



Suffield Recycling and Disposal Guide

for household items



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Here is an overview of where to recycle and properly dispose of your most common household items, as of **April 2024**.

Key to chart:

	Your blue recycling bin that USA Hauling empties every other week.
	Suffield landfill, 2715 Mountain Rd - www.suffieldct.gov/departments/landfill .
	Gold Circuit E-Cycling, 277 Silver St, Agawam. Accepts Suffield items - www.goldcircuit.io/ .

Tips:

- » When in doubt, throw it out. Contaminated loads of recyclables may be trashed.
- » Rinse food from recyclable items and keep them dry. Wet recyclables can have reduced or no value.

Warnings:



Throw out recyclables less than 2" in diameter or 2" square. They can drop through gaps in the conveyors and contaminate other loads.



Never bag recyclables. USA Hauling throws them out since they can foul their machinery and lead to worker injury.



Do not throw out or recycle rechargeable batteries or devices containing them. They can cause fires and injure workers.

	Blue bin	Land-fill	Gold Circuit
Aerosol cans - like deodorizers, cleaners, pesticides and spray paints - throw out, <u>not</u> recyclable.			
Aluminum - foil, pie plates and baking trays - Recyclable. <u>Not accepted</u> : foil tops to yogurt containers.			
Antifreeze - see <i>Household Hazardous Waste</i> at suffieldct.gov/departments/landfill .			
Appliances - large , like air conditioners, dryers, freezers, humidifiers, refrigerators, stoves, washers, water tanks and coolers, and grills. There is a landfill charge for appliances containing Freon®. The Town will also pick up your items for a fee. See <i>Bulky Waste (Appliances, Furniture)</i> at suffieldct.gov/departments/landfill .			
Appliances - small , like coffee makers, hand mixers, microwaves, toaster ovens, stereos, receivers, cable boxes.			
Aseptic cartons - like containers of Silk®, Coffee-mate® with or without caps. Recyclable. Throw out loose caps.			
Batteries - rechargeables in cellphones, power tools, vapes and laptops can cause fires at recycling and trash facilities. Do not throw out or put in your recycling bin. Put in specified barrel at landfill or drop in bins at Staples or Home Depot. See call2recycle.org for more info and for e-bike batteries. Throw out single-use alkaline batteries.			
Blister packs - like plastic that conforms to a product and is glued or stapled to a cardboard backing, such as for alkaline batteries are recyclable. <u>Not accepted</u> : plastic sheets that hold individual pills and are covered with tin foil.			
Books of all kinds - softcovers, hardcovers, phonebooks, yearbooks. Recyclable.			
Bottles and jars - glass and plastic #1, #2 and #5 <u>only</u> , including black plastic and metal lids. Recyclable. Each eligible beverage container you return to a CT redemption center earns you 10¢.			
Brush and branches - accepted at the landfill.			
CDs & DVDs (and cases), floppy discs, Zips, VHS, audio tapes, photographic film - Green Monster, West Hartford, greenmonsterecycling.com . GreenDisk, Sammamish, Washington, greendisk.com . Both charge fees.			
Candy wrappers and snack bags, plastic - throw out, <u>not</u> recyclable.			
Cans - aluminum & steel - recyclable. CT redemption centers pay 10¢ for each eligible beverage container return.			
Cardboard and boxboard - like cracker and shoe boxes, Amazon shipping boxes and pizza boxes without food residue. Recyclable. Please flatten. <u>Not accepted</u> : waxed cardboard or Chinese food containers.			
Christmas trees - USA Hauling picks up live trees at curbside in January and mulches them at their facility. You can also bring trees to the landfill for mulching. <u>Artificial trees</u> : donate or dispose of as bulky waste at landfill.			
Clothing - Salvation Army bins at landfill and around town. Suffield Second Chance Shop takes clean clothes only.			
Coffee pods and discs, single serve - throw out, <u>not</u> recyclable.			
Concrete & similar products - clean concrete, mortar, brick, patio pavers accepted at no charge at landfill. There is a per-pound charge for pipes, metal containers, lally columns or similar items filled with concrete.			

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Cups - plastic single-use cups and lids for cold beverages are recyclable. <u>Not</u> accepted: plastic straws and paper cups since they're often coated with plastic or wax, or made from composite materials. Throw out.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Electronic equip. - like cabling, cell phones, computers, desktop printers, home audio and video, computer mice, modems, monitors, scanners, routers, UPS batteries, AC adapters, fax machines and tablets. Recyclable.		Land-fill	Gold Circuit
Envelopes - paper with or without windows. Bubble mailers with plastic outer covers can be recycled at your participating grocer. <u>Not accepted</u> : throw out or reuse Tyvek®, paper mailers with bubble wrap inside, and bubble mailers with metallic plastic covers.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Eyeglasses - donate to the Lions Club, Costco, LensCrafters®, most Walmart Vision Centers and Salvation Army.			
Fiberglass and plastic - oversize like hot tubs and boats. There is a landfill charge. Must be cut up with metal removed. See <i>Bulky Waste (Appliances, Furniture)</i> at suffieldct.gov/departments/landfill . Recyclable.		Land-fill	
Food waste - compost at home or drop-off to food waste recycling bin at 42 Ffyer Place. Otherwise throw out.			
Furniture - plastic, upholstered, wood. There may be a landfill charge. The Town will also pick them up from your home for a fee. See <i>Bulky Waste (Appliances, Furniture)</i> at suffieldct.gov/departments/landfill . Recyclable.		Land-fill	
Gasoline - see Hazardous waste.			
Glass - like window glass, mirrors, mugs, wine and drinking glasses. Donate, throw out or dispose of at the landfill.		Land-fill	
Glass containers and lids - recyclable. CT redemption centers pay 10¢ for each eligible beverage container return.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Greeting cards - paper or cardstock, recyclable. <u>Not accepted</u> : cards with glitter, ribbons, music boxes. Throw out.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Hangers - wire, plastic and wood are <u>not</u> recyclable. Donate to charities. Many dry cleaners accept wire hangers.			
Hazardous waste - see <i>Household Hazardous Waste</i> at suffieldct.gov/departments/landfill .			
Ice cream containers - rinse and recycle.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Inkjet and toner cartridges - go to Staples Enfield or Green Monster, West Hartford, greenmonsterecycling.com .			
Juice cartons - recyclable with or without caps. Throw out loose caps.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Juice drinking pouches - throw out, <u>not</u> recyclable.			
Lawn signs, political and business - signs are recyclable. Landfill accepts stakes as scrap metal, or discard them.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Leaves - extended fall landfill hours on Sunday for leaves only. See dates at suffieldct.gov/departments/landfill .		Land-fill	
Light bulbs - fluorescent, incandescent, LED - bins at landfill for all sizes.		Land-fill	
Magazines and catalogs - recyclable.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Mattresses, foam in original ticking, box springs - If clean and dry, no charge at the landfill. Recyclable.		Land-fill	
Medicines - prescription and over-the-counter, see <i>Prescription Medicines</i> at landfill website. Don't flush them down the toilet or sink. Also, the Suffield Police Dept. at 911 Mountain Rd. has a dropbox open 24/7/365.			
Metal scrap - recyclable at landfill.		Land-fill	
Milk cartons, plastic or paper - recyclable with or without caps. Throw out loose caps.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Needles and syringes - see <i>Prescription Medicines</i> at suffieldct.gov/departments/landfill .			
Newspapers and inserts - dry, not soaking wet. Recyclable.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Oil - used motor oil. One gallon is allowed on recycling day. Place the container at the curb next to your blue bin.			
Paint - see paintcare.org/states/connecticut/ . Recyclable. Sherwin-Williams, Enfield & True Value Hardware, Granby.			
Paper - bags, envelopes, office paper, newspapers, paper towel and toilet paper rolls, egg cartons, Post-it® notes and junk mail. Recyclable. <u>Not accepted</u> : napkins, tissue, paper plates and cups, and shredded paper.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Plastic bags - shopping bags, baggies, Ziploc®, soft film food bags - deposit in bins at participating grocers.			
Plastic containers - #1, #2 and #5 <u>only</u> , including plastic cups, black plastic, plastic egg cartons, planter pots, and pill bottles larger than 2" round. Recyclable. <u>Not accepted</u> : plastic straws and ice cube trays. CT redemption centers pay 10¢ for each eligible beverage container you return.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Plastic film - like Saran Wrap®, pallet & shrink wrap - deposit in bins at participating grocers. Recyclable.			
Plates, bowls and cups - ceramic - donate, throw away or bring to the landfill.		Land-fill	
Pots and pans - donate, throw away or bring to the landfill.		Land-fill	
Propane tanks - landfill charge. See <i>Bulky Waste (Appliances, Furniture)</i> on the landfill website. Recyclable.		Land-fill	
Six-pack plastic rings - throw out, <u>not</u> recyclable.			
Spiral notebooks - recyclable. Please remove the plastic or metal spiral first.	Blue bin	Land-fill	
Spiral wound containers - as used for Pringles®, frozen juices, biscuits and cookie dough. Discard, not recyclable.			
Styrofoam - (only these select items - must be clean, white, with no tape, labels or other contamination) Coolers #6 PS, polyethylene foam (flexible) #4 LDPE, bulk packing blocks #6 PS. Recyclable. <u>Not accepted</u> : styrofoam cups, plates, food containers, packing peanuts, pool noodles, foam egg crate packing, liquid-filled Instapaks®.			Gold Circuit
Teabags - compost after removing staples or throw them out, <u>not</u> recyclable.			
Tires - landfill charge. See <i>Bulky Waste (Appliances, Furniture)</i> at suffieldct.gov/departments/landfill .		Land-fill	
Utensils, cutlery, bowls, plates (metal or plastic) - donate or throw out, <u>not</u> recyclable.			
Wood scrap - accepted at the landfill.		Land-fill	
Wrapping paper - glossy, ribbons and bows - throw out, <u>not</u> recyclable or choose recyclable wrapping paper.		Land-fill	