

## Town of Westminster

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For more information on the recycling and solid waste collection program go to our website:  
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## Universal Recycling Law

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### Universal Recycling Law (Act 148)

Since July 1, 2015 the State of Vermont has required all municipalities with solid waste pro-grams to implement a variable rate pricing system. This law requires every Vermont town to become accountable for their recycling and solid waste. Vermont as a whole recycled approximately 35% of generated solid waste for the past ten years. A major portion of the waste stream that is disposed of is composed of recyclable items, leaf and yard debris and food scraps that could be kept out of our landfills and put to better use. Home composting is encouraged and you can also bring food scraps to your local transfer station for commercial composting.

In Westminster we have a curbside recycling and solid waste program. This program will put our town in compliance with the Universal Recycling Law. Our program is a work-in-progress as is the Universal Recycling Law (Act 148). Many months of preparation went into developing this program that not only meets the state mandate but keeps curbside solid waste pickup intact. In order to meet the guidelines of the mandate we will need everyone's cooperation and participation.

For more information on the Universal Recycling Law (Act 148) go to the State of Vermont website at:  
[dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/universal-recycling](http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/universal-recycling)

## TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

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*Recycle, Reduce, Reuse*

### Municipal Recycling and Solid Waste Collection Program



*Effective October 1, 2025*

## General Rules for Recycling

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### **Paper goods:**

Do's: Keep dry; remove strings from envelopes; empty all cardboard boxes but staples, tape and labels are alright.

Don'ts: no Styrofoam; no stuck on food or grease; no oil, paint, chemical stained or wax coated cardboard; no bubble wrap; no Tyvek or plastic envelopes; no CD's; no shredded plastic (credit cards); no plastic wrappings on catalogs; do not tie newspapers with string; no napkins or paper towels.

### **Aluminum & Metals:**

Do's: Rinse clean; separate cap from container. Make sure foil is balled up to at least 2" x 2".

Don'ts: no stuck on food; no full or partially full containers; no oil filters or scrap metal; no hazardous fluid containers which includes paint, cleanser, auto sprays, etc.

### **Glass:**

Do's: Rinse clean; Food & beverage containers only.

Don'ts: No light bulbs, Pyrex, drinking glasses, window panes, or ceramics.

### **Plastics #1, 2 & 5:**

Do's: Check bottom of product for recycling #. Rinse clean, make sure dry, and replace cap/lid.

Don'ts: no plastic bags, bubble wrap, etc.; No Styrofoam products such as cups, takeout containers, packaging blocks and peanuts, etc.; No motor oil containers or electronic housing; No biodegradable or compostable plastics (PLA)

## Single Stream Recycling

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### **Acceptable Items:**

**Paper** egg cartons  
Chipboard/box board/corrugated cardboard  
Computer, fax, and copier paper  
Construction paper  
Craft paper (brown grocery bags)  
Frozen food cartons  
Junk mail (including envelopes & coupons)  
Magazines and catalogs  
Newspaper  
Notebook paper  
Soft covered workbooks  
Telephone and paperback books  
White envelopes  
White and colored ledger paper

### **Aluminum & Metal cans**

Aluminum (e.g. pie plates, foil)  
Tin and bi-metallic containers (including food & empty personal care aerosol cans)

**Glass** bottles (clear, blue, brown & green)

### **Plastic** containers (# 1, 2, & 5)

Most product containers have the "recycling" symbol with # imprinted on the underside of the container

### **Unacceptable Items:**

Trash  
Plastic bags/film  
Aseptic containers.  
Milk/juice cartons  
Diapers  
Clothing  
Styrofoam  
Loose caps/lids  
Food  
Compost  
Yard Waste  
Wrapping Paper  
Batteries  
Light Bulbs



## Westminster Curbside Program

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### **Rules to Follow:**

- Trash will need to be contained in a can, tote, bin, etc.. with a lid furnished by you.
- Recycling will need to be contained in a can tote, bin, etc.. with a lid furnished by you.
- Cans, totes, bins, etc.. will need your street number clearly printed on them so that the Hauler will be able to see from their truck.
- Trash that you place in your container will need to be bagged and have a sticker attached to the neck of the bag. The bag's capacity per sticker is 33 gals. or 30 lbs. whichever is greater.
- Taxpayers receive 55 stickers annually. Any additional stickers that you need can be purchased at the Town Hall for \$2.50 each.
- Recycling is single stream. This means that all of your recycling (as per the list on the adjacent page) will go into the same container with a lid on it. All of the recycled products must remain dry and clean.
- Proper handling of food scraps is up to the resident. Make arrangements to reduce food waste, feed farm animals, compost at home, and/or drop off at your local transfer station. This link could help with food scrap questions: [dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/universal-recycling](http://dec.vermont.gov/waste-management/solid/universal-recycling)

**Any questions, please feel free to call the Town Hall at 802-722-4255**