

MAYOR'S COLUMN

The Village encourages residents to recycle as many household products as possible. Our goal is to greatly increase our recyclable tonnage and decrease ordinary trash. In order to help residents work together with the Village, I thought it important to remind citizens of what exactly can be recycled, and ways to help our employees collect material more expeditiously.

- All newspapers, magazines, junk mail and phone books can be recycled including colored and glossy ads and periodicals. It is easier for our Department of Public Works gentlemen to collect them when placed in paper bags. Please do not use plastic bags for any recycling products.
- Cardboard boxes of all sizes can be recycled if cleaned of most plastic tape. Please flatten boxes. They can even be placed in one larger box. Staples need not be removed.
- Waxed cardboard and grey card board (such as cereal, pizza, tissue boxes and towel rollers) and plastic and Styrofoam packing are not recyclable. Please put these items in the regular garbage pick-up.
- Paper products of any kind must be separated from other recyclables because the Village has two distinct crews, one to pick up paper exclusively and the other for comingled materials.

- Any size clear, green or brown glass can be recycled without plastic caps. Items need to be rinsed, but labels need not be removed.
- Glass not used for food or beverages such as light bulbs, drinking glasses, crystal, window and mirror glass, ceramic ware and kitchen cookware are not recyclable.
- Plastic containers coded 1 or 2, those commonly used for food, beverages, detergents and shampoos are recycled if rinsed and plastic cap discarded. Again, labels need not be removed.
- Metal food and beverage cans, metal lids, clean aluminum foil and trays and empty aerosol cans are all recyclable. Containers should be rinsed but labels need not be removed. Place them in the blue bin with glass and plastic containers. Paint cans or metal containers that were filled with pesticides, glues or solvents must go in regular garbage.
- Plastic containers not coded 1 or 2, plastic bags, flower pots, film plastic and any medical waste from home kits must be discarded in regular garbage.

The Village does not have a recycling depot so individuals cannot go on their own to deliver products to a specific location.

- Small batteries must go in regular trash because as yet there is no secondary market for their recycled use. Car batteries

must be returned to place of purchase or a gas station willing to accept them.

- Items too heavy for regular garbage that do not qualify as household hazardous waste will be removed by special pick-up. Such products include refrigerators, air conditioners and freezers with Freon and doors removed, old furniture, carpeting, books and only dried open paint cans.

To arrange for a bulky waste pick-up, contact the Department of Public Works at 337-7338. A pre-payment of \$20 is required before items are collected. All items must be placed curbside by 7AM on the morning of the scheduled pick-up.

If you have any questions as to what else may qualify for recycling, please call the Department of Public Works at 337-7338.