

# Recycling Frequently Asked Questions

## Paper:

1. Shredded Paper – Shredded paper is accepted for recycling. However to minimize the amount of paper blowing around the waste management sites and the recycling center, Riteway Recycling asks that it be put in a bag; preferably a paper bag, before depositing it in the paper bin.
2. Envelopes with windows – Envelopes with windows are accepted.
3. Colored Paper – All color of paper can be recycled.
4. Paper towels – All clean, dry paper is accepted for recycling. However, paper used to soak up liquids or to hold solid materials like garbage or dog feces should not be deposited for recycling.

## Cans:

1. Can lids – Not only all cans, but all metal lids can be recycled, including those with a coating inside the can.
2. What about jar lids? – Jar lids with plastic or rubber material attached on the inside can be included in the can container for recycling, as well.
3. Paint cans – These should not be put in the recycling bin. They can be filled with kitty litter, and once the litter has dried up the paint, they can be put into the trash.

## Glass:

1. Does glass have to be recycled by color? – Not at this time. Glass is currently being purchased by Chinese industry and they accept glass of all colors batched together..
2. Can all glass be put into the bin for recycling? – No. Only bottles and jars are being accepted. Other types of glass contain materials that require a higher degree of heat to melt. If glass other than bottles and jars is included, it creates bubbles and imperfections in the recycled glass, restricting its use.

## Oil

1. Anti-Freeze – Anti-Freeze is considered a hazardous waste and is not accepted for recycling or as trash. It should be brought to the waste management sites on the two days per year when Hazardous Household waste is accepted.
2. Cooking oil – No, only automotive oil is accepted for recycling.

## Plastic

1. Styrofoam – is not plastic, nor is it paper. It should be put in the trash containers.
2. Plastic toys, wading pools, beach balls, paint drop cloths? – No. Only containers, such as those for food, beverages and detergents, and marked as grade 1, 2, or 3 plastic, should be put into the recycling bins.
3. Do we have to remove the rings and lids from plastic bottles? – No longer. The current buyers of plastic accept containers with lids and rings of a different grade of plastic attached.

## Waste Management and Recycling

1. What should I do if the recycling bin is full? – Waste Management employees at the sites are required to notify Riteway Recycling when the bins are 75% full so the containers can be changed out. If this has not happened, alert the attendant on duty. You can then save the recyclable for another day or take it to another waste site.
2. When I ask the waste site attendants where to put recyclable materials, why do they tell me to put them in with the regular trash? – This should not happen, but the attendants are employees of Mid-Peninsula Waste Management, not Riteway Recycling. Northumberland County pays each of the companies for what they individually take away. The attendant may be giving incorrect direction because of a lack of knowledge, the desire to make it easier on you, or in support of their employer.
3. Who can I call for more information? – Riteway Recycling can answer any questions about recycling. Their phone number is 804-580-8010.
4. Where can I get “Recycling” boxes for a special event? – You can call Riteway at 804-580-8010 to schedule a pick up of the boxes and the special bags that allow the boxes to be reused.