

RECYCLE DELAWARE

Single-Stream Drop-Off Centers

DSWA Drop-Off Center Site Sponsors play an important role in making recycling in Delaware possible. If you're interested in becoming a DSWA Drop-Off Center site sponsor, these criteria must be met:

- The center must have overhead or ample lighting.
- The area must be paved.
- No overhead wires or low branches over the center.
- The area must be at least 50 feet wide and 10 feet deep with an access area.
- The community must show an interest in recycling.
- No other DSWA Drop-Off Centers in the immediate vicinity.

OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION

All DSWA Drop-Off Centers are maintained by the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA).

Questions about this
or any other DSWA program,
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1-800-404-7080

or visit www.dswa.com



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Helping to make recycling easier
for Delaware residents.



DSWA'S SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM...

DSWA has expanded the single-stream recycling program to include over 150 Drop-Off Centers across the state.

Since 1990, Delaware residents have used these Drop-Off Centers at various locations to recycle their household items such as newspapers, plastic narrow-neck bottles, aluminum and steel cans, junk mail, brown, green, and clear glass, corrugated cardboard, plastic bags, and paperboard. Each type of material was sorted into different colored containers then collected for recycling.

Sorting is now a thing of the past! The Drop-Off Centers are now single-stream, which means that residents will no longer have to sort their recyclables prior to coming to the Drop-Off Centers.

ABOUT DSWA DROP-OFF CENTERS...

The Centers are generally placed within a five-mile radius from most residential areas. The program was designed so those residents doing errands could drop off the materials at one of the Centers without making a special trip to do so. Drop-Off Centers are placed through voluntary sponsorships. Many of the Centers are placed at shopping centers, businesses, and schools as partnerships between the facility management and DSWA.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MATERIALS?

Once the single-stream materials are collected by DSWA they are taken to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF), where the recyclable materials are separated and sent to various markets for sale.

Listed below are accepted materials for the DSWA single-stream recycling program.

- Newspapers/Brown Paper Bags
- Magazines/Catalogs
- Telephone/Soft Cover Books
- Junk Mail/Envelopes (all types)
- Office Paper
- Paperboard (cereal/tissue boxes) & beverage holders
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Narrow-Neck Plastic Bottles
- Milk Jugs, Bleach/Detergent, & Shampoo Bottles
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Glass Bottles/Jars (any color)
- Metal Cans (tin/steel/aluminum)

Many Drop-Off Centers also accept household batteries, motor oil, oil filters, and textiles. These types of materials will continue to be collected in separate containers due to their size or special nature.

Another exciting addition to DSWA's Drop-Off Program is the collection of paperboard items such as cereal, tissue boxes, and beverage holders. These items are now being accepted with the curbside recycling program and at DSWA Drop-Off Centers.

At no cost to the public, DSWA operates the statewide program, which averages three million pounds of recyclables received each month!

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Corrugated Cardboard (Dark Brown Containers) Most Locations

What: Clean corrugated cardboard only

Preparation: Fold down to fit in 60" x 5" opening

Not Accepted: Cereal boxes, shoe or tissue boxes, beverage holders

New Product: New corrugated cardboard



Motor Oil (White Containers) Specified Locations Only

What: Used motor oil, hydraulic or diesel oil

Preparation: Pour in drain of oil container.

Dispose of oil container in regular trash.

Not Accepted: Gasoline or gas and oil mixture, anti-freeze, paint thinners or solvents.

New Product: Delaware City-based refinery collects the used oil to be processed into fuel.



Oil Filters (White Containers) Same Locations as Motor Oil

What: Used car and truck oil filters.

Preparation: None.

Not Accepted: Other steel products.

New Product: Oil is squeezed out and used for fuel. Steel is used to make new steel products.



Batteries (Small Yellow Containers)

What: Small household batteries and button type (A's, C's, D's, watch, hearing aid and camera).

Preparation: None.

Not Accepted: Car, motorcycle or lantern batteries.

Batteries are stored in drums for safe disposal.



Textiles (Light Brown Containers)

What: Old clothing, shoes (pairs only), curtains, linens.

Preparation: Place items in leak-proof bags.

Not Accepted: Non-textile materials (rubber, vinyl), fabric scraps. No dirty rags, oil-, gas-, or paint-soaked rags.

