

# ODD MATERIALS and WHAT TO DO WITH THEM!

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## America Flags

Contact your local Veterans Association for proper burning or for information on a Ceremony in your area.

## Batteries

Call2Recycle® is a free rechargeable battery and cell phone collection program.

### Nickel Cadmium & Rechargeable Batteries

Website: [www.call2recycle.org/](http://www.call2recycle.org/)

### Small Sealed Lead Acid Batteries

Website: [www.batterycouncil.org/](http://www.batterycouncil.org/)

The Battery Council International: (312) 664-6610,

### Lithium Batteries

Power Express Batteries, ATTN: Battery Recycling  
14388 Union Avenue,  
San Jose, CA 95124

### Caveat

This vendor list is by no means complete or comprehensive. Vendors listed here are not endorsed by NYSDEC. Their environmental compliance has not been authenticated. You can find more listings by searching the web. Please contact the vendor to find out all pertinent information including costs.

Free means no costs beyond mailing costs.

The NYS Rechargeable Battery Recycling Act was signed into law by the Governor on December 10, 2010. The law requires manufacturers of covered rechargeable batteries to collect and recycle the batteries statewide in a manufacturer-funded program at no cost to consumers.

Website: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/72065.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/72065.html)

For personal use Ni-Cd, Other Rechargeable and small sealed lead-acid batteries can be recycled at: Home Depot, Radio Shack, Walmart, Lowes and other retailers.

## Bottle Caps

Free

Caps-n-Cups recycles your caps and plastic #5 cups.

Website: [www.capsncups.com/](http://www.capsncups.com/)

## Carpet Recycling

Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) is a joint industry-government effort to increase the amount of recycling and reuse of post-consumer carpet and reduce the amount of waste carpet going to landfills.

There is limited coverage nationally.

Website: [www.carpetrecovery.org/index.php](http://www.carpetrecovery.org/index.php)

## Catalogs

Free

Get off the catalog mailing lists.

Website: [www.catalogchoice.org/](http://www.catalogchoice.org/)

## **CD & Floppy Disk Recycling**

**Free**

The following items can be sent to the CD Recycling Center for recycling

- CDs, DVDs, Blu-Ray discs
- Related disc packaging and cases
- Floppy discs
- Cell phones
- Inkjet Cartridges

The Compact Disc Recycling Center of America  
68H Stiles Road  
Salem, NH 03079  
Phone: 603-894-5553

Email: [info@cdrecyclingcenter.com](mailto:info@cdrecyclingcenter.com)

Website: [www.cdrecyclingcenter.com/information/about\\_us](http://www.cdrecyclingcenter.com/information/about_us)

## **Cell Phones**

**Free**

Under New York State Law, cell phone providers that sell cell phones are required to accept cell phones from consumers at no charge.

Website: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8818.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8818.html)

## **Compact Fluorescent Bulbs**

**Free**

Home Depot and Lowes has established national take back program at all their stores. Call your local store for more information.

## **Corks**

**Free**

ReCORK (previously ReCORK America) is a recycling program sponsored by Amorim of Portugal, the world's largest producer (3 billion annually) of natural cork wine closures; their U.S. sales affiliates, Amorim Cork America and Portocork America; and SOLE.

Website: [www.recork.org/](http://www.recork.org/)

## **Crayon Recycling**

**Free**

You can send your unwanted crayons for crayon recycling to:

LAF Lines Ltd.  
721 Village Road  
Pelican Lake, WI 54463  
1-800-561-0922

Website: [www.recycling-revolution.com/crayon-recycling.html](http://www.recycling-revolution.com/crayon-recycling.html)

## **Disks (3.5) & Video Tapes**

**Cost**

GreenDisk Services recycles your computer-related waste, spent supplies and obsolete accessories. (fee based on weight)

Website: [www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com)

## **Eye Glasses**

**Free**

Contact your local Lions Club, your Ophthalmologist or Optometrist (they usually send them to the local Lions Club).

Website: [www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/sight-programs/eyeglass-recycling/lions-eyeglass-recycling-centers.php](http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/our-work/sight-programs/eyeglass-recycling/lions-eyeglass-recycling-centers.php)

### **Fluorescent Lights and Ballasts**

**Cost**

If you are looking for information regarding how to safely dispose of fluorescent lights with mercury or PCB ballasts, this page should help you.

Website: [www.ehso.com/fluoresc.php](http://www.ehso.com/fluoresc.php)

### **Fluorescent Lights and Ballasts (State Agencies, Municipalities & Schools)**

**Cost**

Check this website for contractors that have contracts with OGS for florescent light and ballast recycling. They may be listed under computer and electronic recycling, so you will need to call. In New York State contact: [www.ogs.state.ny.us/purchase/fpa/fpa.asp](http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/purchase/fpa/fpa.asp)

### **Ink Jet Cartridges**

**Free**

There are many ways to reuse and recycle ink cartridges.

Website: [www.ehow.com/how\\_4794994\\_recycle-inkjet-cartridges.html](http://www.ehow.com/how_4794994_recycle-inkjet-cartridges.html)

### **Junk Mail**

**Free**

This guide provides clear, simple and proven reduction techniques to get off the junk mail list.

Website: [www.obviously.com/junkmail/index.html](http://www.obviously.com/junkmail/index.html)



### **Six Ring Holders**

**Free**

Participants in the program collect ring carriers and ship them back to Hi-Cone for recycling.

ITW Hi-Cone  
1140 W, Bryn Mawr  
Itasca, IL 60143  
800-965-7464

Website: [www.ringleader.com](http://www.ringleader.com)

Email: [itw@ringleader.com](mailto:itw@ringleader.com)

### **Smoke Detectors**

**Cost**

The vast majority of smoke detectors are made by First Alert Corporation.

Send old First Alert detectors to:

First Alert, Radioactive Waste Disposal  
3901 Liberty Street  
Aurora, IL 60504-2495  
1-800-323-9005.

Others are made by a Canadian firm called American Sensors, dial 1-800-387-4219 for more information.

### **Sneakers**

**Free**

Nike Reuse-A-Shoe teams up with groups dedicated to bringing environmental awareness to their local communities by holding sneaker recycling drives or you can send individual sneakers.

Website: [www.nikereuseashoe.com/](http://www.nikereuseashoe.com/)

## **Stonyfield Yogurt Containers & Brita Pitcher Water Filters**

Preserve Gimme 5  
823 NYS Rte 13  
Cortland, NY 13045  
1-888-354-7296

Website: [www.preserveproducts.com/gimme5/#send](http://www.preserveproducts.com/gimme5/#send)

**Free**



## **Styrofoam Packaging**

The white foam used to protect VCRs, TVs and other fragile items during shipment. The Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers maintains a website to search for styrofoam packaging recyclers in your area.

Website: [www.epspackaging.org/info.html](http://www.epspackaging.org/info.html)

**Free**

Additional Styrofoam recycling information can be found on the Earth 911 website at: [www.earth911.com/blog/2009/03/09/recycling-mysteries-styrofoam](http://www.earth911.com/blog/2009/03/09/recycling-mysteries-styrofoam)

For other plastic materials you can also search the American Chemistry Council's recycled plastic markets database website at:

[www.americanchemistry.com/s\\_plastics/sec\\_rpmd.asp?CID=1591&DID=6053](http://www.americanchemistry.com/s_plastics/sec_rpmd.asp?CID=1591&DID=6053)

## **Styrofoam Peanuts**

The Plastic Loose Fill Council's mission is to develop, promote and implement the original use and subsequent recovery, reuse and recycling of polystyrene loose fill, commonly known as "packing peanuts."

Peanut Hotline: 800-828-2214

Website: [www.loosefillpackaging.com](http://www.loosefillpackaging.com)

**Free**

## **Tennis Ball Recycling**

Send your used tennis balls for recycling.

Rebounces  
1313 Hwy 62-65 N, Suite F  
Harrison, AR 72601

Website: [www.rebounces.com/](http://www.rebounces.com/)

**Free**

## **Thermostats**

Thermostat Recycling Corporation's mission is to make it easy for you to get rid of thermostats that contain mercury.

Website: [www.thermostat-recycle.org](http://www.thermostat-recycle.org)

**Free**

## **Toner & Printer Cartridges**

This one is easy; most manufactures provide a mail back label for these materials.

**Free**

## **Tyvek Envelopes**

DuPont manages a nationwide recycling program that collects used Tyvek® envelopes - even printed Tyvek® envelopes - and recycles them into other useful materials. To receive a Tyvek Recycling Pouch you can call (800) 44-TYVEK or mail to:

DuPont Tyvek Recycling

**Free**

TRP 705  
974 Centre Road  
Wilmington DE 19805

Website: [www.dupont.com/Tyvek\\_Envelopes/en\\_US/tech\\_info/tech\\_environ.html](http://www.dupont.com/Tyvek_Envelopes/en_US/tech_info/tech_environ.html)

### Tyvek Garments

Free

Garment Recovery recycles all disposable Tyvek® items.

Garment Recovery Systems  
2030 Summer St.  
Hammond, IN. 46320  
(219) 989-4639  
Toll Free: (800) 499-5253 Fax:



Website: [www.garmentrecovery.com/index.html](http://www.garmentrecovery.com/index.html)

### Video Tapes

Cost

Greendisk Services recycles video tapes.

Website: [www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com)

Or

Eco-Media Recycling Centers in cooperation with United Parcel Service offer a nationwide pickup service for recycling your magnetic media.

Eco-Media Recycling Centers  
5427 E. La Palma Avenue  
Anaheim, CA 92807  
(800) 959-5156 x236

Cost

### Wrappers

Free

Terracycle recycles the following wrappers:

Bear Naked Bags & Wrappers  
Cookie Wrappers  
Frito Lay Chip Bags  
Luna bars

Drink Pouches  
Flavia Freshpacks  
Kashi Packaging  
Toasted Chips

Candy Wrappers  
Yogurt Containers  
Energy Bar Wrappers

Terracycle  
121 New York Ave  
Trenton, New Jersey 08638  
(609) 393-4252

Website: [www.terracycle.net/](http://www.terracycle.net/)



**Other site for recycling miscellaneous items: [www.obviously.com/recycle/guides/hard.html](http://www.obviously.com/recycle/guides/hard.html)**