

2023

Spring Clean

RECYCLING GUIDE

Spring cleaning doesn't mean a bunch of stuff has to go to the landfill.
Make sure these items go in your recycling bin!

1 Cartons & Cans

Spring cleaning can make you break a sweat! Whether you enjoyed some lemonade, pop, or a cold one, just empty-rinse-recycle-repeat!

4 Paper

If your spring cleaning involves an office decluttering, paper gets the recycling green light. Just remember no shredded paper due to its small size.

2 Corrugated Plastic Yard Signs

Just the sign only--remove the plastic stand (trash) or metal stand (scrap metal) and then you're good to go!

5 Plastic Buckets & Containers

Clean five-gallon buckets (with no handles) are the largest size of recyclable we can accept. Rigid plant pots or containers (no flimsy four or six paks or trays) are also good!

3 Aluminum Trays & Foil

Firing up your grill is a sure sign of spring! Clean aluminum trays and foil are perfect for your recycling bin.

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**TO CHECK OUT OUR MOST
RECENT RECYCLING GUIDE**

*for more examples of recyclables you
can put in your recycling bin*



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PUBLIC WORKS**

If it's a NO for your recycling bin, don't worry! There are still options for your stuff to avoid going to the landfill.

Scrap Metal

Metal garden tools, rusted out grills, lawn mower blades, metal lawn art, & other odds-ends metals are infinitely recyclable through scrap metal recycling drop-offs only.

We host two free scrap metal drop-offs at our North & South Kent facilities!

Chemicals & Cleaners

If the garage, shed, or under the kitchen sink are on your to-do list, old automotive fluids, fertilizers, pool chemicals, cleaners, & other hazardous waste can't just go in the trash.

Bring them to any of our SafeChem locations during designated hours to drop off items for free!

Bulky Plastics

Bigger plastic items such as tiny tyke playhouses, children's ride-on toys, plastic sheds, plastic greenhouse roofing are too large to recycle in your bin. Try a commercial recycler instead!

Reuse either through give-away, donation, or creative repurposing is also helpful in preventing waste from going to landfill.

Propane Tanks

Grill's hot! Grilling or camping one-pound propane canisters are free to dispose of through the SafeChem program.

Larger tanks will have a fee & need to go to either North or South Kent facilities!

Garden Hoses

Sometimes things just can't be recycled -- that's where reuse comes in! Make old hoses into an outdoor rug, homemade soaker hose, bungee for holding back thorny berry bushes, & more!

Same goes for rubber boots, landscape edging or fabric -- reuse is the way to go!

Flexible Plastics

Mulch bags, soil bags, birdseed bags, snow melt bags are all soft or flexible plastics that can't be processed through regular recycling due to the way they tangle around sorting machines.

Many retailers that recycle plastic grocery bags will also accept these when clean!

Paints & Stains

Aerosol & oil-based paints, as well as stains, should be disposed of at any SafeChem drop-off for free.

Once dry, latex paint can go in the trash.

Electronics

Do you have an old TV or computer that needs to make space in your basement? A drawer full of old phones & mystery chargers or cords? A broken blender or toaster?

Most electronics can be recycled for free through our North & South Kent facilities!

FOR MORE INFO:

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