



Recycling FAQs

Single stream recycling has been mentioned quite often in the news lately; does Rockville Centre have single stream curbside recycling and if not what kind of curbside recycling does Rockville Centre have?

No, Rockville Centre does not have single stream recycling, which is when all recyclables are comingled 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 when 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 then mixed in with the solid waste (trash) – they are handled separately. In addition to the environmental benefits of recycling, it also costs the Village ten times more per ton for solid waste removal than for paper recycling and 59% more for glass, cans and bottles. So not only is recycling the environmentally responsible choice, it's also the fiscally responsible one.

Do I need to break down and bundle my cardboard?

While it's better that you do, especially on windy days to keep boxes from blowing around, it is not necessary for residents to break down and bundle their cardboard. However, in the business district because of space constraints, the 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 (with the exception of 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 plastics and the green bins are for paper and cardboard. You may also put your recyclables in clear plastic bags. You can obtain bins from the Department of Public Works located at 10 Sunrise Highway, Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm. Please bring proof of residency.

Can I put my empty paint cans out to be recycled?

Dried-out latex paint cans may be included in your curbside recycling. All other paint cans must be disposed of through the Town of Hempstead S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) Program. The Town holds hazardous waste collections from 8A.M. to 3P.M. once a month in various locations in the Town. 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 S.T.O.P. web page <http://toh.li/sanitation-department/stop-throwing-out-pollutants>.

How can I recycle old batteries and electronics?

Batteries are to be brought to the Town of Hempstead S.T.O.P program. Rockville Centre has electronics recycling on the first Saturday of every month from 10am to 2pm at the DPW 10 Sunrise Highway. Acceptable E-Cycling items include:

Computers/Computer monitors	Anything that plugs into computer	VCR,
DVD	DVR	IPad
Electronic Readers	Video Game Systems	Televisions
Cable Boxes	Small Servers	

Assistance will be given for extra-large items. Please call 516-678-9216 to schedule a pick up.

Can plastic toys be put out to be recycled?

No, here is a list of items that are not acceptable recyclable items:

Aerosols	Flower pots/plant containers	Plastic bags
Batteries	Food 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	Lights 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

There's a snow storm, does that mean my recyclables won't be picked up?

As long as it's 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 Wednesdays. Please call DPW at **678-9216** before Noon on Tuesday for Wednesday pick-up 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.

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