



WASTE STREAMS A TO Z LIST

(For Residential Use ONLY)

AEROSOL CANS

Disposal: Empty aerosol cans are **Scrap Metal**. All **partially-filled** aerosol cans should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#).

ALUMINUM FOIL AND OTHER ALUMINUM FOIL PRODUCTS (pie plates, food trays, etc.)

Recycle: Empty aluminum foil products are **Tin/Aluminum Recycling**. Food and beverage cans, and bottle caps and jar lids, also go in **Tin/Aluminum Recycling**.

Dispose: Dirty, heavily food-laden aluminum foil products are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

AMMUNITION AND EXPLOSIVES

Call Nantucket Police at 508-228-1212.

ANTIFREEZE

Dispose: Antifreeze should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#).

APPLIANCES

Reuse: [Habitat for Humanity](#) (35 Old South Road, 508-325-8912) collects working small and large appliances for reuse in their housing projects. Appliances in working condition can also be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up. Small appliances in working condition can be brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Recycle: Broken and unusable large and small appliances should be brought to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions. Disposal of residential units is free.

Recycle: Operating **refrigerators and freezers** for residential use can be recycled through the Mass Save appliance recycling program, which picks up your appliance and provides a rebate (www.masssave.com/recycle or 1-877-889-4761).

ASBESTOS

Dispose: Asbestos should be wetted and double bagged, then brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#). For quantities over

ASH & SOOT

Compost: Ash and soot go in the **Ash/Soot and Invasive Plants** container at the Recycling Center Drop-Off.

AUTOMOTIVE PARTS

Recycle: Most automotive parts, including brake pads, are **Scrap Metal**. If unsure, please ask a Recycling Center attendant.

AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

Dispose: Most automotive products contain hazardous substances and should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#).

Check the product label for:

- **Signal words** - DANGER, POISON, WARNING or CAUTION;
- **Statements of hazards** - "Flammable," "Vapor harmful," "Harmful or fatal if swallowed;"
- **Precautionary statements** - "Keep out of reach of children," "Use only in well-ventilated areas," "Do not mix with chlorine-type bleaches or other chemicals."

BABY GOODS

Donate: [A Safe Place Nantucket](#) (5B Windy Way, 508-228-0561) accepts donations of some UNUSED/UNOPENED items.

Reuse: Reusable baby items can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

BAGS

Consider using reusable bags.

Reuse: [Local thrift shops](#) and the [Nantucket Food Pantry](#) (10 Washington Street, 508-901-1320) collect paper grocery bags for reuse.

Dispose:

- Paper bags go in **Compostable Waste (C)**.
- Plastic bags go in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

BALLASTS

Dispose: Ballasts from fluorescent lamps are collected with **Fluorescent Lamps** in a bin by the attendants' shed at the Recycling Center Drop-Off. Please see an attendant with any questions.

BANDAIDS AND GAUZE

Dispose: Band-aids and gauze are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

BATTERIES

Recycle: Batteries are collected in a **Battery Recycling** container at the Recycling Center Drop-Off.

BEDS

Reuse: Furniture in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**. Some [local thrift stores](#) accept donations of some furniture items.

Dispose: Furniture is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Use the **Scale House** for items and quantities weighing more than 40 lbs.

Recycle: Bring mattresses to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions.

See "TEXTILES" for bedding.

BICYCLES

Reuse: Bicycles in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Recycle: Bicycles are **Scrap Metal**.

BOAT PLASTIC

Recycle: Storage shrink wrap can be recycled through Dr. Shrink. Contact [Madaket Marine](#) at 508-228-1163 for more information.

Dispose: Bulky rigid plastics are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Use the **Scale House** for quantities weighing more than 40 lbs.

BONES

Compost: Meat and fish bones are **Compostable Waste (C)**.

BOOKS

Reuse: Books in readable condition can be brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Dispose: Paperback books go in **Compostable Waste (C)**. Hardcover books go in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

BOTTLE CAPS

Recycle: Bottle caps and beer caps, as well as jar lids, go in **Tin/Aluminum Recycling**.

BOTTLES

Bottle deposit: Stop & Shop (31 Sparks Avenue) and The Islander Package Store (15 Old South Road) have bottle deposit machines. Local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts collect aluminum cans in the **Boy Scouts' Aluminum Can Shed** by the Recycling Center Drop-Off as a fundraiser.

Recycle: Empty the bottle. Plastic bottles go in **Plastic Recycling** and glass bottles go in **Glass Recycling** (metal bottle lids, as well as glass jar lids, go in Tin/Aluminum Recycling). Metal reusable bottles go in **Scrap Metal**.

BUBBLE WRAP AND INFLATABLE PLASTIC PACKAGING

Reuse: The UPS Store (61 Old South Road, 508-325-8884) accepts some inflatable packaging for reuse. Please call ahead.

Dispose: Bubble wrap and other inflatable plastic packaging are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Please release air from package pillows.

BUILDING AND REMODELING MATERIALS

Reuse: Materials that are unused or can be reused can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up.

Dispose: Building materials are **Construction & Demolition Waste**. Use the **Scale House** for quantities weighing more than 40 lbs. Quantities weighing less than 40 lbs. can go in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

CAMERAS

Reuse: Cameras in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Donate: Recycling for Charities provides free shipping labels for broken and functioning digital cameras (www.recyclingforcharities.com).

Dispose: Digital cameras go in **Battery Recycling**. Film cameras are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

CANS

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Recycle: Food and beverage cans go in **Tin/Aluminum Recycling**.

CARDBOARD BOXES

Reuse: Send reusable household goods (no liquids, electronics, or fragile or hazardous items) in used shipping boxes to Goodwill for free through Give Back Box (www.givebackbox.com).

Recycle: Flatten brown corrugated cardboard and deposit in **Shipping Boxes Recycling** at the Recycling Center Drop-Off.

Compost: Non-corrugated cardboard (cereal boxes, cracker boxes, etc.) go in **Compostable Waste (C)**. Glossy print cardboard is **Compostable Waste (C)**.

Dispose: Plastic-coated and waxed cardboard is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

Pizza boxes and other soiled corrugated cardboard go in **Compostable Waste (C)**.

CARPET

Dispose: Carpeting is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Use the **Scale House** for quantities weighing more than 40 lbs.

CARTONS AND JUICE BOXES

Dispose: Waxed cartons (including milk cartons) and juice boxes are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

CARTRIDGES

See "INK, PRINTER, AND TONER CARTRIDGES"

CELL PHONES

Donate: A Safe Place Nantucket (5B Windy Way, 508-228-0561) collects cell phones, tablets, and iPods (including devices that do not work) for recycling as a fundraiser.

CERAMICS

Dispose: Coffee mugs, plates, bowls, and all other ceramics are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

See "STRING LIGHTS"

CHRISTMAS TREES

Compost: Christmas trees are Brush. Bring Christmas trees to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions. Christmas wreaths and all other greenery with wire are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

CIGARETTES

Dispose: Cigarettes go in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Please ensure that they are fully extinguished. Littered cigarette butts leach toxic chemicals including arsenic and lead into the environment and can contaminate water.

CLEANING PRODUCTS

Dispose: Many cleaning products (including kitchen and bathroom cleaners, drain openers, oven cleaners, polishes and waxes, bleach and disinfectants) contain hazardous substances and should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#) for disposal.

Check the product label for:

- **Signal words** - DANGER, POISON, WARNING or CAUTION;
- **Statements of hazards** - "Flammable," "Vapor harmful," "Harmful or fatal if swallowed;"
- **Precautionary statements** - "Keep out of reach of children," "Use only in well-ventilated areas," "Do not mix with chlorine-type bleaches or other chemicals."

CLOTHING

See "TEXTILES"

CLOTHES HANGERS

Reuse: Wire hangers can be taken to [Holdgate's Island Laundry](#) (4 Vesper Lane, 508-228-0750) for reuse.

Clear plastic hangers can be taken to [The Seconds Shop](#) (32 Sparks Avenue, 508-228-6677) for reuse.

Dispose: Wire hangers go in **Scrap Metal**.

Plastic hangers go in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

COFFEE PODS

Consider using a reusable version.

Dispose: Coffee pods are a mix of materials and go in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

Alternatively, coffee pods can be separated into **Compostable Waste (C)** (coffee grounds/tea leaves and filter), **Tin/Aluminum Recycling** (aluminum foil top), and **Plastic Recycling** (cup).

COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS (CFLs)

Dispose: CFLs are collected in the **Fluorescent Lamps** bin at the Recycling Center Drop-Off.

COMPOSTABLE PLASTICS

Currently all compostable plastics should be sorted as petroleum-based plastics, in either **Plastics Recycling** or **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Please see "PLASTICS".

COMPUTERS AND MONITORS

See "ELECTRONICS"

CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE (C&D)

Dispose: Building materials are **Construction & Demolition Waste**. Use the **Scale House** for quantities weighing more than 40 lbs.

COOKING OIL

Compost: Cooking oil is **Compostable Waste (C)**. A tin can containing oil and grease is preferred over plastic. Larger quantities (>2 gallons) can be taken the Wastewater Treatment Plant, but please call ahead (81 South Shore Road, 508-228-7200 ext. 7801).

CORKS

Compost: Traditional corks made from natural cork are **Compostable Waste (C)**.

Dispose: Plastic corks are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

COTTON BALLS

Dispose: Cotton balls are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

CUPS

Compost: Paper cups are **Compostable Waste (C)**. Coffee cup lids go in **Plastic Recycling**.

Recycle: Single-use plastic cups, including Solo cups, go in **Plastic Recycling**.

Dispose: Multi-use plastic cups with stiff, hard sides go in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

DIAPERS

Dispose: Diapers are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

DRYER LINT

Dispose: Most textiles contain synthetic (plastic) materials in the fabric. Dryer lint is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**, in order to avoid microplastic pollution.

ELECTRONICS

Reuse: Electronics in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Recycle: Bring electronics to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions.

Free computer recycling programs through manufacturers:

Apple: Apple GiveBack provides prepaid shipping labels and often credits for Apple products. Apple GiveBack also provides prepaid shipping labels for computers of **any brand** (<https://www.apple.com/shop/trade-in>).

Dell: Dell provides prepaid shipping labels to ship Dell devices (www.dell.com/learn/us/en/uscorp1/corp-comm/getfreeat-homepickup?c=us&l=en&s=corp&cs=uscop1).

HP: HP provides prepaid shipping labels and often credits for HP products. HP also provides prepaid shipping labels for computers of **any brand** (https://h30248.www3.hp.com/recycle/hardware/cbb.html?jumpid=in_r138_us/en/corp/united_states_hw_recycling/module-1/consumer-buyback).

EYEGLASSES

Donate: New Eyes and Lions Clubs International collect eyeglasses to make them available to people in need of them (<https://www.new-eyes.org/join-the-vision>; <http://www.njlerc.org/donations.html>).

Dispose: Eyeglasses a

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Reuse: Exercise equipment in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Dispose: Most exercise equipment is either **Scrap Metal** or **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. If unsure, please ask a Recycling Center attendant.

FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS

See "MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS"

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Reuse: Some fire extinguishers can be serviced and refilled by a fire extinguisher service company.

Alternatively, contact the Fire Department (508-228-2323) or a fire extinguisher service company about disposal.

FLAGS

Dispose: The American Legion (21 Washington Street) hosts a white mailbox for collecting flags. The Recycling Drop-Off Center and Fire Department also collect flags for proper disposal.

FLARES

Dispose: Take all flares (residential use) to the Fire Department. Call ahead at 508-228-2323.

FLOWERS

Compost: Real flowers are **Compostable Waste (C)**.

Dispose: Fake plastic flowers are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

FLUORESCENT BULBS

See "COMPACT FLUORESCENT LAMPS (CFLs)".

FOIL

See "ALUMINUM FOIL"

FOOD

Donate: The Nantucket Food Pantry (10 Washington Street, 508-901-1329) and Food Rescue Nantucket (508-221-8282) collect non-perishables to redistribute to those in need and to minimize waste.

FOOD WASTE

Donate: See "FOOD" above for donatable food.

Compost: **Food waste is Compostable Waste (C).**

Scallop shells are collected during the shellfishing season at 188 Madaket Road (the driveway between the Recycling Center/Landfill entrance and the entrance to the DPW Office) for [Nantucket's shell recycling program supporting oyster reef restoration](#).

FREEZERS

See "APPLIANCES"

FURNITURE

Reuse: Furniture in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**. Some [local thrift stores](#) accept donations of some furniture items.

Dispose: Furniture is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Use the **Scale House** for quantities weighing more than 40 lbs. Mattresses and box springs are recycled and should to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions.

GLASS

Recycle: Bottles and jars go in **Glass Recycling**. Please **remove caps and lids** and put them in **Tin/Aluminum Recycling**.

Dispose: **ALL other** glass items (wine glasses, glass bowls, incandescent light bulbs, windowpane glass, etc.) go in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

GLASSES

See "EYEGLASSES" or "HOUSEHOLD ITEMS"

GLOW STICKS

Dispose: Glow sticks are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTE

Dispose: The Department of Public Works hosts several [Hazardous Waste Collection Events](#) annually.

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HEARING AIDS

Donate: Starkey Hearing Foundation, the Hearing Aid Project and New Eyes recycle old hearing aids to make them available to people in need of them (www.hearingaiddonations.org/recycle-hearing-aids/; www.starkeyhearingfoundation.org/Hearing-Aid-Recycling; <https://www.new-eyes.org/join-the-vision>).

Dispose: Hearing aids go in **Battery Recycling**. If the batteries are removed, hearing aids are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

HOME HEATING OIL TANKS

Recycle: Harbor Fuel takes tanks for a fee (10 Airport Road, 508-228-2950).

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Reuse: Household items in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**. [Local thrift stores](#) also accept donations of some household items.

Dispose: Most household items are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Check with a Recycling Center attendant with any questions.

INK, PRINTER, AND TONER CARTRIDGES

Recycle: Many mail-back programs exist for ink and toner cartridges, including through the product manufacturer.

Dispose: Ink and toner cartridges are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

INVASIVE PLANTS

Compost: The **Invasive Plants** container is located next to the Scrap Metal container at the Recycling Center Drop-Off. Please take larger quantities to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions and specify that you have Invasive Plant Species.

For more information, visit www.nantucketbiodiversity.org/ipsc.

JUNK MAIL AND CATALOGS

Unwanted letters, paper envelopes, and catalogs are **Compostable Waste (C)**. Remove plastic window from envelopes or put the mix of materials in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

However, it is best to reduce junk mail at its source:

- DirectMail.com: A free service that removes your name from commercial mailing lists (www.directmail.com/mail-preference/).
- Catalog Choice: A free service that cancels subscriptions to unwanted catalogs (www.catalogchoice.org).
- OptOutPrescreen.com: A free service that ends pre-approved credit card and insurance offers (www.optoutprescreen.com).
- EcoLogical Mail Coalition: A paid service for businesses to help eliminate mail delivered for former employees (www.ecologicalmail.org).

KEURIG CUPS (K-CUPS)

See "COFFEE PODS"

KEYS

Donate: Key for Hope (www.keyforhope.org) recycles old keys to raise money to feed the hungry.

Recycle: Keys are Scrap Metal.

KITCHEN APPLIANCES

See "APPLIANCES"

LAUNDRY BASKETS

Dispose: Plastic laundry baskets are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

LIGHT BULBS

Dispose: **Fluorescent light bulbs** contain mercury and are collected separately in the **Fluorescent Bulbs** container next to the attendants' shed at the Recycling Center Drop-Off. All **other light bulbs**, including incandescent, LED, and halogen bulbs, are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

LINENS

See "TEXTILES"

MAGNETS

Dispose: Magnets are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

MATTRESSES AND BOX SPRINGS

Recycle: Bring mattresses to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions.

MEAT

Compost: Meat products are **Compostable Waste (C)**.

MEDICATIONS AND PHARMACEUTICALS

Dispose: Medications and pharmaceuticals should be brought to scheduled Drug Take Back Events. Contact the Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention, Inc (ASAP) at 774-333-2085 for information about the next Drug Take Back Event.

Empty prescription medication bottles are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Dispose: Pads, tampons, and menstrual cups are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

MERCURY AND MERCURY-CONTAINING PRODUCTS

Dispose: All mercury-containing products should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#).

MICROWAVES

See "APPLIANCES"

MOTH BALLS

Dispose: Moth balls contain insecticides and should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#).

MOTOR OIL AND FILTERS

Dispose: Motor oil and filters should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#).

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Reuse: The Nantucket Music Center (56 Centre Street, 508-228-3352) accepts donations of some musical instruments. Musical instruments can also be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

NEEDLES AND SHARPS

Dispose: Take needles and other sharps to the Fire Department. Call ahead at 508-228-2323.

OIL (MOTORS)

Dispose: Motor oil can be returned to the point of sale or should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#).

For cooking oil, see "COOKING OIL"

PACKAGING MATERIALS

Consider contacting companies to request minimal plastic packaging to be sent in your orders. Amazon's customer service team can be reached at cs-reply@amazon.com.

Example email:

Hello,

I am requesting that Amazon use minimal packaging in all my future orders. Please make a note on my account to avoid plastic packaging like bubble wrap and plastic air pillows when fulfilling my orders. The email address associated with my Amazon account is _____.

Thank you,

Compost: Paper packaging materials are Compostable Waste.

Recycle: Shipping boxes and other clean corrugated cardboard go in Shipping Boxes Recycling.

Dispose: Plastic film packaging materials are Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste.

PACKING PEANUTS

Compost: **Biodegradable packing peanuts** that dissolve almost instantly in water are **Compostable Waste (C)**.

Dispose: Contain **Styrofoam packing peanuts** in a plastic bag before putting in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

PAINT AND PAINT-RELATED PRODUCTS

Dispose: Oil-based paints and paint thinners should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#).

Latex paint is Non-Hazardous. Mix in kitty litter, let harden, and dispose of metal cans in **Scrap Metal**. Plastic pails of dried latex paint are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

PALLETS

Recycle: Bring wooden pallets to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions. Do not burn pallets on the beach. The nails left from the pallets litter the beach and are a public safety concern.

PAPER PRODUCTS

Compost: Paper products (except shipping boxes and other clean, corrugated cardboard which are recyclable) are **Compostable Waste (C)**. This includes office paper, envelopes (please remove any plastic), brown paper bags (including

Stop & Shop bags), tissues, tissue paper, parchment paper, newspapers, magazines, tissue boxes (please remove any plastic), cereal boxes, can and bottle boxes, and wrapping paper (please remove any plastic).

Dispose: All plastic-coated paper, including plastic-laminated paper and glossy paper from stamps and stickers, is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Most **waxed paper** is coated in petroleum-based wax. Unless the wax paper is certified biodegradable, please dispose in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

PENS & PENCILS

Dispose: Pens and pencils are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS & CONTAINERS

Donate: A Safe Place Nantucket (55B Windy Way, 508-228-0561) accepts donations of some UNOPENED personal care products.

Recycle: Empty plastic bottle from shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, and contact lens solution are **Plastic Recycling**. Empty metal aerosol cans are **Scrap Metal**.

Dispose: Facial cleaning pads, cotton balls, personal care wipes, floss, floss containers, plastic deodorant containers, razors, wax strips, and makeup containers are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Heavy glass and ceramic containers are also **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

Dispose: The Department of Public Works hosts several [Hazardous Waste Collection Events](#) annually.

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- **Statements of hazards** - "Flammable," "Vapor harmful," "Harmful or fatal if swallowed;"
- **Precautionary statements** - "Keep out of reach of children," "Use only in well-ventilated areas," "Do not mix with chlorine-type bleaches or other chemicals."

Free mail-back Recycling Programs:

Colgate provides a free mail back program (www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/colgate).

TerraCycle has partnered with numerous companies to provide free mail back recycling programs.

Tom's of Maine: <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/tom-s-of-maine-natural-care-brigade#@40.36969605147924:-102.08939924677736zoom:4>

PET SUPPLIES

Donate: Nantucket Island Safe Harbor for Animals (NiSHA) (11 Crooked Lane, 508-825-2287) accepts donations of various pet supplies (www.nantucketsafeharborforanimals.org).

Reuse: Cleaned and reusable pet carriers, beds, etc. can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Dispose: Most pet supplies are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Please ask a Recycling Center attendant.

PET WASTE

Compost: Used kitty litter and loose pet waste go in **Compostable Waste (C)**.

Dispose: **Plastic-bagged** pet waste, including individually bagged dog waste, goes in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

PHONES

For mobile phones, see “CELL PHONES”

Reuse: Landline phones in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Dispose: Landline phones are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Remove batteries and place in **Battery Recycling** at the Recycling Center Drop-Off area prior to disposing.

PIZZA BOXES

Compost: Pizza boxes and other soiled cardboard go in **Compostable Waste (C)**.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Printed photographs are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

PLASTICS

Recycle: Plastic bottles, cups, jars, jugs, tubs, and clamshell food containers are **Plastic Recycling**. Other plastics that are hard, molded and flexible such as single-use coffee cup lids and the plastic packaging for batteries are also recyclable plastic.

Dispose: All other plastics are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**, including

- ALL types of plastic bags
- Plastic film and wrap (including shrink wrap and cling wrap)
- Expanded polystyrene foam (commonly referred to as Styrofoam)
- Styrofoam produce, meat, and fish trays (as well as the fluid-collection pad)
- Plastic wrappers (including granola/protein bar wrappers and candy wrappers)
- Chip and cracker bags
- Mesh bags
- Pet food bags
- Coffee bean bags
- Sandwich bags and Ziplocs
- Squeeze packs
- Plant pots

Compostable plastics: currently all compostable plastics should be sorted as petroleum-based plastics, in either **Plastics Recycling** or **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Please refer to plastics sorting information above.

POPCORN BAGS

Dispose: Popcorn popping bags are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

POTS & PANS

Reuse: Usable pots and pans can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**. Some [local thrift stores](#) accept donations of some cookware.

Recycle: Pots, pans, and baking sheets go in **Scrap Metal**.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES

See “INK, PRINTER, AND TONER CARTRIDGES”

PRINTERS

See “ELECTRONICS”

PROPANE TANKS

Recycle: Propane tanks for grills can be taken to Yates Gas (20 Arrowhead Drive, 508-228-0725).

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Reuse: Rechargeable batteries in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up.

Recycle: Batteries are collected in **Battery Recycling** at the Recycling Center Drop-Off by the attendants’ shed.

REFRIGERATORS

See “APPLIANCES”

RIBBONS

Dispose: Ribbons are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

ROPE & STRING

Dispose: Rope and string are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

RUBBER BANDS

Dispose: Rubber bands are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

RUGS

Reuse: Rugs in usable condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**. Some [local thrift stores](#) accept donations of some rugs.

Dispose: Rugs are currently **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

SCRAP METAL

Recycle: A **Scrap Metal** container is located at the Recycling Center Drop-Off. Use the Scale House for large quantities.

SEEDS

Compost: Seeds are **Compostable Waste (C)**.

SHELLS

Scallop shells are collected during the shellfishing season at 188 Madaket Rd. (the middle driveway between the Landfill entrance and the entrance to the DPW office) for [Nantucket’s shell recycling program supporting oyster reef restoration](#).

SHIPPING BOXES

Recycle: Shipping boxes and other clean, corrugated cardboard go in **Shipping Box Recycling**. Tape does not need to be removed from shipping boxes for recycling, unless the box is covered in more than typical amount of tape necessary to

close the box. Boxes covered in tape can be separated into **Shipping Box Recycling** (the box) and **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)** (the tape), or go in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

SHOES

Reuse: CLEAN shoes can be:

- Donated to [local thrift stores](#)
- Brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**
- Sent to Goodwill for free (or a charity of your choice) through Give Back Box (www.givebackbox.com).

Dispose: All shoes are currently **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

SHRINK WRAP

Dispose: Shrink wrap and cling wrap are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

SMOKE DETECTORS

Dispose: Smoke detectors are collected with **Fluorescent Bulbs** at the Recycling Center Drop-Off. Ionization smoke detectors contain americium-241, a radioactive material.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Reuse: Sports equipment in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**. [Local thrift stores](#) accept donations of some sports equipment.

Dispose: Most sports equipment is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Please ask a Recycling Center attendant if you have any questions.

SPRAY BOTTLES

Recycle: Empty plastic spray bottles go in **Plastic Recycling**. The nozzle top and straw **are Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

Spray bottles containing hazardous substances (including most cleaning products) should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#). Check the product label for:

- **Signal words** - DANGER, POISON, WARNING or CAUTION;
- **Statements of hazards** - "Flammable," "Vapor harmful," "Harmful or fatal if swallowed;"
- **Precautionary statements** - "Keep out of reach of children," "Use only in well-ventilated areas," "Do not mix with chlorine-type bleaches or other chemicals."

STRAWS

Consider skipping the straw (learn more about Nantucket's [Stop the Straw campaign here](#)) or using a reusable metal straw.

Dispose: Single-use straws are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

STRING LIGHTS

Recycle: Send string lights to Holiday LEDS to be recycled in exchange for a 15% off coupon for Holiday LEDS' Christmas lights (www.holidayleds.com/christmas-light-recycling-program.aspx).

Dispose: String lights are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

STUFFED ANIMALS

Dispose: Stuffed animals are currently **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

STYROFOAM

Dispose: Styrofoam is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Please contain all small pieces of Styrofoam, including peanuts, in a plastic bag before disposing to avoid litter.

SURF BOARDS

See "SPORTS EQUIPMENT"

TANKS AND PROPANE

Dispose: Harbor Fuel (10 Airport Road, 508-228-2950) takes home heating tanks for a fee.

Propane tanks for grills can be taken to Yates Gas (20 Arrowhead Drive, 508-228-0725).

TAPE

Dispose: Tape is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Tape does not need to be removed from Shipping Boxes for recycling, unless the box is covered in more than typical amount of tape necessary to close the box. Boxes covered in tape can be separated into **Shipping Box Recycling** (the box) and **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)** (the tape), or go in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

TEA BAGS

Compost: Tea bags made from a natural paper filter bag are **Compostable Waste (C)**. When in doubt about the type of material, dispose in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

Dispose: Tea bags made with a plastic mesh bag are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. When in doubt about the type of material, dispose in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

Tea bag packaging: Paper packaging is **Compostable Waste (C)**. Plastic packaging is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. When in doubt about the type of material, dispose in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

TETRAPACKS

Dispose: All Tetrapacks are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Products commonly packaged in Tetrapacks include soup, broth, tomato sauce, and juice.

TELEVISIONS

See "ELECTRONICS"

TEXTILES

Reuse: CLEAN clothing, linens, and other textiles can be:

- Donated to [local thrift stores](#)
- Brought to the Take-It-or-Leave-It
- Sent to Goodwill for free (or a charity of your choice) through Give Back Box (www.givebackbox.com).

Dispose: All textiles are currently **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

THERMOMETERS

Dispose: All mercury-containing products should be brought to a [Hazardous Waste Collection Event](#).

TINS

Recycle: Tin cans go in **Tin/Aluminum Recycling** with all other food and beverage cans, bottle caps and jar lids, and aluminum foil products.

Tin boxes go in **Scrap Metal**.

TIRES

Dispose: Bring tires to **Scale House** for drop-off instructions.

TOYS

Reuse: Toys in usable condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the Take-It-or-Leave-It. [Local thrift stores](#) accept donations of some toys.

Dispose: Most toys are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**. Please ask a Recycling Center attendant if you have any questions.

TOOLS

Reuse: Tools working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Dispose: Most tools are **Scrap Metal**. Please ask a Recycling Center attendant if you have any questions.

TOILETRIES

See "PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS & CONTAINERS"

TROPHIES

Recycle: Send trophies, plaques, and medals to Lamb Awards for recycling (www.lambawards.com/trophy-recycling/).

Metal medallions are **Scrap Metal** and the ribbon portion goes in **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

Dispose: Trophies are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

TYVEK ENVELOPES

Reuse: Cover address and reuse.

Recycle: Tyvek envelopes can be sent to:

Tyvek Recycle
337A Industrial Dr.
Petersburg, VA 23803

Dispose: Tyvek envelopes are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

VACUUM BAGS

Dispose: Vacuum bags are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

VIDEO GAMES

Reuse: Video games in playable condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Disposal: Video games are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

WATER PURIFICATION FILTERS

Recycle: Brita provides a free mail back program for their filters and other products to be recycled (www.brita.com/recycling-filters/).

Everpure water filters can be recycled through TerraCycle's free mail back program (<https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/brigades/everpure>),

Dispose: Water filters are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

WAXED PAPER

See "PAPER PRODUCTS"

WETSUITS

Reuse: Wetsuits in working condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**. [Local thrift stores](#) also accept donations of wetsuits.

Recycle: Suga recycles wetsuits into yoga mats (www.sugamats.com/recycling/).

Dispose: All textiles are currently **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

WHITE GOODS

Reuse: Habitat for Humanity collects working small and large appliances for reuse in their housing projects. Appliances in working condition can also be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Recycle: Broken and unusable large and small appliances should be brought to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions.

WOOD

Dispose: Most wood is **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste**. Use the Scale House for items and quantities over 40 lbs.

Recycle: Bring wooden pallets to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions. Other clean, unpressurized, and unpainted natural wood can also be brought to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions.

YARD WASTE, LEAVES, BRUSH, CHRISTMAS TREES

Compost: Bring Brush and Leaf & Yard Waste to the **Scale House** for drop-off instructions.

See "INVASIVE PLANTS" for information on disposing invasive plant species.

YOGA MATS

Reuse: Yoga mats in a usable condition can be posted in a [local online free and for sale group](#) for pick-up or brought to the **Take-It-or-Leave-It**.

Dispose: Yoga mats are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

ZIPTIES

Dispose: Zipties are **Non-Recyclable/Non-Compostable Waste (NRNC)**.

Local Free and For Sale Websites

[Cape Cod and Islands Craigslist](#)

[Nantucket Consignments](#) on Facebook

[Nantucket Consignments 2](#) on Facebook

[Nantucket Mansignments](#) on Facebook

[Nantucket Reuse Exchange](#)

Thrift and Consignment Stores

Consignment Shop (62 Old South Road, 508-228-1408)

Hospital Thrift Shop (17 India Street, 508-228-1125)

Island Treasures (17 N Beach Street, 508-228-0789)

The Seconds Shop (32 Sparks Avenue, 508-228-6677)