

SOMERSET RECYCLING GUIDE

IN-DEPTH LIST

Recycle Together in Blue Bin



Paper products

Must be free from food scraps

Shredded paper must be in paper bag



Metal

Including aluminum foil and cans. Rinse clean



Bottles and Jars

Open and free of food scraps, no need to remove labels



Cardboard

Must be flattened to less than 4'x6'



Plastic

No #6 plastics



NO PLASTIC BAGS

of any type in the recycling bin (including ones full of recyclables!)
Take them to the grocery store.

Compost with a bin from Compost Crew



All food items
Yes, all!



Uncoated Paper
Like Chinet brand plates

Take to Shady Grove Transfer Station



Scrap Metal
Anything >50% metal



Non-Alkaline Batteries and Electronics

Recyclables

Paper:

Phone books
Drink boxes
Milk cartons
Newspaper & inserts
White/colored paper
Food & snack boxes
Hard and soft cover books
Greeting cards
Non-foil gift wrap
Catalogs and magazines
Junk mail

Tubs and lids
Trays
Disposable cups and plates
Flower pots
Pill bottles
Toys
Buckets
Clam shell packaging (electronics to salad bars)

Soda Cans
Pie, roasting, and cake pans
Hairspray cans
Whipped cream cans
Aluminum foil
Wire hangers

Glass:
Any color glass bottles or jars.

Cardboard:
Must be flattened
And more!

Compostables

Food Scraps:

Coffee grounds
Dairy
Oil
Meat (includes bones)
Fruits and vegetables

Cotton t-shirts
Wool
String
Dead flowers
Feathers
Pencil shavings

Uncoated paper products - eg Chinet brand
Paper:
Soiled pizza boxes
Paper towels
Other:
Wine corks
Dryer lint

For a complete list, visit compostcrew.com/thelist

Shady Grove Transfer Station

Scrap Metal:

Lawn chairs,
Lawn mowers
Fencing
File cabinets
Grills
Appliances

Bicycles
Propane cylinders

Batteries:
Lithium
Lithium-ion
Rechargeable

Watch batteries
Hearing aid batteries
Cell phone batteries
Nickel cadmium and button batteries

Glass:
Fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs & tubes)
LED bulbs
Electronics
Computers

For a complete list, visit m.montgomerycountymd.gov/sws/how

This Stuff Goes in the Trash to the Landfill



Alkaline Batteries
For toys and flashlights



Coated paper
With wax, plastic, or foil



Glass
Dishes, windows, etc



#6 plastics

Landfill Items

Plastic:

Styrofoam
Motor oil containers
Pesticide or solvent bottles
CD jewel cases

Glass:

Crystal
Cookware
Drinking glasses
Mirrors
Ceramics

Batteries:
Dry and alkaline (toys, flashlights, appliances, etc.)

Paper:
Coated paper plates or cups
Foil gift wrap

BEYOND RECYCLING:

Re-use! Donate! Freecycle! Visit the Town Website for ideas