



# ODD MATERIALS and WHAT TO DO WITH THEM!

This information is available on our Website - [www.dec.ny.gov](http://www.dec.ny.gov)  
Search "odd recyclables"

## 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/)

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

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

### 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.

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.

If you would like to watch a youtube video on how rechargeable batteries are recycled -

<http://www.call2recycle.org/physical-flowchart/>

## Bottle Caps

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

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

### Free

Free means no costs beyond mailing costs.

## Bra Recycling

A textile recycling company focused on doing recycling and reusing bras (textiles) that unnecessarily go to landfills.

Website: [www.brarecycling.com/about.shtml](http://www.brarecycling.com/about.shtml)

## Brita Water Filter Recycling

Brita® has teamed up with Preserve, a leading maker of 100 percent recycled household consumer goods, to collect and recycle Brita® filters.

Website: [www.brita.com/your-brita/recycle-your-filter/](http://www.brita.com/your-brita/recycle-your-filter/)

## **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
- Floppy discs
- Related disc packaging and cases
- Inkjet Cartridges
- Cell phones

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)

If you would like to watch a youtube video on how CD's are recycled -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sv8pJfCCwxI>

## **Ceiling Tiles**

Armstrong Ceilings has a ceiling recycling program.

Website: [www.armstrong.com/commceilingsna](http://www.armstrong.com/commceilingsna)

## **Cell Phones**

**Free**

Under New York State Law, cell phone service 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)

If you would like to watch a youtube video on how cellphones are recycled -

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCU4o\\_Ce9PM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sCU4o_Ce9PM)

## **Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFL)**

**Free**

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

If you would like to watch a youtube video on how CFL's are recycled -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wYP3Zx4grek>

**Corks****Free**

ReCORK (previously ReCORK America) is a recycling program sponsored by Amorim of Portugal.

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)

If you would like to watch a youtube video on how crayons are recycled -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IN7UpwZB9Bs>

**Disks (3.5)****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**

To reuse your old eye glasses, 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)

**Fire Extinguishers**

Can be recycled in certain areas of the state. Check Earth911 website to find a location.

Website: [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com)

**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 fluorescent 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)

**Gift Cards**

Contact us for ordering and pricing of the Earthworks System™ at: [orders@earthworkssystem.com](mailto:orders@earthworkssystem.com)

Or check [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org)

**Guitar Strings**

You can send your used guitar strings to this organization and they send them to musicians in developing countries.

Website: [www.darrylpurpose.com/second-strings-project/](http://www.darrylpurpose.com/second-strings-project/)

## Holiday Lights

Website: [www.holidayleds.com/holidayledscom\\_christmas\\_light\\_recycling\\_program](http://www.holidayleds.com/holidayledscom_christmas_light_recycling_program)

Ship them to: HolidayLEDs.com

Attn: Recycling Program

3849 Guest Rd.

Jackson, MI 49203

Or bring them to Home Depot the first week in November for recycling,

## 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)

If you would like to watch a youtube video on how inkjet cartridges are recycled -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3qysyue9FFU&feature=related>

## 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)

You can also get off unwanted mailing lists by going to Catalog Choice.

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



## Makeup Containers

Bring any cosmetic brand empty container into any Origins retail store for free recycling.

Website: [www.origins.com/cms/recycling\\_program/index.tmp](http://www.origins.com/cms/recycling_program/index.tmp)

M·A·C accepts returns of its primary packaging through the Back to M·A·C Program.

Website: [www.maccosmetics.com/giving\\_back/back\\_to\\_mac.tmp](http://www.maccosmetics.com/giving_back/back_to_mac.tmp)

## Marathon, Half-Marathon, or Triathlon Medals

A worldwide network of physicians and volunteers awards these medals to children and adults fighting debilitating illnesses who might not be able to run a race, but are in a race of their own just to continue to live their life.

Website: [www.medals4mettle.org/](http://www.medals4mettle.org/)

## Markers

The Crayola ColorCycle initiative has students in K-12 schools across the continental US and parts of Canada collecting used markers. They are sent to a conversion facility where they will be transformed into clean-burning fuel.

Website: [www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx](http://www.crayola.com/colorcycle.aspx)

or

Dixon Ticonderoga Company

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

## Medicines (Pharmaceuticals)

There is a new awareness about the potential harmful effects of medications on fish and other aquatic life; so, don't flush! Check this website for more information on proper disposal.

Website: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/45083.html)

### **Mercury Thermostats**

The goal of the program is to recycle all mercury-containing thermostats that are taken out of use.

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

### **Pantyhose**

No Nonsense Pantyhose Recycling

Website: [www.nononsense.com/PantyhoseRecycling.aspx](http://www.nononsense.com/PantyhoseRecycling.aspx)

### **Plastic Bags**

A statewide law requires certain retail and grocery stores to set up a plastic carry out bag recycling program for their customers.

Website: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/50034.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/50034.html)

If you would like to watch a youtube video on how plastic bags are recycled -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q6hzhKmw4EY>

### **Respiratory Inhalers**

GlaxoSmithKline, a maker of respiratory inhalers, has a program to recycle the devices.

Check this website to see if there is a pharmacy in your area that will take it back.

<http://us.gsk.com/html/responsibility/complete-the-cycle.html>

### **Six Ring Holders**

**Free**

Participants in this 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)

### **Shoes**

**Free**

Soles4Souls is a Nashville-based charity that collects shoes and distributes these shoes to people in need.

East Coast Location - New Jersey  
c/o ADS Logistics LP  
23 Mack Drive  
Edison, NJ 08817  
Drop-off by appointment only 732-287-8900

Website: [www.soles4souls.org/](http://www.soles4souls.org/)

### **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**

**Free**

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)

### **Styrofoam Packaging (Expanded polystyrene)**

**Free**

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)

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\\_rpm�.asp?CID=1591&DID=6053](http://www.americanchemistry.com/s_plastics/sec_rpm�.asp?CID=1591&DID=6053)

### **Styrofoam Peanuts**

**Free**

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)

### **Tennis Ball Recycling**

**Free**

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/)

### **Telephone Books**

Information on how to Opt-out of telephone books can be found on this website.

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

## Textiles (Clothing)

Clothes that are no longer wanted but in good condition can be donated to local charities; for example: Salvation Army, Good Will, Local Missions, etc.

Clothes that are too worn to be donated, but are clean and dry can be recycled. Check Earth 911 for a location at <http://earth911.com/>

For bin locations, visit [www.nysar3.org](http://www.nysar3.org)

If you would like to watch a youtube video on how textiles are recycled -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJka9tHkxjs>

## Thermostats

Free

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

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

## Toner & Printer Cartridges

Free

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

## Trophies

Check this website for information on reusing and/or recycling your gently used trophies.

Website: [www.awardsmall.com/Trophy-Recycling\\_ep\\_46.html](http://www.awardsmall.com/Trophy-Recycling_ep_46.html)

## Tyvek Envelopes

Free

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

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 or Toll Free: (800) 499-5253

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



## Video Tapes & Cassette Tapes

RecycleTech

Shipping

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

Greendisk Services recycles video tapes.

Cost

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

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**

### Windshields - Car

Website: <http://greenconversionsllc.com/>

Need a new windshield, ask your repair person if they know that windshields can be recycled. In NYS, contact:

Bronce Henderson, Glass Management Inc., 10 Erie Blvd, Albany NY 12204, 518-756-2630

### Wrappers

**Free**

Terracycle recycles the following wrappers:

Bear Naked Bags & Wrappers

Drink Pouches

Candy Wrappers

Luna bars

Cookie Wrappers

Flavia Freshpacks

Yogurt Containers

Frito Lay Chip Bags

Kashi Packaging

Energy Bar Wrappers

Terracycle

121 New York Ave

Trenton, New Jersey 08638

(609) 393-4252

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



### Yoga Mats

Recycle Your Mat upcycles yoga mats as new products and reuse mats through donations.

Website: <http://www.recycleyourmat.com/>