

Climate Smart Communities



Monroe County PE5: Waste Reduction Education Campaign

**Collateral: ecopark, Mixed Recycling, Plastic Bags/Film
and Residential Recycling Magnet**

ecopark

10 Avion Drive Rochester, NY 14624



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County Executive

HOURS OF OPERATION

Wednesday..... 1pm - 6:30pm
Saturday..... 7:30am - 1pm
(Closed on Holidays)

Find alternate drop off locations by visiting:
www.ecoparkmcny.com

Household Hazardous Waste

APPOINTMENT REQUIRED*

30 gallons liquid & 75 lbs. solid PER APPOINTMENT

- **Automotive Fluids**
(antifreeze, brake, power steering, and transmission fluids)
- **Cleaners**
(soaps, waxes, drain cleaners, etc.)
- **Driveway Sealer**
- **Flammables**
(gasoline, thinners, solvents, etc.)
- **Mercury**
(thermometers, thermostats)
- **Paint**
(oil-based & latex, more than 1/3 can full)
- **Pesticides & Fertilizers**
- **Pool & Photo Chemicals**
- **Wood Stain & Preservatives**



***Schedule HHW appointment at ecoparkmcny.com**

COMPOST GIVE BACK PROGRAM

1. Unwanted leaves are collected from City of Rochester residents and brought to ecopark.
2. ecopark turns the leaves into compost and it is made available to residents for FREE.
3. Flower gardens and landscapes flourish with the use of recycled leaf compost.



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Monroe County's recycling program is grant funded, in part, through the NYSDEC.

MIXED RECYCLING



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✓ **EMPTY** ✓ **CLEAN** ✓ **UNBAGGED**

PAPER

- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Softcover books
- Junk mail & office paper
- Gable-top cartons
- Pizza boxes
- Cardboard
(flatten not to exceed 2x4 ft.)
- Paper food boxes: cereal, cracker, pasta, etc. (flatten)
- Shredded paper in paper bag only



METAL & GLASS

- Metal cookware & foil-ware
- Metal food & beverage cans
- Glass bottles & jars
- Aerosol cans
- No window, mirror, baking glass



PLASTIC

- Bottles (beverage, soap, squeeze & spray)
- Jugs (milk, detergent)
- Jars
- Tubs (dairy products)
- Reattach caps, lids & spray pumps
- No foam (egg cartons, etc.)
- No Rx bottles*
- No straws or utensils
- No bags*
- No coffee pods
- No drink cups



KEEP OUT

- Cords/Hoses
- Clothing*
- Food/Liquid waste
- Propane Tanks*
- Ropes, Chains, Hoses
- Sharps/Syringes*
- Tarps, Pool Covers
- Plastic Bags/Film*

* Find out more at ecoparkmchny.com

www.monroecounty.gov/recycling



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q | Can I recycle all plastics marked #1- #7?

A | *The recycling symbol that includes a number does NOT necessarily indicate recyclability curbside. Recycle plastics by their shape - empty bottles, jugs, jars and tubs. For more information visit: www.monroecounty.gov/recycling*

Q | Should I separate my recyclables using plastic bags?

A | **NO, keep recyclables unbagged and loose in container.** Plastic bags, cords, ropes, etc. wrap around recycling machinery causing facility downtime and also contaminate recyclable paper. Plastic bags and product wrapping may be recycled at most large retail outlets.

Q | Can I recycle caps and lids from containers?

A | **Yes. After rinsing, caps and lids should be reattached.**

Q | Can Styrofoam™ egg cartons, coffee cups, and packing material with a #4 or #6 on it be recycled?

A | **Foam cannot be placed in recycling bins.** The ecopark will accept clean, white, block packaging foam only. Visit ecoparkmcny.com for more information.

Q | Can I place small electronics in my recycling bin or TVs and the like at the curb?

A | **Electronics are not accepted curbside.** Visit ecoparkmcny.com for more information. Large metal appliances can be recycled by calling your waste collecting provider.



Q | Can pizza boxes be recycled?

A | **Yes, clean pizza boxes can be recycled.** If the bottom of the box is covered in grease and food, tear off and dispose and only recycle the clean lid.

Q | Should I place my recyclables at the curb on very windy days or if a storm is forecast?

A | **Recyclables that blow around the neighborhood are litter.** Use your good judgement on whether to delay your recycling.

Q | Where can I get a new/replacement recycling container?

A | **Contact your waste collection provider.** Containers may be purchased at home improvement stores but always check with your recycling collector first to ensure program compatibility.

MORE QUESTIONS?

Call your waste collection provider
or email mcdes@monroecounty.gov

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PLASTIC BAGS AND FILM



RETURN TO RETAILERS.

DO NOT INCLUDE IN MIXED RECYCLING BINS.

✓ **CLEAN**

✓ **DRY**

✓ **EMPTY**

BAGS AND FILM

- #2 HDPE and #4 LDPE film
- Any item with How2Recycle plastic wrap icon
- Grocery bags
- Newspaper bags
- Cereal/cracker box liners
- Dry cleaning bags
- Bread bags
- Produce bags
- Zip-type bags
- Case wrap
- Deflated air pillows
- Bubble wrap



(No hangers)



KEEP OUT

- Salad mix bags
- Pet food bags
- Degradable bags
- Chip bags
- Frozen food bags
- Resealable pouches



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Q | Why can't I recycle bags in my curbside bin?

A | *The equipment at the recycling center is built to sort paper and containers. Plastic bags wreak havoc on the system by wrapping around gears and clogging screens. This causes equipment down time, reducing the efficiency of recycling.*

Q | Can I put my recyclables in a plastic bag?

A | *No. For safety reasons, all bagged material that arrives at the recycling center is treated as trash. Don't let your good recycling work go to waste. Keep recyclables unbagged and loose in your recycle bin or cart.*

Q | Where can I recycle plastic bags and film?

A | *Most grocery and retail stores accept clean plastic bags and film for recycling, as well as the ecopark. To find specific locations visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org*

Q | How do I know what type of plastic bags and wrap can be recycled at retailers?

A | *Try the rule of thumb: if you can put your thumb through the bag or wrap and it stretches, it can be included. If it doesn't stretch or it tears like paper, don't include it. Materials must also be clean and dry.*

Q | When will New York State's plastic bag ban go into effect?

A | *Single-use plastic bags will be banned as of March 1, 2020.*

Q | Are there any exceptions to the ban?

A | *Yes, plastic bags will still be allowed for uncooked meat, bulk items, sliced or prepared foods, newspapers, prescription drugs, and carryout orders at restaurants. For more details about the ban visit www.monroecounty.gov/des-plastic-bags.*

Q | Are paper bags recyclable curbside?

A | *Yes, paper bags can be recycled curbside. Residents are encouraged to bring reusable bags when shopping to reduce waste*

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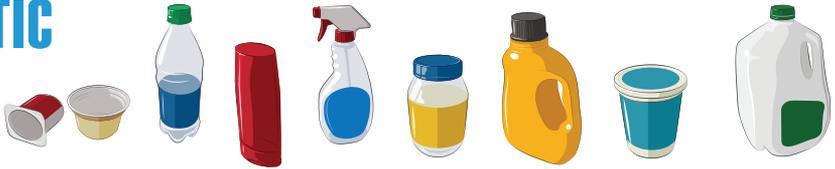
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PAPER



PLASTIC



METAL



GLASS



WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

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