

Town of Granby

Recycling Guide

Let's recycle right!

WISHCYCLING

(verb)

Putting non-recyclable items
in the recycling bin with
hope they will be recycled

We have all been there, standing in front of our barrels trying to determine whether an item goes in recycling or trash. It might be a stack of metal hangers, an old drinking glass or a battery. You aren't entirely sure and want it to be recycled so you toss the item in your recycling barrel thinking the processing plant will take care of it. This is "wish-cycling."

Wish-cycling is a term coined by a recycling professional from Minnesota and is loosely defined as "the practice of tossing questionable items in the recycling bin, hoping they can somehow be recycled."

Sadly, the practice of wish-cycling actually does the complete opposite of what it is intended to do. In reality, wish-cycling costs money, creates more waste and is extremely detrimental to the recycling process.

Our recycling plant relies on machinery to sort and process the recycling. When items such as plastic bags, hangers or shredded paper get into the recycling stream, they can damage or jam up the machinery. It is a common process to halt the machinery while workers remove the items. The result is time wasted as the recycling process comes to a stop.

As we all know time is money. The removal of non-recyclables increases labor costs and results in a longer processing time. This can have a negative effect on the recycling plant as they rely on the resale of the recycling to stay in business.

Other times, items that are not recyclable make it through the sorting process. This can result in a batch of contaminated waste. For example, all of the paper we send for recycling is mixed with water and turned into slurry. As we know, oil and water don't mix so if by chance food waste is included in the batch of paper, the oil ruins the mix and the entire batch is discarded as waste. For this reason, food related paper such as napkins, paper plates and paper towels are not recyclable.

Due to market conditions, the requirement for clean recycling is getting stricter. This means that more loads available for resale are rejected due to contaminants and all of our recycling efforts have gone to waste.

How do we fix this? It's simple; we all just need to adhere to the current recycling guidelines. The updated list of "What's In/What's Out" is included in this brochure. If you have questions, contact the Granby DPW at (860) 653-8960.

Trash and Recycling Guide



What's In/What's Out



The Dirty Dozen
These don't belong
in your recycling
barrel



Wish-Cycling
How to go from
guessing to
informed recycling

Recyclable but not curbside

TEXTILES

All textiles including those worn, torn, ripped and stained can be either reused or recycled. The only exclusions are items that are wet, moldy or oily. So gather up your clothing, shoes, curtains, bedding, stuffed animals, etc. and drop them off in a local collection box.

MATTRESSES

Mattresses and box springs are recyclable through the Connecticut Extended Producer Responsibility program. Bring to the Granby Transfer Station during hours of operation.

PAINT

Latex and oil paint cans containing liquid material are accepted at the Granby Transfer Station. For a list of accepted items check out <https://www.paintcare.org/products-we-accept/#/what-products-are-included>

ELECTRONICS

E-waste is accepted at the Granby Transfer Station. Computers, monitors, printers and televisions are accepted free. All items are recycled through a state-approved electronics recycler.

BATTERIES/LIGHTBULBS

Household and car batteries can be dropped off at the Granby DPW or the Granby Transfer Station.

Fluorescent and LED bulbs and are accepted only at the transfer station.

RECYCLE

 empty, clean & dry plastic bags & wraps at store drop-offs

NOT in Curbside Recycling



Produce Bags



Plastic Shipping Envelopes



Bread Bags



Dry Cleaning Bags



Case Wrap



Air Pillows



Bubble Wrap



Newspaper Bags



Food Storage Bags



Product Overwrap

Also look for any packaging with this How2Recycle label



how2recycle.info

NO candy bar wrappers • chip bags • six-pack rings • degradable bags • prewashed salad bags



Find drop-off locations at PlasticFilmRecycling.org/drop-off

PlasticFilm Recycling

Recycling's DIRTY DOZEN

NEVER place these 12 items in a recycling bin or cart



1. PLASTIC BAGS



**7. NON-RECYCLABLE
PLASTICS OR STYROFOAM**



2. BAGGED RECYCLING



8. FLATTENED CONTAINERS



3. SHREDDED PAPER



9. YARD WASTE



4. SCRAP METAL



10. LIQUIDS/FOOD WASTE



5. HAZARDOUS WASTE



**11. CERAMICS OR
DRINKING GLASS**



6. BIO-HAZARDOUS MATERIALS



12. ELECTRONICS

GRANBY TRANSFER STATION 103 OLD STAGECOACH ROAD

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

Bulky waste, appliances, metal,
propane tanks, refrigerants,
brush, recycling, paint and oil

NO CHARGE ITEMS:

Recycling, paint, mattresses/box
springs, grass and leaves,
fluorescent bulbs, textiles,
batteries, motor oil

TOWN OF GRANBY TRASH AND RECYCLING GUIDE

The Town of Granby strives to provide safe and reliable trash and recycling services to all eligible properties. Per town ordinance, eligible properties are defined as one or two-family residential dwellings. The town currently contracts with Paine's Inc. for trash service. All inquiries regarding trash or recycling should be directed to the Department of Public Works at (860) 653-8960. See below for collection DO's and DON'T's.

DO

1. Barrels must be curbside by 6 AM on collection day. Barrels may not be placed curbside prior to 4 PM the day before pickup and must be removed from curbside no later than 7 AM the day after.
2. The barrel opening should face the street.
3. Trash is placed in your blue 64-gallon barrel. Recycling goes in the green 95-gallon barrel.
4. All items must be inside the barrel with the lid closed.
5. Make sure your barrels are at least 2 feet apart to allow for the automatic arm of the truck.
6. Call Public Works at (860) 653-8960 regarding any questions or concerns with your service.
7. Contact Public Works if your barrel is damaged. In the case of vandalism or a missing barrel, you will be asked to file a report with the Granby Police Department.
8. Only town issued barrels may be used.

DON'T

1. Place your barrels in the street.
2. Put your barrels out late assuming that the truck will come at the same time every week. There are numerous factors that may affect the time the truck will get to your house. Trucks will not be sent back if your barrel is not at the curb.
3. Put explosive, electronic, biological, hazardous, liquid or radioactive waste in your barrel.
4. Put leaves, grass clippings, brush or branches in your barrel. (All of these items may be brought to the Granby Transfer Station).
5. Place hot ashes or coals in your barrel.
6. Paint or mark your barrel. Remember you are responsible for your barrel and any damage that is caused by you.

EXTRA TRASH - If you have an excessive amount of trash (more than will fit in the barrel with the lid closed), you must purchase town-issued "extra trash" bags. The bags are \$2 each and should be placed beside your trash barrel on collection day. The bags are available at the Granby DPW or the Granby Transfer Station during hours of operation. Cash or check only. If you find that you have extra trash on a regular basis, you may rent a second trash barrel for \$200 per year.

EXTRA RECYCLING - Accepted at the Granby Transfer Station - no fees apply. If you find you have extra recycling on a regular basis, you may request a 2nd recycling barrel to be used curbside. To request a 2nd barrel, call the Granby DPW at (860) 653-8960.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE - Hazardous waste that is improperly disposed of poses a serious risk to humans as well as the environment. Hazardous waste cannot be simply thrown out with the trash, flushed or poured down the drain. For this reason, the town sponsors hazardous waste collections in conjunction with neighboring towns. In 2019, there will be three collections. The dates and locations are as follows:

Saturday, April 27th - Farmington High School, 10 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT

Saturday, June 8th - Simsbury DPW, 66 Town Forest Road, Simsbury

Saturday, November 9th - Simsbury DPW, 66 Town Forest Road, Simsbury

All collections run from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. More information and a list of items accepted at the hazardous waste collections can be found on the public works page at the Town of Granby website, www.granby-ct.gov.

GARDEN GOURMET COMPOSTERS - available at Granby DPW at a discounted rate.



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GRANBY RECYCLES

Dear Resident,

As we approach Earth Day 2019, we wanted to take some time to thank Granby residents for their efforts in recycling. We understand it can be confusing especially with the ongoing changes to the industry. One thing that will not change is that it is expensive to get rid of trash and the costs are only going to escalate. For that reason, we want to remind residents of the importance of recycling while providing tools to make sure it is done right.

Recently the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection developed consistent state-wide guidelines for recycling. You will find the list of "What's In/What's Out" included in this brochure. A website was also developed and can be found at www.recyclect.com. It provides more in-depth information on recycling as well as a wizard tool that lets you ask about specific items.

Hopefully these tools will help with questions as to what should be put in your single-stream barrel. Now more than ever we need to be careful that we place appropriate items in our bins. Recycling only has value if it is done correctly.

Recycling is not just what we put in our curbside bin. Other items are recyclable but cannot be put in your barrel. An example is plastic bags. All plastic bags and film should be recycled at your local store. Other recyclable items are accepted at our transfer station. Examples are mattresses, paint, oil and batteries. And did you know that any textile that is not wet, moldy or oily can be donated and recycled into other items? It may take extra effort by all of us, but ultimately each consumer is responsible for the appropriate disposal of the products they purchase.

As we head into the future, we will make every effort to provide effective and practical recycling options for town residents. We ask each of you to continue in your recycling efforts and make sure that you are doing all you can to reduce, reuse and recycle. Please refer any questions regarding information provided in this brochure to the Granby DPW (860) 653-8960.

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