



## Town of Islip Residential Collection and Disposal Guide

To use this guide, please click on the listed items for disposal instructions. This guide only applies to residential homes and household waste. **Visit the [Property Information Dashboard](#) for your home's garbage collection schedules, limits and regulations.** All pails and garbage must be placed out for collection prior to 6:00a.m. on the scheduled day and weigh no more than 50lbs. each. Use one unobstructed curbside location in front of your home.

The Town provides curbside collection for many of the below-listed items, which is provided through residential sanitation and refuse taxes. Materials not included in this service can be brought to one of the Department of Environmental Control's disposal facilities (some items may incur a disposal fee), and others must be privately disposed of. For more information, contact a Department Representative at (631)595-3630.

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**Aerosol Cans:** Empty, depressurized containers can be recycled on alternating Wednesdays (metal, glass and plastic day). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule. Full or partially used aerosol cans may be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Air Conditioners:** See [Appliances](#)

**Aluminum Foil:** Aluminum Foil includes, disposable foil pie plates and pans, and take-out food containers. Items are to be placed in regular household garbage.

**Ammunition:** Use **CAUTION when handling ammunition**. Ammunition refers to bullets and includes cartridges with firing pins, rim fire cartridges, shotgun shells, gun powder and black powder, etc. The Town of Islip does **NOT** accept ammunition for curbside garbage collection or at any of its facilities. Contact your local [police department's non-emergency hotline](#) to find out about proper disposal methods.

**Animal Carcasses & Waste:** Do NOT render, try to burn, compost or melt down carcasses. Deceased animals must be fully contained inside double plastic bags under 30lbs, and placed curbside for regular garbage collection. Animals can also be brought to the [Animal Shelter & Adopt A Pet Center](#) for proper disposal. Fees may apply. Animal Feces: Must be fully contained inside double plastic bags, under 30lbs and placed curbside for regular garbage collection. A maximum of 6 bags will be collected.

For more information on how to dispose of animal carcasses and burial regulations, please go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6957.html>.

**Antifreeze:** Antifreeze from homes should be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). If you have empty antifreeze containers – do not rinse them, and place them in the garbage. They cannot be recycled because of residues inside the containers.

**Appliances:** Appliances include, but are not limited to, large metal items, refrigerators and freezers (doors removed), washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwave ovens, stoves and ranges, air conditioners, hot water heaters, and dehumidifiers. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal appliances will be collected at the curb every Wednesday. Appliances can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Aquariums:** See [Glass](#)

**Asbestos: CAUTION: Do not disturb asbestos because the fibers, which are too small to see, can become air-borne and can be inhaled.** Solid debris potentially containing encased asbestos (tiles, flooring and roofing) must be fully contained in double plastic bags and under 30lbs and may be disposed of in the regular garbage.

Asbestos Commonly Asked Questions: <https://labor.ny.gov/formsdocs/wp/p224.pdf>

**Asphalt:** The Town of Islip does **NOT** accept asphalt for curbside garbage collection. For disposal of liquid asphalt, see [Hazardous Materials](#). Solid asphalt can be taken to the [Blydenburgh “Cleanfill” Landfill](#) for a fee.

**Automobile Fluids & Parts:** Automotive Parts: The Town of Islip does **NOT** accept any automotive fluids or mechanical parts curbside. Please consult with your local auto salvage yard for mechanical part disposal.

**Automotive Fluids:** By State law, a person cannot place brake fluid, motor oil, oil filters, power steering fluid, or transmission fluid in the garbage, on the land, in water, down a sewer, or in the storm drain.

Automobile fluids should be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for disposal. Resident's disposal is limited to five (5) gallons of used motor oil and gasoline. More information can be found [here](#).

**Automotive Parts:** Tires with metal rims, bumpers, doors and other external metal parts will be collected at the curb on every Wednesday as bulk metal. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time. They can also be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Seats and tires without rims will be collected on the last garbage day of the week as a bulk item. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time.

**Barbeque Grills:** [Propane tanks](#) and [coals](#) must be removed from all barbeque grills prior to disposal. Barbeque grills will be collected at the curb every Wednesday. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time. They also can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Barrels & Drums:** The Town of Islip does **NOT** accept full or partially full barrels or drums of any kind for curbside garbage collection or at any of its facilities. Please contact a hazardous waste removal company for more information on proper disposal methods. Empty metal barrels and drums must be cut in half, with any residue removed and will be collected at the curb every Wednesday as bulk metal. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time. They can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Basketball Hoops:** Basketball hoops must be broken down into separate pieces. Each section cannot exceed 50lbs and 4' x 2' x 2'.

Metal components (poles, etc.), limited to six (6) items will be collected at the curb every Wednesday as bulk metal. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time. Can also be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

All other components (backboard, base, net, etc.) will be collected curbside on the last garbage day of the week.

The base must be drained of any water, sand or concrete. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time on your last garbage day of the week.

Sand or concrete will not be collected at the curb. The [Blydenburgh "Cleanfill" Landfill](#) will accept materials for a fee.

**Bathroom Fixtures:** Residential bathroom fixtures that are not metal, such as toilets and sinks will be collected curbside on the last garbage day of the week as bulk items. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time.

Fiberglass or porcelain items will be collected curbside on the last garbage day of the week. Tubs must be under 100lbs or cut in half for collection. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time on your last garbage day of the week.

Cast iron and metal tubs and sinks will be collected at the curb every Wednesday. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time. Cast iron tubs must be cut in half for curbside collection. All metals can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

See [Glass](#) for shower door disposal.

**Bath Tubs:** See [Bathroom Fixtures](#)

**Batteries:** Cars, Trucks, Boats and Recreational Vehicle Batteries: under New York State Law, retailers are required to accept, free of charge, up to two used batteries per month from any individual. These batteries can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt alkaline batteries may be discarded with your household trash.

Re-Chargeable Batteries (Nickel-cadmium Sealed lead, Lithium ion, Nickel metal hydride, any other such dry cell battery capable of being recharged) can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Under New York State Law, businesses who sell rechargeable batteries are required to collect and recycle the batteries at no cost to consumers.

**Beds/Bedding:** Local thrift stores and donation bin companies will accept clean, usable bedding.

The Town of Islip Animal Shelter will also accept clean bedding and blankets for our animals

Unwanted comforters, sheets, pillows and blankets can be disposed of in the regular garbage.

Mattresses, box springs, headboards and footboards will be collected at the curb on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time. Wood bed frames must be disassembled and securely bundled or pailed under 50lbs and 4'x2'x2'.

Disassembled metal bed frames are collected every Wednesday as bulk metal. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time.

**Bicycles:** Bikes will be collected on any Wednesday as bulk metal. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time. All metals can be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

The Town of Islip [Adopt a Bike Program](#) gives residents an opportunity to drop-off or pick up unwanted bicycles at our [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Bleach:** See [Hazardous Materials](#)

**Boats:** The Town does not collect boats for curbside garbage collection. The [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) will accept, for a fee, small vessels with all fluids removed by appointment only. Please call the facility for further information (631) 595-3422.

**Boat Wraps:** Plastic boat wraps must be bagged, pailed or securely bundled, under 50lbs and bundles not to exceed 4' x 2' x 2' and will be collected curbside with the regular garbage. A limited number of items will be taken on regular collection days.

**Books:** Books can be donated to local organizations (libraries, nursing homes, schools etc.) or sold to used book stores. If they are unusable, soft cover and hard cover (cover removed) books may be placed in your [WRAP Recycling Pail](#) for curbside collection on a Wednesday (paper and cardboard day) or brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating curbside collection schedule.

**Branches & Brush:** See [Yard Waste](#)

**Bricks & Masonry:** The Town does **NOT** collect bricks, building stone such as marble, granite, and limestone, cast stone, cement or concrete block for curbside garbage collection. The [Blydenburgh “Cleanfill” Landfill](#) will accept masonry materials for a fee.

**Buckets:** May be placed out for regular garbage collection.

**Bug Sprays:** Full or partially used containers of bug spray can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Empty, depressurized containers can be recycled on Wednesday (metal, glass and plastic day).

**Cans: Aluminum & Metal:** Aerosol Cans: Full or partially used aerosol cans can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Empty, depressurized aerosol containers can be recycled on Wednesday (metal, glass and plastic day). Aluminum and metal cans including empty food and beverage containers are collected every other Wednesday (metal, glass and plastic day) or brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule.

**Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Refer to [Smoke Detectors](#)

**Cardboard:** Corrugated and clean lightweight un-corrugated cardboard (shoe boxes, gift boxes, tissue boxes, cereal boxes) are collected every other Wednesday (paper and cardboard day). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating collection schedule. Cardboard can be securely bundled or placed in your [WRAP Recycling Pail](#) for collection or brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Pizza boxes are **NOT** recyclable and may be placed in the regular garbage.

**Carpets, Rugs:** These items are collected on regular garbage days. Carpets and rugs must be rolled under 4', no heavier than 50lbs and securely tied or taped. Do not fold carpets or roll padding inside of the carpet.

**CDs, DVDs & Cases:** CD's, DVD's and Cases can be placed into your regular garbage.

**Cell Phones:** All wireless telephone service providers that offer phones for sale will accept your cell phones for reuse or recycling. New York State Law requires these businesses to accept up to 10 cell phones from any person or provide shipping for those phones. Cell Phones are also collected every Wednesday or can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Cement:** See [Bricks & Masonry](#)

**Chemicals (Household Only):** See [Hazardous Materials](#)

**Chlorine:** Do **NOT** dispose of chlorine in your regular garbage or recycling. Pool chemicals can cause skin irritation, release poisonous gases, and even create explosions or fires. Bring chlorine and other pool chemicals to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Christmas Trees:** Natural Christmas Trees: Christmas Trees will be collected during the Winter Unlimited Yard Waste Period during the beginning of January. Schedules are mailed in mid-December and are shown on the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#).

Outside of the Winter Unlimited Yard Waste Collection Period, natural Christmas trees will be collected with regular garbage. A limited number of items will be taken on regular collection days or can be brought to the [MacArthur Compost Facility](#).

**Artificial Christmas Trees:** Artificial trees will be collected on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time.

**Cleaning Products:** Empty cleaning product containers – such as glass cleaners and multi-surface cleaners will be collected every other Wednesday or can be brought to the Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility. See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule. Heavy duty or caustic cleaning product containers cannot be recycled because of residues inside the containers. Please do not rinse them, and place them out for regular garbage collection. Full and empty household cleaning product containers can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Each product must be in its original container or clearly labeled with its contents.

**Clothing:** Local thrift stores and donation bin companies will accept clean, usable clothing. Unwanted clothing can be disposed of in the regular garbage. A limited number of items will be taken on regular collection days.

**Coals & Ash: Cooled** coals and ashes may be placed in bags or pails under 50lbs for garbage collection. Warm or hot coals and ashes will not be accepted.

**Computers:** See [Electronics](#)

**Concrete:** See [Bricks & Masonry](#)

**Confidential Papers:** The Town of Islip offers shredding services twice a year at the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Please check the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for dates and times. You can also check with your local library or bank to find additional shredding services.

Confidential papers can be shredded and recycled. Paper is collected every other Wednesday (paper and cardboard day) or can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule.

**Construction & Demolition Debris:** Scrap lumber, tiles, boards, insulation, flooring, shingles, PVC pipe, panels, pegboards, saw dust and pallets must be bagged, piled or securely bundled no larger than 50lbs, 4' x 2' x 2' to be eligible for curbside collection. A limited number of items will be collected with regular garbage.

**Note:** The following items will **NOT** be accepted curbside: commercial debris, concrete, cement and asphalt. The [Blydenburgh “Cleanfill” Landfill](#) will accept construction debris for a fee.

**Dehumidifiers:** Will be collected curbside on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time.

**Dirt & Sand:** Cannot be collected at the curb. The [Blydenburgh “Cleanfill” Landfill](#) will accept limited quantities of sand for a fee. Please call ahead before bringing sand to the facility.

**Dishware:** Seal dishware in a box marked broken dishes, under 30lbs, and securely tape it. Place out for regular garbage collection on the last collection day of the week. Boxes should be less than 30lbs. Unwanted glass, ceramic and plastic, dishes cannot go in the recycling.



**Dishwasher:** See [Appliances](#)

**Doors:** Solid wood, screen, wood bi-fold and hollow wood doors will be collected on the last garbage day of the week as a bulk item. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time. See below for garage, glass and metal door instructions.

Wood garage doors will be collected on the last garbage day of the week. Each panel must be cut in half. Each cut piece is one bulk item. A maximum of three (3) bulk items will be collected on the last garbage day of the week.

Metal doors will be collected on any Wednesday for bulk metal collection. A maximum of three (3) large metal items can be placed out at a time. All metals can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Glass doors must be taped, wrapped or broken and securely taped, under 30lbs and placed in a box marked glass and placed out with regular garbage. They will be collected on your last garbage day of the week.

**Driveway Sealer:** Driveway sealer is a household hazardous waste product and can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Each product must be in its original container or clearly labeled with its contents. The Town will not collect full or partially full buckets of driveway sealer. If you have empty containers – do not rinse them, place them in the garbage. They cannot be recycled because of residues inside the containers.

**Egg Cartons:** Cardboard cartons are collected every other Wednesday on paper and cardboard day. See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule. Styrofoam cartons may be discarded with your regular trash.

**Electrical and Extension Cords:** May be discarded with your household trash.

**Electronics (E-Waste):** E-Waste includes but is not limited to computers, wireless telephones, electronic keyboards, televisions, printers, monitors, video cassette recorders, DVD players, Blu-ray disc players, cable or satellite receivers, electronic game consoles, etc.

New York State requires manufacturers to provide free and convenient recycling of electronic waste for residents. Please remember to erase all personal and confidential data before sending it for recycling or reuse. Bring electronics back to the manufacturer or check NYS DEC's [website](#) for a drop off location.

Electronic waste is also collected every Wednesday or can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Exercise Equipment:** Exercise Equipment includes, but is not limited to treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bicycles, rowing machines, barbells, weight bars, weight plates, dumbbells and kettle balls.

Metal and mostly metal equipment will be collected (limit of 3 items) at the curb every Wednesday as bulk metal or can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

All other equipment that is mostly made of plastic or other materials will be collected curbside on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time.

**Explosives: CAUTION: Only trained experts should handle explosives.** Explosive and reactive materials are very dangerous and should be handled with extreme CAUTION. The Town of Islip does **NOT** accept explosives for curbside garbage collection or at any of its facilities. **CALL 911.** Law enforcement agencies are trained to survey the situation and respond when necessary. Do not transport or disturb!

**Exterminating Supplies:** See [Hazardous Materials](#)

**Eyeglasses:** May be disposed of in the regular garbage. Many stores that offer optical and optician services provide collection bins to have clean, wearable eyeglasses donated to those who need them.

**Fencing:** Wood Fencing: See [Lumber](#). Metal Chain Link fencing must be rolled up, and metal posts (free of concrete/cement) must be securely bundled under 50lbs and larger than 4'x 2'x 2' and will be collected at the curb every Wednesday as scrap metal. A maximum of six (6) scrap metal items can be placed out at a time. Chain link fencing can also be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Fertilizers:** See [Hazardous Materials](#)

**Fire Extinguishers:** The Town does NOT collect full or partially full fire extinguishers or accept them at the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Empty, discharged extinguishers can be placed to the curb next to your recyclables for scrap metal collection every Wednesday or brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Fireworks: Use CAUTION When Handling Fire Works.** The Town of Islip does NOT accept fireworks for curbside garbage collection or at any of its facilities. Contact your local [police department's non-emergency hotline](#) to find out about proper disposal methods.

**Flares: Use CAUTION When Handling Flares.** The Town of Islip does NOT accept flares for curbside garbage collection or at any of its facilities. Contact your local [police department's non-emergency hotline](#) to find out about proper disposal methods.

**Fluorescent Bulbs:** See [Light Bulbs](#)

**Food & Beverage Containers:** The Town recycles plastic containers marked with the numbers 1-7 on the bottom. Place them in the [WRAP Recycling Pail](#). Plastics will be collected at the curb every other Wednesday (metal, glass and plastic day). They can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule.

Cans: May include empty food and beverage containers. Cans are collected every other Wednesday (metal, glass and plastic day) or brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Paper/Cardboard Containers: See [Cardboard](#)

All other food and beverage containers may be discarded with your household trash.

**Furniture:** Furniture that is not metal (couches, mattresses, dressers, etc.) will be collected curbside on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time. All glass components must be taped, wrapped or broken and securely taped, under 30lbs and placed in a box marked glass and placed out with regular garbage.

*Metal Furniture* (patio sets, appliances, yard equipment, etc.) will be collected at the curb every Wednesday. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time. They can also be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). All glass components must be taped, wrapped or broken and securely taped, under 30lbs and placed in a box marked glass and placed out with regular garbage.

**Gaming Tables:** Billiard, Ping-Pong, Air Hockey and other gaming tables are collected curbside on the last garbage day of the week. Tables must be cut in half, with the legs removed. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time on your last garbage day.

Metal game tables will be collected at the curb every Wednesday. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time. All metals can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Garbage Pails & WRAP Pails:** Unwanted pails can be discarded with your household trash. Place a note on the can saying “Please Take”.

**Gardening Supplies:** Mostly metal gardening tools must be placed in pails or securely bundled under 50lbs and no larger than 4’x 2’x 2’ and will be collected at the curb every Wednesday as scrap metal. A maximum of six (6) scrap metal items can be placed out at a time. Scrap metal items can also be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Non-Metal items (flower pots, planters etc.) may be placed out for garbage collection.

**Gas Tanks/Containers:** If you have empty plastic containers – do not rinse them, place them in the garbage. They cannot be recycled because of residues inside the containers.

**Gasoline:** Gasoline is toxic and extremely flammable. Unwanted gasoline must be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for proper disposal. Residents are limited to drop-off five (5) gallons of used motor oil and gasoline at the facility.

**Glass:** Only glass food jars and bottles are accepted as recyclables. Recyclable glass is collected every other Wednesday (metal, glass and plastic day) or brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule.

Windows, glass doors, glass tables, mirrors and other large glass items must be under 100lbs, taped to avoid breakage and put to the curb as bulk garbage on the last garbage collection day of the week. A limit of three (3) bulk garbage items will be collected each week.

Do not place fluorescent bulbs in the trash. Refer to [light bulbs](#) for proper disposal specifications.

**Grass:** The Town of Islip does **NOT** accept grass for curbside garbage collection and asks residents to participate in our “[Don’t Bag it Program](#)”. Grass can be brought to the [MacArthur Compost Facility](#). Homeowners can also mulch or compost their grass on their property. Mulching is healthier for your lawn and the environment.

**Hand Tools:** Metal and mostly metal hand tools must be placed in pails or securely bundled under 50lbs and no larger than 4’x 2’x 2’ and will be collected at the curb every Wednesday as scrap metal. A maximum of six (6)

scrap metal items can be placed out at a time. Scrap metal items can also be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Non-metal items can be disposed of with your regular garbage in pails under 50lbs.

**Hangers:** May be discarded with your household trash.

**Hay & Straw:** See [Yard Waste](#)

**Hazardous Materials (Household Only):** [Accepted household chemicals](#) can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Each product must be in its original container or clearly labeled with its contents. Quantities will be limited to five (5) gallons or ten pounds.

**Helium Tanks:** Check with the manufacturer or supplier to see if they will accept empty helium tanks. For curbside disposal, release all remaining helium from the tank, remove the valve, and place it to the curb any Wednesday as scrap metal.

Full, partially full or empty tanks can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Holiday Lights:** May be discarded in bags or pails under 50lbs. with your household trash.

**Horse Manure:** Must be contained in double plastic bags under 30lbs. and placed curbside for limited regular garbage collection.

**Hoses:** May be discarded in pails or bags under 50lbs. with your household trash.

**Hot Tubs & Spas:** Must be cut into 4 pieces and will be collected on the last garbage day of the week. Any smaller pieces must be bagged, pailed or securely bundled, under 50lbs and 4'x 2'x 2'. A limited number of items will be taken with your regular garbage. They can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

**Hot Tubs & Spa Chemicals:** See [Hazardous Materials](#)

**Insulation:** May be bagged under 50lbs. and discarded with your household trash. A limited amount will be taken with your regular garbage.

**Junk Mail:** See [Paper](#)

**Lawn Furniture:** See [Furniture](#)

**Lawn Mowers:** See [Yard Equipment](#)

**Leaves:** See [Yard Waste](#)

**Light Bulbs: Fluorescent/CFL (tubes/bulbs):** Fluorescent bulbs (including HID) are banned from solid waste disposal in New York State because they have small amounts of mercury inside, and must be recycled. Tubes/bulbs should be packaged in a box with the quantity labeled on the outside, or securely bundled together with plastic cling wrap. Do **not** use duct tape. Loose tubes and bulbs in the back of a truck or trunk run a high risk of breakage. Breakage increases your exposure to mercury and the cost of recycling. Bring fluorescent tubes and bulbs to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Incandescent and Halogen Bulbs: May be safely disposed of in regular garbage.

All light bulbs and ballasts from households can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Lumber:** Must be must be placed in pails or securely bundled, under 50lbs and 4' x 2' x 2'. A limited number of items will be taken on regular collection days.

Larger sections of lumber (pallets, sections of fencing under 4' x 4' & 100lbs) will be collected on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items will be collected.

**Magazines:** See [Paper](#)

**Mattress & Box Springs:** See [Beds/Bedding](#)

**Medical Waste:** The Town of Islip does not accept pharmaceuticals, controlled substances or “Sharps” materials, such as syringes and needles etc. at any of our facilities. Do not throw out or flush your unused or unwanted pharmaceuticals and/or sharps. Improper disposal of these items can be harmful to our local drinking water and aquatic life. Empty IV bags, tubing and X-Ray film can be disposed of in the trash. To view a list of pharmaceutical drop off locations, visit Suffolk County Police Department’s [Operation Medicine Cabinet](#).

Medical sharps generated in homes should be disposed of as follows: Place sharps in a puncture resistant container, such as a detergent bottle or coffee can. Mark the containers as “Medical Sharps” and place those items in the regular trash. To view a list of Sharps disposal locations please visit [NYS Safe Sharps Collection Program](#). Additionally, all hospitals and nursing homes in New York State are mandated by law to accept home-generated sharps as a free community service through their sharps collection programs.

Patients undergoing radiation treatments must dispose of all body waste, including tissues, to their treatment provider. For more information please request to speak with the Sanitation Supervisor at (631)595-3630

**Medication:** See [Medical Waste](#)

**Mercury:** The following items containing mercury: fluorescent bulbs and tubes, mercury vapor lights, mercury switches, thermostats and components, mercury thermometers, button batteries, games, blood pressure sets, etc. cannot be collected curbside and may be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Transport all mercury-containing waste carefully; place in sealed plastic bags if possible. Liquid Mercury releases invisible vapor when exposed to air; these vapors can be harmful to human health.

**Microwaves:** Will be collected curbside on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time.

**Mirrors:** See [Glass](#)

**Monitors:** See [Electronics](#)

**Narcotics:** See [Medical Waste](#)

**Needles:** See [Medical Waste](#)

**Newspapers:** See [Paper](#)

**Oil (Cooking, Motor, Heating):** The Town of Islip accepts up to five (5) gallons of used motor and cooking oil at the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for disposal.

New York State Law requires all service stations that change motor oil for their customers, and retailers who sell more than 1000 gallons of oil per year to accept up to five gallons of used motor oil free of charge from members of the public (unless their storage tanks are temporarily full).

The Town of Islip does **NOT** accept home heating oil. Please contact your home heating oil delivery company for disposal information.

**Oil Absorbents, Rags, and Empty Containers, Oil Filters:** Small amounts can be placed in the regular trash.

**Oil Boilers, Burners & Tanks:** The Town of Islip does **NOT** collect boilers burners or tanks. Please call a local metal scrap yard or your boiler/burner service company for disposal information.

**Ovens:** See [Appliances](#)

**Paint/Paint Cans, Stain, Thinner & Varnish:** Latex and water base products will be collected with regular garbage only if they are dried and are contained in double plastic bags. Paint can be dried out by adding kitty litter or sand.

Oil based paint, stains and varnishes must be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Pallets:** See [Lumber](#)

**Paper & Shredded Paper:** Paper (including newspapers, junk mail, magazines) is collected on alternating Wednesdays (paper and cardboard day) or can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule. Shredded paper should be placed in a sealed paper bag or cardboard box.

The Town of Islip offers shredding services twice a year at the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Please check the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for dates and times. You can also check with your local library or bank to find additional dates and times for shredding services.

**Pavers:** See [Bricks & Masonry](#)

**Pesticides:** See [Hazardous Materials](#)

**Pharmaceuticals:** See [Medical Waste](#)

**Photographic Chemicals:** See [Hazardous Materials](#)



**Pianos/Organs:** A maximum of three (3) bulk items will be collected on the last garbage day of the week. Grand or baby grand pianos must be cut in half and have the legs removed. The harp must be removed and will be collected at the curb every Wednesday as bulk metal. They can also be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

**Pick-Up Truck Caps/ Bed Liners:** Can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) or cut into sections and placed out on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items will be collected. Glass windows on truck caps must be taped.

**Pizza Boxes:** May be discarded with your household trash.

**Plastic Bottles & Containers (1-7):** The Town recycles plastic containers marked with the numbers 1-7 on the bottom. Place them in the [WRAP Recycling Pail](#). Plastics will be collected at the curb every other Wednesday (metal, glass and plastic day). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule. They can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

The following items will NOT be accepted with regular recycling: plastic bags, cups, plates, aluminum foil & containers or utensils, plastic wrap, flower pots or trays, buckets and containers that contained antifreeze, oil other automobile harsh chemicals. Those items should not be rinsed and may be discarded in the garbage.

**Plastic Bags:** May be discarded with your household trash. Many kinds of clean and dry plastic bags can be recycled at select locations. Please check with your local supermarket or department store for disposal locations.

**Playground Equipment:** Metal components (poles, slides under 4', etc.) will be collected at the curb every Wednesday as bulk metal. Poles must have placed in pails or securely bundled under 50lbs and 4'x 2'x 2' without any concrete. A maximum of six (6) scrap metal items can be placed out at a time. All metals can be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

All other components that are wood, plastic or vinyl must be placed in pails or securely bundled under 50lbs and 4'x 2'x 2' and will be collected curbside with your regular garbage. Larger items will be collected on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time.

Sand or concrete will not be collected at the curb. The [Blydenburgh "Cleanfill" Landfill](#) will accept masonry materials for a fee.

**Pools (Kiddie Pools, Pool Liners, Pool Filters, Chemicals):** Small plastic kiddie pools under 6' in diameter can be placed out with regular garbage on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time on your last garbage day of the week.

Pool chemicals see [Hazardous Materials](#). Do not dispose of in the garbage or recycling as they are highly combustible.

Metal components must be broken down into sections/securely bundled and cannot exceed 50lbs and 4'x 2'x 2'. A maximum of six (6) scrap metal items can be placed out to the curb every Wednesday. They can also be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Liners must be rolled up, placed in bags or securely bundled, under 50lbs and 4'x 2'x 2' and will be collected curbside with regular garbage. A limited number of items will be taken on regular collection days.

All other components that are wood, plastic or vinyl must be securely bundled under 50lbs and 4'x 2'x 2' and will be collected with your regular garbage. A limited number of items can be placed out at a time. Larger pieces under 4'x4' and 100lbs and filters without diatomaceous earth will be collected on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items will be collected.

[Sand](#) or [concrete](#) will not be collected at the curb. The [Blydenburgh "Cleanfill" Landfill](#) will accept masonry materials for a fee.

**Printer Cartridges:** See [Electronics](#)

**Propane Tanks:** Empty tanks must have the valve stem removed and three (3) will be collected at the curb every Wednesday. Full or partially full propane tanks must be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**PVC:** Smaller pieces of PVC must be bagged, piled or securely bundled, under 50lbs and 4'x 2'x 2'. A limited number of items will be taken on regular collection days.

Larger sections of PVC such as fencing, must be cut under 4'x4' & 100lbs and will be collected on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time.

**Railroad Ties:** Not to exceed 4'x 4''x 4'' in width and 4ft lengths and no heavier than 50lbs. A limited number of items will be taken with regular garbage.

**Refrigerators & Freezers:** See [Appliances](#)

**Sand:** See [Dirt & Sand](#)

**Sawdust:** Must be placed in bags, under 50lbs and discarded with your regular garbage.

**Scrap Metal:** Small amounts of recyclable metal is collected every Wednesday next to your recyclables or can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Larger metal items (metal patio sets, appliances, machinery with oil and gas removed, etc.) will be collected at the curb every Wednesday. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time. All metals can also be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

**Sheetrock/Drywall/Wallboard:** See [Construction and Demolition Debris](#)

**Sinks:** See [Bathroom Fixtures](#)

**Smoke Detectors:** Smoke Detectors in large quantities can be harmful if disposed of in the garbage. Detectors may be safely discarded with household trash. Place one (1) smoke detector out at a time with regular garbage. Some smoke detectors can be returned to the manufacturer. Check the package of the new smoke detector to see if they offer a return service.



**Snow Blowers:** See [Yard Equipment](#)

**Spray Paint:** See [Aerosol Cans](#)

**Stone:** See [Bricks & Masonry](#)

**Stoves & Ranges:** See [Appliances](#)

**Stumps:** See [Yard Waste](#)

**Styrofoam:** May be discarded with your household trash. Small packing peanut must be securely bagged.

**Swing Sets:** See [Playground Equipment](#)

**Television:** See [Electronics](#)

**Thermometers & Thermostats:** Thermometers & thermostats containing mercury cannot be disposed of with the garbage and must be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Digital thermometers and thermostats may be discarded with your household trash.

**Tires:** See [Automobile Parts and Fluids](#)

**Toilets:** See [Bathroom Fixtures](#)

**Toys:** May be discarded with your household trash.

**Washers & Dryers:** See [Appliances](#)

**Waste Oil:** See [Oil](#)

**Water Heaters:** See [Appliances](#)

**Windows:** See [Glass](#)

**Wood:** See [Lumber](#) for treated wood. See [Yard Waste](#) for natural wood.

**X-Ray Film:** See [Medical Waste](#)

**Yard Equipment (Lawn Mower, Snow Blower Etc.):** All mechanical fluids (gasoline, oil, etc.) must be removed. See [Gasoline](#) or [Oil](#) for disposal guidelines. Riding lawn mowers, blowers, etc. must be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Equipment that is made of mostly metal components and can be lifted by two men of average build, will be collected at the curb every Wednesday. A maximum of three (3) bulk metal items can be placed out at a time. They can also be brought to [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

All other equipment that is made of mostly plastic will be collected curbside on the last garbage day of the week. A maximum of three (3) bulk items can be placed out at a time on your last garbage day of the week.

**Yard Waste:** Leaves, branches, bushes, brush, hay and other natural yard waste (EXCEPT [GRASS](#)) must be bagged, piled or securely bundled, under 50lbs and 4'x 2'x 2'. Stumps must be cut under 100lbs and 4'x 2'x 2'. Dirt must be removed from all yard waste items. A limited number of items will be taken on regular collection days or can be brought to the [MacArthur Compost Facility](#).

**NOTE:** Unlimited Yard Waste Collection programs are held three times a year in the Spring, Fall and Winter. During this period, leaves, branches and brush will be collected separately from garbage. The above regulations must be followed. Please visit the [Property Information Dashboard](#) for program dates.