your local office of the Cornell Cooperative Extension and on these websites:
- Cornell Waste Management Institute www.cwmi.css.cornell.edu
- Compostory.org www.compostory.org
- U.S. Composting Council www.compostingcouncil.org/home-composters

Chip bags and Candy Wrappers? Not in your curbside cart or bin...but maybe somewhere else. This packaging is made of Mylar or Mylar-like film that Modern does not currently process for recycling. Terracycle (www.terracycle.com) may be an option for recycling these materials.

Clothes? Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else. Clothes, shoes and other textiles like sheets and blankets are readily accepted at drop-off locations throughout WNY, but NOT in your curbside container. Please take these items to a thrift store, church, or clothing drop-off box for re-use or recycling. Items do not have to be in wearable or usable condition but should be clean and DRY. NYTextiles.org provides more information

Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs (CFL's)? Not in your curbside cart or bin. Many larger stores that sell these bulbs will accept them back for recycling. Contact your county environmental office for locations or check here. Add link to www.nyserda.ny.gov/Contractors/Find-a-Contractor/CFL-Recycling-Center.aspx

Electronics? Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else. Beginning January 1, 2015, covered electronic equipment may no longer be accepted for disposal at a solid or hazardous waste management facility from any organization, business or person. Items such as TV's, computers, monitors, video games, etc. must be recycled because they contain small amounts of metals that are toxic if leaked into the environment but valuable when recovered.

- DO NOT place covered electronic items in containers along with other solid waste or recycling.
- DO NOT leave covered electronic items at your curb.
- DO recycle covered electronic items properly by taking them to a registered collection site or by working with a registered electronic waste recycler for collection and processing.
- FIND INFORMATION about collection programs and registered collection sites via the [NYS Department of Environmental Conservation](http://www.nys.gov) or check with your local municipality.

Food Scraps? Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else. Modern currently offers organics recycling to commercial and institutional customers to recycle their food scraps into compost. Contact customer service at 888-648-0928 who will put you in touch with a sales representative to provide you with more information.

- Individuals may recycle food scraps through backyard or worm composting. Information is available at your local office of the Cornell Cooperative Extension and on these websites:
- Cornell Waste Management Institute www.cwmi.css.cornell.edu
- Compostory.org www.compostory.org
- U.S. Composting Council www.compostingcouncil.org/home-composters

Keurig® and K-Cup® type coffee packages? Not at this time. Keurig® and K-Cup® type coffee packages are not recyclable in your curbside recycling container. Current technology and systems for sorting recyclable materials are not designed for items that small. The foil and grounds left inside are also contaminants. Keurig reports on its website that it is working on the issue and there are reusable options designed for these types of machines.

Metal hangers? Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else. Unfortunately metal hangers catch on the sorting equipment causing jams and damage, but many dry cleaners accept them for reuse. Please do not put them in your recycle cart or bin.

Paper towels? Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else. Paper towels are not accepted in curbside collection program. Put them in your trash or use them as bulking agent for worm composting.

Pizza boxes? Yes. Recycle it in your cart or bin. Yes you can recycle pizza boxes! Remove the paper liner and fold in half so it does not get stuck in your recycling cart or bin when the collection crew empties it.

Plastic bags and film wrap? Not in your curbside cart or bin, but somewhere else. Plastic carryout bags are accepted for recycling at retail stores, but NOT in curbside recycling programs. Plastic bags wrap around the moving parts of sorting machines at recycling centers causing equipment damages and jams. Most curbside recycling programs across the country do not accept plastic bags for recycling.

- Retail stores in New York State are required to offer collection of plastic carryout bags for recycling so you may conveniently return them when you shop. Learn more [here](#).
- Most grocery stores accept more than just carryout bags in their collection containers. Return these additional items to the bag recycling receptacle at your grocery store: carryout bags, bread bags, cereal and cracker type liner bags, product wrap, case overwrap, pellet & salt bags, dry cleaning bags.

- Note: Capri sun pouches and many chip bags are made of a Mylar®-like, shiny plastic film material that is NOT accepted for recycling in your curbside program. Terracycle (www.terracycle.com) is an option for recycling.

Plastic foam? Not at this time. Plastic foam, such as Styrofoam™ brand plastic foam, is NOT accepted in your curbside recycling program because it is so lightweight (it is plastic expanded with air) that it uses more energy and expense to ship it than would be saved compared to using new plastic. Most curbside recycling programs across the country do not accept plastic foam for recycling, but many shipping outlets accept clean plastic foam packaging for reuse. See the Resources section below for a list of places in WNY that accept clean foam for recycling.

Plastic packaging? Yes. Recycle it in your cart or bin. Plastic packaging with a number inside a recycling symbol is accepted in your curbside recycling container with two exceptions: film and foam, such as Styrofoam™ brand plastic foam.

Shredded paper? Yes. Recycle it in your cart or bin. Shredded paper is too small for the sorting process to capture when it is loose in the cart as shreds. You may put shredded paper in CLEAR plastic bags, such as a grocery bag, and then place it in your recycling cart. This is the only item accepted inside a bag.