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## Waste Types and How to Manage Them

What am I going to do with this stuff? At some point we come across an item that we want to get rid of but have that feeling its not supposed to go into the garbage can. You might be right, but how do you know where it's supposed to go? If you're reading this, you're on the right track.

The list below details a lot of the common things a Steuben County resident might want to dispose of and offers some good information about how to handle them.

If you can't find what you're looking for here, no problem. Feel free to contact us and we'll be glad to help. See the contact info below, and feel free to email or phone us.

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### Antifreeze, Used

- Separated recyclable item. Used antifreeze may not be thrown away with normal garbage. Used antifreeze from DIY mechanics is accepted for recycling at the Bath Landfill. Acceptance quantities are limited to 5 gallons per customer.

### Appliances

- **Recyclable.** Any predominately metal item commonly used in the household, including: stoves, ovens, microwaves, toasters, and dishwashers.
  - Freon containing appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and water coolers must be handled separately to allow for the collection and recycling of freon gas. *There is a fee for these items.*

*Be sure to check the legal notice for updated pricing.*

- Non-freon appliances are handled as scrap metal and are accepted for free at the Bath Landfill and all Transfer Stations.
- *Tip: Be sure to ask for help unloading these items if you need it.*

### **Asbestos (Friable and Non-Friable Asbestos)**

- Friable asbestos is accepted for disposal at the Bath Landfill only and requires prior approval for acceptance. Pricing is \$250/ton, *but be sure to check the legal notice for updated pricing.*
- Non friable asbestos is disposed of as C&D debris at either the Bath Landfill or any of the County Transfer Stations. Normal C&D pricing.
- Contact the **Assistant Commissioner** for more information.



### **Agricultural Plastic**

- Sheet plastic used in farming to protect silage. Bale wrap and other sheet plastics and tarps must be disposed of as C&D debris. Accepted at the Bath Landfill *free of charge*, or at the Transfer Stations for normal garbage pricing.
- Contact Cornell Cooperative Extension for potential recycling programs for **Ag Containers** used in Agriculture for such things as Teet Dip, etc.

### **Ashes, Burn Barrels**

- Prohibited item. Ashes from burn barrels, woodstoves, fireplaces, and fire pits are not accepted for disposal. Please extinguish ashes completely and bury on site.



### **Batteries (Lead Acid, Rechargeable, Alkaline)**

- Batteries are not accepted for recycling at any Steuben County facilities at this point.
- **Lead Acid (car, lawnmower, etc.) – Recyclable** - may be exchanged for a refund with or without the purchase of a new car battery at your local retailer or battery retailers such as Interstate Battery, AutoZone, etc.

- **Rechargeable (NiCd, NiMH, Lithium Ion) – Recyclable** – NYS legislation has required retailers of these batteries to accept spent ones for recycling, free of charge. Contact your local Rechargeable battery retailer for more information on their programs.
  - Retailers such as Home Depot, Lowes, etc. often have drop boxes for these batteries.
- **Alkaline (AA, AAA, etc.)** – These are to be handled as regular trash, or can be handled as scrap metal at any of our facilities.

### **Biosolids / Sludges**

- The left over solid from wastewater treatment facilities. These wastes may be accepted for disposal at the Bath Landfill, but require prior approval for acceptance. Contact the **Assistant Commissioner** for more information.

### **Carcasses** (see [Road Kill](#))

### **Clothes and Shoes, Used**

- **Recyclable** - Good condition used and new clothes and shoes may be recycled at many locations throughout the County. There are no drop-off locations at the Bath Landfill or Transfer Stations.
- Planet Aid has yellow boxes located at multiple locations throughout the County. Use this link to locate a bin near you:
  - <http://www.planetaid.org/find-a-bin>
- St. Pauly Textile Inc. operates clothing drop off locations throughout NYS. See the following link for a list of drop off locations in your area: <http://st-pauly.com/list.html>
- Many local churches in the area also offer clothing drop off points. Look for the signs to properly recycle unwanted clothing.

### **Construction & Demolition Debris / Furniture**

- Structural and bulky debris, including:
  - Structural debris
  - Siding, wall coverings, plaster and drywall
  - Plumbing, non-metal pipes, and fixtures
  - Shingles and roofing
  - Painted or treated wood

- Dried paint residue
- Asphalt
- Plastic and vinyl sheeting
- Electrical wiring & non-hazardous components
- Insulation
- Flooring, carpeting, linoleum
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Hoses and tubing, tarps
- Bale wrap
- C&D Debris greater than 2 cubic yards or over 4' in length must be delivered to the Bath Landfill. No concrete allowed at Transfer Stations, but is acceptable at the Bath Landfill.
- Consider donating surplus building materials to the Habitat for Humanity ReStore in Corning.
- For more info: <http://habitatcorning.org/restore.html> or call (607) 377-5524.

### Contaminated Soil

- Soils contaminated from petroleum or fuel oil leaks and spills, or other sources of semi hazardous or hazardous contamination. These materials *may* be accepted for disposal.
- Accepted only at the Bath Landfill, and require prior approval. Contact the [Assistant Commissioner](#) for more information.

### Cereal boxes (Paperboard)



- See *Corrugated Cardboard*

### Corrugated Cardboard



- **Recyclable** - Corrugated cardboard has a wavy interior. Common in packaging and boxes. Accepted at Bath Landfill and all Transfer Stations for Recycling.

### Dead Animals and Carcasses

- Deer are accepted at the Bath Landfill only and are \$4.00/deer.
- Large dead animals and carcasses including cows, coyotes, and domesticated animals *may* be disposed of at the Bath Landfill only and special fees may apply. Please call ahead to allow for special handling procedures.
- These materials can also be limed and buried on site or composted on site.

## Electronics

- **Recyclable** - TV sets, computers, monitors, etc. can be recycled at any County solid waste facility during our normal business hours.
- **All electronics** are accepted for no charge. *Be sure to check the legal notice for updated pricing.*
- These items are not allowed to be disposed of in the landfill, per NYSDEC regulation.
- In addition to our facilities, the following locations may accept Electronics for Recycling, but are not affiliated with the County:
  - EDS Computers – 180 Main St., Hornell
  - Southern Tier PC – 273 W. Pulteney St., Corning
  - Town of Dansville – 1483 Day Rd., Arkport
  - Twin Pines Technology – 11461 SR21, Wayland
  - Zenix Computers – 130 W. Morris St., Bath

## Food Scraps

- Food scraps and other organic scraps should be handled with your garbage or composted at home.
- For more information on home composting of Food Scraps, see the following website: <http://www.sierraclubgreenhome.com/go-green/composting/composting/>

## Fluorescent Lights, Bulbs

- **Recyclable** - Fluorescent tubes and CFLs may not be thrown away with municipal solid waste (garbage). They contain Mercury and are considered 'Universal Waste'.
- Steuben County residents may drop these items off at the Bath Landfill and all County Transfer Stations for recycling free of

charge.

- Businesses should handle these items as universal waste, and can contact any of the vendors listed in the Household Hazardous Waste section.

### **Fuel Tanks**

- Steel fuel tanks may be accepted as scrap metal. Tanks must be empty and must have ends cut off prior to acceptance for disposal.
- Plastic tanks may be accepted for disposal at the landfill. Tanks must be empty and must have the ends cut off prior to acceptance for disposal.

### **Furniture**

- Any common household or institutional item that is large, including: couches, chairs, dressers, sinks, cabinets, toilets, sofas, desks, tables, and beds, mattresses, and box springs.
- Furniture can be disposed of at the Bath Landfill or any Steuben County Transfer Station. Some furniture will have fees of \$10.00/each. *Be sure to check the legal notice for updated pricing.*
- Consider donating good quality used furniture to a consignment shop or local charity. Locally, there are several options, including but not limited to:
  - Steuben County Habitat for Humanity ReStore. See the following for more information:  
<http://habitatcorning.org/restore.html>  
or call (607)377-5524
  - Salvation Army Family Stores at the following locations:
    - 380 W. Washington St., Bath
    - 207 W. Pulteney St., Corning

**Garbage** (see [Municipal Solid Waste](#))

### **Household Hazardous Waste:**

- Includes: Household cleaning supplies, oil based paints, pesticides, herbicides, etc. that a resident (not a business) would generate.

1) Use the material until gone

- 2) Find someone that can use the material
- 3) Look for our Earth Day Sheet to check for the next Household Hazardous Waste events. We tend to offer events during the spring – fall for residents to handle these items. Usually require a pre-registration. Call (607)776-5876 for more information.
- 4) Contact a private waste handling company
  - **Advanced Waste Solutions**  
Michael J. Herlan - [mherlan@verizon.net](mailto:mherlan@verizon.net)  
Office: 716-439-1221
  - **Crystal Clean** - Tom Welsher  
cell# (585)694-7637
  - **ESG**  
<http://www.hazmanusa.com/> (716) 998-8073
  - **Safety Kleen**  
Phone Number: (585) 226-2411

### **Mercury Switches, Ballasts, and Transformers**

- See **Household Hazardous Waste**.



### **Motor Oil & Filters, Used**

- **Recyclable**. Used motor oil may not be thrown away with normal garbage. Used motor oil and filters from DIY (Do It Yourself) mechanics are accepted for recycling at all Steuben County Solid Waste facilities. Acceptance quantities are limited to 5 gallons per customer.
- Many retail stores and automotive service centers accept used oil for recycling as well, such as Autozone.
- Check this website out for updated locations in your area:  
<http://search.earth911.com/>

### **Municipal Solid Waste (Garbage)**

- Non hazardous household waste, including:
  - Food scraps
  - Packaging, boxboard, foils, plastic films, non-recyclable containers & lids
  - Kitchen and bathroom trash
  - Disposable goods
  - Broken durable goods

- You can deliver garbage to the Bath Landfill or any of our Transfer Stations yourself. Pricing varies. Be sure to check our legal notice for details and updated pricing.
- You may also contract with a local waste hauler to take care of it for you. If you can't find a suitable local hauler, contact us to find out who operates in your area. Also, check our Facebook page: [Steuben County Solid Waste and Recycling](#)

### Newspaper

- **Recyclable.** Newspaper and newsprint as commonly found on the newsstand. See *Paper*.
- Accepted at all Steuben County Solid Waste Facilities for Recycling.

### Organic Wastes (see [Food Scraps](#))

### Paint, Paint Cans

- Paint is now recyclable through PaintCare. Accepted products include but not limited to: primers, stains, sealers etc.. Visit <https://www.paintcare.org/> for more information and to find a local drop off site.

### Packaging Materials

- The UPS Store in Corning will accept used packing peanuts to be recycled at their Market St. location.
- For more information: (607) 936-6223
- Otherwise, can be accepted as regular trash at all Steuben County Solid Waste Facilities.

### Paper, Magazines, Junk Mail, Office Paper, and Newspaper

- **Recyclable.** Includes the mixture of: magazines, junk mail, newspaper, office paper, computer paper, copy paper, post-it notes, note cards, envelopes. Does not include waterproof or Tyvek mailers, plastic over wrap, carbon paper, padded



- envelops, spiral binding.
- Accepted at all Steuben County Solid Waste Facilities for Recycling.

### Pharmaceutical Wastes

- Household medications and household pet medications, including prescriptions, over the counter medications, and veterinary medications. These can be in the form of: pills, powders, liquids, vials, sprays, inhalers, gels, ointments.
- The Steuben Prevention Coalition provides multiple drop boxes throughout the County. For more information, see this website:
- <http://www.steubenpreventioncoalition.org/medical-drop-box-locations.html>

### Propane Tanks



- **Recyclable** Grill size tanks (20lbs.) and smaller tanks are accepted for recycling at all of our facilities. Look for the chain link fenced cage at most sites, or ask the onsite attendant where they should go.
- Grill size tanks may also be recycled through a local tank exchange.

### Recyclables, Source Separated



- Recyclable items must be kept separated. Things that can be recycled at Steuben County Solid Waste Facilities include:
  - Corrugated cardboard, including
  - Paper: including newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper, and computer paper
  - #1 and #2 Plastic
  - Metal Cans
  - Clear Glass
  - Green Glass
  - Scrap Metal
  - Propane Tanks
  - Used motor oil
  - Used antifreeze
  - Tires
  - Appliances
  - Electronics (TV sets, computer monitors, etc.)

- Fluorescent light bulbs

## Road Kill

- See ***Dead Animals***

## Scrap Metal



- **Recyclable**. Metal items, including: scrap metal pieces, wheel rims, bike frames, lawn mowers, grills, car parts, wire, metal pipes and posts, metal fencing, metal boats, motors and engine parts, and appliances.
- Freon containing appliances (refrigerators, freezers, etc) must be handled separately (See *Appliances*) and are accessed a fee.
- All other scrap metal accepted at Steuben County Solid Waste Facilities free of charge.

## Sharps, Syringes

- Sharps include: syringes, needles, diabetic lancets. Place sharps in a rigid, non-breakable container, and secure the lid with strong tape. Ask your medical provider about disposal, or bring sharps to your local pharmacy, such as Wegman's, etc. Most pharmacies have take back programs.
- Please DO NOT dispose of as garbage or place sharps or syringes with recyclables at the Landfill or Transfer Stations. They pose a serious hazard to our employees!

## Sodium Lights, Ballasts, and Transformers

- See **Household Hazardous Waste**

## Solvents, Cleaners, Pesticides

- See **Household Hazardous Waste**

## Tires



- 1) **Recyclable** - Tires must be separate from other waste.
- 2) No tires will be accepted that are still mounted on rims.

3) **Passenger Tires**

Up to and including 18".....\$3.00/EACH

4) **Truck/Tractor Tires**.....\$300/TON - \$15 minimum fee

5) **Truckload quantities** of any size tires at Bath Landfill only  
.....\$200.00/TON

**TV Sets, Computer Monitors**



- See *Electronics*

**Yard Waste**



- Lawn clippings, brush, etc. cannot be disposed of at Steuben County Solid Waste facilities.
- We recommend that grass clippings be left in place, especially if you have a mulching mower.
- There are many facilities in Steuben County that allow residents to drop off yard waste to be composted. Contact your local town or village offices to see what options are available in your area.



***RECYCLING ... IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE***

