

# **Town of Spencer - Prohibited Waste Disposal and Recycling Guidelines**

ALL of the following items are prohibited from disposal with trash or other items. As indicated by asterisks below some of the prohibited / banned materials are separately sorted at the Spencer Transfer Station. For more information visit our web site at: [http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA\\_Transfer/index](http://www.spencerma.gov/Pages/SpencerMA_Transfer/index)

Acids	* Leaves
Agricultural Equipment	Liquid Waste
Ammunitions	Marine Vessels
Animal Remains	* Metals & Non-contaminated Metal Containers
Asbestos	Motor Vehicles
** Auto Springs	Motorcycles
Auto Transmissions	Non-Burnable Construction Material
Biological Wastes	** Oil (Motor Oils Only)
** Cable	Paints
* Cardboard	Pathological Wastes
Caustics	Pesticides
Cesspool or Other Human Wastes	Petroleum Products
Chemicals	* Plastic Containers #1 thru #7
Cleaning Fluids	Poisons
Crankcase Oils	Radioactive Materials
Cutting Oils	** Recyclable Paper
Demolition Debris	** Refrigerators
** Drained Oil	Rear Ends
Drugs	Sheetrock
** Drying Machines	Snowmobiles
Empty Chemical Containers	** Stoves
Explosives, Firearms & Ordnance Materials	Trailers
Farm Machinery	Tree Logs
** Fenders & Auto body Metals	Tree Stumps
Flammables	Vehicular Parts
Glass Containers	Wallboard
Hazardous Materials or Remains	** White Goods
Human Remains	** Washing Machines
Insecticides	** Wire / Wiring
Large Machinery	Wood (Greater than 6 feet long and/or 1 foot in diameter)
Lead Batteries	* Yard Waste

**\* State Mandated Recyclables Accepted at the Spencer Transfer Station.**

**\*\* Other Recyclable Items at the Spencer Transfer Station (Fees may apply – see web link above).**

## ? FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is Zero-Sort® Recycling?

Zero-Sort Recycling is Casella's state-of-the-art process which enables paper, cardboard, plastic, glass, and metal to be collected together in one bin without the need to separate recyclables.

### How should I prepare my recyclables?

Recyclables should be rinsed clean of any food waste. Corrugated cardboard boxes should be broken down into smaller pieces. Lids and caps can remain on empty plastic bottles. **DO NOT** tie newspaper or cardboard with twine.

### What type of metal can I recycle?

Aluminum and tin cans are acceptable. Pots, pans, and scrap metal such as automotive parts, motors, and appliances are **NOT ALLOWED**.

### Can I throw trash and recyclables into my Zero-Sort Recycling bin?

**NO.** Your Zero-Sort Recycling bin is for Zero-Sort recyclables only. Items that can't be recycled should be tossed into your trash bin.

### What are large rigid plastics?

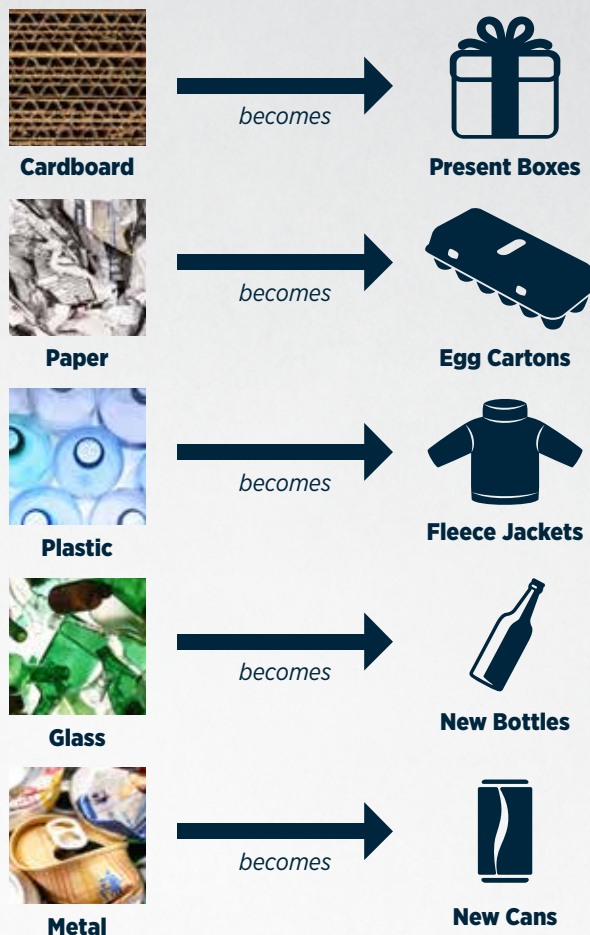
Items made of plastic which include, sleds, soda crates, laundry baskets, plastic chairs, carts, toys, garbage cans, and general household items.

### Can I put my recyclables in clear plastic bags?

**NO.** Plastic bags are not accepted in the Zero-Sort Recycling program. Many grocery and retail stores offer plastic bag recycling.

## GIVING RESOURCES NEW LIFE®

Zero-Sort® is the single bin recycling service that puts more of your discarded materials back into the world and less of it into the landfill.



Learn more about the recycling process at [casella.com/ZeroSort](https://casella.com/ZeroSort)



## THE SINGLE BIN THAT SAVES YOU TIME AND EFFORT!

Casella's Zero-Sort® Recycling is quick and easy! No sorting on your end means more time to enjoy life!



Learn more about solutions for your home or business at [casella.com](https://casella.com)





# ZERO-SORT: HOW RECYCLING GETS DONE

No sorting on your end makes recycling quick and easy! Just focus on tossing all recyclables into one bin and Casella takes care of the rest. Please **empty** and **rinse** all containers as well as **flatten** and **break down** cardboard boxes.

## CARDBOARD/PAPER



**Corrugated Cardboard**  
(wavy center layer)



**Boxboard and Paper Cartons**  
(dry-food boxes, cores, paper bags, and egg, milk, and juice cartons)



**File Folders and Office Paper**  
(all colors)



**Newspaper**  
(all sections and inserts)



**Mail and Greeting Cards**  
(junk mail and envelopes)



**Magazines and Phone Books**  
(catalogs and soft cover books)

## PLASTIC



**Plastic Containers**  
(#1 - #7)



**Large Rigid Plastics**  
(5-gallon pails and laundry baskets)



**Empty Metal and Aerosol Cans**  
(aluminum, tin, and foil)



**Glass Bottles**  
(food jars and beverage)

## METAL

## GLASS

### NOT ACCEPTED:

Plastic bags or wrapping, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, pyrex, ceramics, paper towels, facial tissue, styrofoam, recyclables containing food waste, paints, oils, hazardous material, needles, syringes, VCR tapes, CDs/DVDs, scrap metal, pots, pans, batteries, hard-cover books, clothing/textiles, wood/lumber, yard trimmings, 3-ring/spiral notebooks



### Your Recycling Makes a Difference!

Our state-of-the-art sorting facilities are located throughout the Northeast. From pickup to final processing, we make sure your recyclables take the shortest route from your bin back to the shelves.

No sorting on your end makes it easier to recycle. You just focus on filling the bin and we take care of the rest.



Learn more about how we're giving resources new life at [casella.com](https://casella.com)