

TRASH TALK.....

Opdenaker Trash & Recycling services our community on Mondays and Thursdays to pick up trash and again on Thursdays to pick up recycled materials in their "Recycle" truck. The blue containers are for trash/garbage/food waste. The green containers are for recyclables.

Our recycling service is called Zero-Sort Recycling. That means we can throw all "acceptable" recyclable material into the green containers and the service sorts them out at the recycling plant.

In the past, Opdenaker had a policy that if an item fit into one of the blue containers they would dispose of it. That is still true but it does not apply to **televisions, desktop computers, laptop computers, computer monitors or computer peripherals**. These items can be disposed of at one of the E-Waste Programs offered by the County of Delaware in conjunction with their Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. Four annual events are offered and the schedule is available on this website and here www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html.

These electronic items can also be disposed of like other large items that will not fit into a Blue trash bin. Disposal of these items requires a special arrangement between the homeowner and Opdenaker or other private trash haulers for a fee. Please refer to the "Heavy/Large Trash Pickup" page on our website for details.

A problem that we are experiencing is that people are putting large cardboard boxes into the green recycle containers. Doing this takes up a lot of room in the containers and quickly fills them up. Please be considerate of your neighbors and break down cardboard boxes and place them between, NOT in, the green containers.

Also, recycled materials should be dumped "loosely" -not in plastic garbage bags-, into the green containers, The exception to this, is that if all the green containers are full then you should place bagged recyclables on top of or beside the green containers.

If you have to dispose of large items like televisions, furniture, doors, hot water heaters, toilets, etc. please refer to our website page Heavy/Large Trash Pickup for instructions on how to properly and responsibly dispose these items.

What You Can Recycle **In Putnam Village &** **How it Should be Prepared for Recycling**

This first section is devoted to what items can be recycled and by what cannot be recycled and then other hard to recycle items. Putnam Village allows you to place everything in one recycling container. This is known of as Single Stream Recycling.

Aluminum

Recyclable – All aluminum beer and soda cans are presently accepted at participating curbside and drop off locations.

Non-recyclable – Aluminum trays, pie tins, ice cube trays, aluminum siding, storm doors, windows and gutters, lawn furniture are currently not accepted.

Hint – If a magnet does not stick to the side of the can, it's made from aluminum.

Bimetallic Cans

Recyclable – Soup, tuna, and cat food cans just to name a few can be recycled.

Hint – If a magnet sticks to the side of the can it's a bimetallic can.

Glass

Recyclable – Glass containers (clear, amber or brown, and green)

Non-recyclable– Milk white glass, pottery, plate glass, mirrors, light bulbs, fluorescent bulbs, crystal, ceramics, plate glass.

How to Prepare for recycling – Rinse all bottles and jars. Labels can stay on. Always remove metal caps.

Paper

Recyclable – Newsprint, office paper, junk mail, catalogs, magazines

Non-recyclable– Waxed or plastic coated paper

How to Prepare for recycling – Keep clean and dry. No need to remove cellophane window.. You can mix paper with other recyclables in one container.

Cardboard

Recyclable – Shipping boxes, food preparation boxes such as cereal, crackers and packing cardboard, toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls.

Non-Recyclable – Wax coated boxes; e.g. boxes holding produce.

How to Prepare for recycling – For small boxes, just crush them. For larger cardboard boxes, break them down so they are flat. Place them between the green containers not in them.

Plastic

Recyclable – Plastic containers marked with a triangle on bottom #1 & #2, #4, #5 and #7.

Non-Recyclable– Plastic Shopping Bags are not accepted in any curbside recycling program. However, they can be recycled at your local supermarket. Look for a bin right inside their door. You can also recycle dry cleaners and circular bags. Plastic containers marked with a #3 or #6 are NOT recyclable at this time.

How to Prepare for recycling – Rinse all containers, labels can stay. Remove all lids. This will allow for plastic to be crushed as the first step in its recycling process.

Just a reminder:

The following items **SHOULD NOT** be placed in your recycling container:

- Scrap Metal
- Plastic Bags
- Plastic lids & caps
- Plastic 6 pack holders
- Needles or syringes
- Window panes, mirrors, ceramics & Pyrex dishware
- Paint, pesticides, oil & cleansers
- Stickers or address label sheet waste
- Waxed paper or waxed cardboard
- Styrofoam or paper-to-go containers
- Plastic toys
- Furniture
- Gadgets
- Organic material and food waste
- Plastic containers marked with a #3 or #6

Listed below are some items you can recycle nearby:

Batteries – NiCad, Lithium, Button and Rechargeable

Home Depot, Lowe's, Radio Shacks, Office Depot, Pep Boys and Verizon Wireless. If you a business that generates a large amount of these types of batteries, request a free postage paid box from www.rbrc.org

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

CFLs can be recycled at any Home Depot or Lowe's. Look for their container either near their front door or Customer Returns Counter.

E-Waste

Best Buy and Goodwill Industries will accept up to three computers and/or portable TVs 32" or less each day for recycling. Staples accepts Dell computers at no charge.

Best Buy will accept DVD players, home and car audio systems, MP3 players, I-pods, cell phones, corded and cordless telephones, remotes, chargers, headphones, CD players/recorders, turntables, speakers, boom boxes, GPSs, radar detectors, security systems, scanners, digital cameras, modems/routers/hubs, gaming systems, radios, recorders, shredders, vacuums, digital cameras and camcorders, cords and cables, CDs and DVDs.

They also allow you to Trade In your gently used electronics for a gift card. To determine if your item qualifies and what value you can expect to receive, visit www.bestbuy.com

Wal-Mart also had a Trade In Program for gently used electronics. To determine if your item qualifies and what value you can expect to receive, visit www.walmart.gazelle.com

Computers, TVs and small e-waste that does not contain Freon (items mentioned above) are accepted at three of our four HHW Events as well as at our Electronic Friday Recycling Event, see www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/hhw.html .

Plastic Pots

Seasonally, Lowe's accepts those black plastic pots plants and shrubs come in.

Plastic Shopping Bags

Most food stores have a container inside their front door as does Kohl's and Boscov's. You can also place dry cleaner's and circular plastic bags in these containers.

Recycling Kiosks

Many department store chains offer Recycling Kiosks inside their front door or near their

Customer Service Department. Make a point of checking them out. Typical items recycled at these Kiosks include: Rechargeable and Ni-Cad batteries, ink and toner cartridges, used gift cards, CDs and DVDs, and plastic shopping bags, just to name a few.

Best Buy's Recycling Kiosk accepts: Cables and Connectors; CD/DVD Jewel Cases; Inkjet and Toner Cartridges; Battery Backups; Laptop and Rechargeable Batteries.