



SANITATION RECYCLING FAQs

Single stream recycling has been mentioned quite often in the news lately; does RVC have single stream curbside recycling and if not, what kind of curbside recycling does Rockville Centre have? No, RVC does not have single stream recycling, which is when all recyclable are commingled and separated later at a recycling facility. We have separate days for picking up recycling. Paper and cardboard recyclables are picked up on Wednesday of non-holiday weeks for all residents and businesses. Glass, cans, and plastics are picked up on one of the regular trash days for residents and on Wednesdays for businesses.

So cardboard and paper go out to the curb on Wednesday (non-holiday weeks) for everyone. How do I know to put out my glass, cans and plastics? This information can be easily found on the Sanitation and Recycling page on our website www.rvcny.gov. Once there you will see a menu of links on the left-hand side of the page, click on Sanitation Pickup Schedule Search, fill in your address and it will tell you when your glass/cans/plastics pickup day is as well as your regular trash days. You can also call the Department of Public Works at 516-678-9288.

Why do I even need to bother recycling, doesn't it just all end up mixed in together later on? No, once recyclables are picked up, they are not mixed in with the solid waste (trash). They are handled separately. In addition to the environmental benefits of recycling, it also costs the Village over \$50.00 more per ton for solid waste removal than for paper recycling and \$16.00 more per ton for glass, cans, and bottles. Recycling is not only an environmentally responsible choice, it is also the fiscally responsible one.

Do I need to break down and bundle my cardboard? While it is better that you do, especially on windy days to keep boxes from blowing around, it is not required. However, in the business district because of space constraints, cardboard does need to be broken down and bundled.

Between shipping boxes and gift boxes, we accumulate a lot of cardboard over the holidays, yet there is no recycling those two weeks, why not? The trucks and sanitation crew are needed to cover the routes that were disrupted because of the holidays, and we are unable to collect the cardboard and paper during holiday weeks (except the day before Thanksgiving – there is paper/cardboard pickup). We ask that you hold your cardboard and paper recyclables until the next scheduled pickup of those recyclables. Glass, cans, and plastics will still be picked up with your trash on your designated day.

How can I find out the holiday schedule? This information can be easily found on the Sanitation and Recycling page on our website, www.rvcny.gov. There is a link to the holiday schedule on the left-hand side of the page.

I see my neighbors have blue and green bins. What is the difference between the two and where can I get bins for my home? The blue bins are for collecting glass, cans, and plastic and the green bins are for paper and cardboard. You may also put your recyclables in clear plastic bags. You can obtain bins and recycling stickers from the Department of Public Works located at 10 Sunrise Hwy, Monday through Friday from 8am – 4pm. Please bring proof of residency.

Can I put my empty paint cans out to be recycled? All paint cans must be disposed of through the Town of Hempstead STOP program. The Town holds hazardous waste collections from 8am – 3pm once a month in various locations. Village of Rockville Centre residents may utilize this service by bringing hazardous or toxic household chemicals and products to the collection point for proper disposal at no charge. For more detailed information, call the Town of Hempstead Department of Sanitation at 378-2200 or visit the STOP website at <https://hempsteadny.gov/231/Stop-Throwing-Out-Pollutants-STOP>

How can I recycle old batteries and electronics? Batteries are to be brought to the Town of Hempstead STOP program. Rockville Centre has electronics recycling on the first Saturday of every month from 10am – 2pm at the Department of Public Works 10 Sunrise Hwy. E-cycling items include: TVs, computer, monitors, DVDs, cable boxes, DVRs, video game systems, small servers, VCRs, iPads

Can plastic toys be put out to be recycled? Only plastics #1 and #2 are recycled by the Village of Rockville Centre. Other items that are NOT recycled include:

Aerosols	Flowerpots, plant containers	Plastic bags
Batteries	Food boxes including pizza boxes	Plastic film
Blow up pools	Garbage or trash	Plastic toys
Books	Garden hoses	Plastic wrap
Ceramic items	Gasoline items (lawn equipment)	Plate glass/mirrors
Chemicals (dry or liquid)	Grass	Pool liners/tarps/covers
Clothing or rags	Hangers	Propane tanks
Concrete	Household cleaners	Soiled paper
Dishes	Light bulbs	Styrofoam
Durable cookware/Tupperware	Medical waste/syringes	Telephone books
Electric cords	Milk/juice/egg cartons	Tissues
Electronics	Oil cans	Wax coated/soiled cardboard
Empty paint cans	Paint cans	Wood items
Flammable lights	Paper towels	Yard waste

If there is a snowstorm, does that mean my recyclables will not be picked up? As long as it is safe on the roads for our workers and equipment, we will adhere to the pick-up schedule. If sanitation service is disrupted, there will be an alert posted on the Village website. www.rvcny.gov We do ask that if there are high winds that you bundle your cardboard and paper.

What about large items such as washers and refrigerators, do they get recycled? Yes, we do recycle the large items as well, these items are picked up on Thursdays. Please call DPW at 678-9216 before noon on Tuesday for pickup or you can go to the Sanitation and Recycling page on our website, www.rvcny.gov and click on the “Bulk Items/Request Pickup” link.