

Recycling CURBSIDE DO's

OLD NEWSPAPERS

Bundled and tied or placed in brown paper bags - on top or alongside your blue recycling bin - on your scheduled recycling pickup day.

JUNK MAIL, MAGAZINES, CATALOGS, PAPERBACK BOOKS

Placed in brown paper bags alongside the blue recycling bin - on your scheduled recycling pickup day.

GLASS

Recycle clear, green, and amber glass food and beverage containers ONLY. Wash, remove lids and rings before putting glass containers in your blue recycling bin on your scheduled recycling pickup day. You DO NOT have to remove paper labels.

ALUMINUM AND METAL CANS

Recycle all aluminum and metal food and beverage cans and food trays. WASH and place in your blue recycling bin on your scheduled recycling pickup day. You DO NOT have to remove paper labels from your cans. To conserve space, you may crush your cans, so "step on it."

PLASTICS

Any plastic bottles that have a recycle number marked on the bottom; butter, margarine, yogurt containers, empty juice, soda, water, milk, laundry detergent bottles. Prepare by removing tops, rinse, flatten, and place in blue recycling bin with other recyclables on your scheduled recycling pickup day.

OLD CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

Old corrugated cardboard (OCC) is recyclable and will be picked up on your scheduled recycling pickup day. It must be clean (no wood attached), flattened and no larger than three (3) square feet and bundled! OCC larger than three (3) square feet can be dropped off at the cardboard recycling area at the Public Works Complex.

Recycling CURBSIDE DON'TS

DO NOT RECYCLE hard cover books, or other paper products not included in this flyer, DO NOT mix with old newspapers.

DO NOT RECYCLE light bulbs, plate glass, auto glass, tempered glass, mirrors, ceramics or any glass that is not a container. Please DO NOT recycle broken glass.

DO NOT RECYCLE scrap metal, paint cans and automotive product cans other than aerosol cans.

DO NOT RECYCLE any aerosol cans that contain a solution. (Hazardous Waste Day)

DO NOT place at the curbside any old corrugated cardboard larger than three (3) square feet. It will not be picked up. You can drop it off at the Public Works Complex.

WHERE TO RECYCLE: on your recycling day, just put your filled bin and other recyclables out with your regular household garbage by 6:00 am, rain or shine. Recyclables and garbage will be collected by separate trucks.

Note: If you accidentally discarded an item in your blue bin that cannot be recycled, the blue bin will not be picked up. Residents will be advised on this violation.

WHEN TO RECYCLE: your recycling day is your regular garbage day every other week. The city will be divided in half. Just remember to put your filled bin out with your regular household trash by 6:00 am. It is that easy!

NOTE: If twenty per cent (20%) or more recyclable items are found in your normal garbage, the garbage will not be picked up. A note will be attached to the garbage receptacle advising the resident of the findings. The State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection Recycling Regulations require all recyclable items be separated from the regular garbage. Continued abuse can result in a fine! Any violation of the City of Ansonia Recycling Ordinance can be punishable by a maximum fine of \$100.00

WHO should recycle? The simple answer is "everybody!" Our community, like thousands of others across America, is running out of landfill space. On a national and global scale, society as a whole is consuming valuable natural resources, some of which are non-renewable. Ansonia's recycling program gives each of us a way to conserve landfill space by reducing the volume of waste that is buried in the ground. It also helps ease the burden on our natural resources by recycling old materials, such as paper and plastics, into new products. And by recycling, we save energy and extend the life of our oil, coal, and natural gas reserves.

WHY WE SHOULD RECYCLE: in a typical community, each family generates about 60 lbs of recoverable old newspaper, corrugated cardboard, glass, plastic, tin and aluminum every month. Subtract that bulk from our local landfills, and it's easy to see that participation- by you and your neighbors in our city- in this program can make a real difference. Every can or bottle that you recycle is part of a long-range step toward easing the waste crisis we hear about in the news. Your participation in this recycling effort is the cornerstone of a movement that starts here, at home in Ansonia, but that will have a positive, world wide impact as more and more people make the decision to recycle.

DID YOU KNOW? The City of Ansonia provides residents with a drop-off area for recyclables at the Public Works Complex. The Complex is located at 1 North Division St (near Stop and Shop) and is open daily from 7:00 am to 2:45 pm and from 8:00 am to 11:45 am on Saturdays. The following items can be dropped off: old newspapers, old corrugated cardboard, glass bottles and jars, metal/aluminum food cans, plastics, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, and paperback books. Leaves and yard waste can also be dropped off. Bulky items such as washing machines, refrigerators, stoves, etc. can be dropped off at the Transfer Station or picked up curbside (see curbside pick-up policy) by appointment only by calling 736-5945.