

RECYCLING SAVES TAX DOLLARS & PROTECTS OUR ENVIRONMENT



**TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA
 GUIDE TO BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING**



MATERIALS		WHAT TO PLACE IN TOTE	WHAT TO PLACE IN TRASH
	NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINES & CATALOGS Anything that comes with your normal newspaper. Magazines delivered to your home or purchased at a newsstand. All catalogs, phone books, and junk mail.	Place in tote loose. Put junk mail and writing paper in tote. Now accepting soft & hard cover books. DO NOT USE STRING OR PLASTIC BAGS	ITEMS NOT RECYCLABLE Napkins, tissue paper, paper towels, wax paper, wrapping paper. ANY FOOD SOILED PAPER
	CORRUGATED CARDBOARD Recycle all brown corrugated cardboard. Brown paper bags. Unsoiled pizza boxes. Box board (shoe boxes, gift boxes, cereal boxes).	Remove all strapping. Break down all boxes to fit in tote	ITEMS NOT RECYCLABLE Waxed corrugated, cardboard lined with foam, and fridge/freezer boxboard, pop/beer boxboard, styrofoam.
	GLASS BOTTLES All clear, green and brown food and beverage containers.	Rinse containers. Labels DO NOT have to be removed. Put all containers and METAL lids and caps in tote.	ITEMS NOT RECYCLABLE Ceramic bottles and other ceramic items, flower pots, crystal light bulbs, mirror and window glass, heat resistant ovenware, hypodermic syringes, eyeglasses.
	METAL CANS & KITCHEN COOKWARE All metal food and beverage containers (cans). Metal lids, closure caps, aluminum pie tins. Pots, pans, tins and utensils.	Rinse containers. Labels DO NOT have to be removed. Absolutely no propane tanks of any size.	ITEMS NOT RECYCLABLE Silverware, metal/cardboard containers (frozen juice or motor oil), small appliances, or tin foil. do not include any type of battery.
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	MILK & JUICE CARTONS DRINK BOXES Gable top beverages. Containers including those with plastic spouts.	Rinse and empty. Place in tote with other containers.	ITEMS NOT RECYCLABLE Straws from drink boxes. Frozen food containers. Waxed paper or drink pouches.
	Waste motor oil and tires are to be returned to the service station or retail outlet where purchased and WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.		

FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE OF QUESTIONS CALL: SANITATION DEPARTMENT 686-3426.

WHERE to recycle: On your recycling day just put your tote out with your regular solid waste by 6:00 a.m. Rain or Shine. Republic Services will pick up your recyclable materials. Recyclables and solid waste will be collected by separate trucks.		
WHEN to recycle: Your recycling day will be your regular solid waste day every other week. Check the calendar attached for your scheduled weeks. Just remember to put our filled tote out with your regular solid waste by 6:00 a.m. It's that easy! If your scheduled collection day falls on Christmas Day or New Year's Day, that day's collection and the remainder of the week will be delayed on day.		
WILL THE TOTE HOLD ALL OF MY SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING? Yes, on average, the tote should be sufficient for homeowners if you recycle all the allowable materials, such as glass, plastic, cans, paper and cardboard.	HOW CAN I MAXIMIZE MY RECYCLING TOTE USAGE? The most common way to maximize the recycling tote is by ensuring that you break down all cardboard recyclables. If you find that you are still having an excess of recycling, try compacting the soft plastic containers before placing them into the recycling tote.	WILL I BE ABLE TO USE MY OWN CONTAINERS? No. Due to safety and liability issues, residents will not be able to put out recycling in their own containers. Only the tote supplied by the Town of Cheektowaga, for recycling, will be picked up.
DO I HAVE TO FILL MY RECYCLING TOTE BEFORE I CAN PUT IT OUT TO BE PICKED UP? No, you do not have to have a full recycling tote in order for it to be picked up. Ideally, we would like to remove a full tote to insure a more productive program.	WHO OWNS THE TOTE? The tote remains the property of the Town of Cheektowaga and stays with the house when you move. Do not paint or deface the tote.	WHERE DO I PLACE THE TOTE ON MY RECYCLING DAY? Place the tote 3 feet from your trash tote, parked cars, bulk items, fences, mailboxes and other obstructions. Unhook, and remove, any temporary bungee cords or tie-downs you may have used to secure the lid before setting the wheeled tote out on collection day. Totes must be placed out on recycling days by 6:00 a.m. Make sure the arrows on the top lid of your recycling tote are facing towards the street
WILL ANY RECYCLABLES LEFT OUTSIDE OF THE TOTE BE PICKED UP? No. Any recyclables left outside of the tote will not be picked up. Please ensure that you are maximizing your usage of the recycling tote.		