



Town of Islip Residential Collection and Disposal Guide

This guide only applies to residential homes and household waste.

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

The Town provides curbside collection for many of the 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 DEC Department Representative at (631) 595-3630.

[Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#)

1155 Lincoln Ave
Holbrook, NY 11741
(631) 595-3422
Monday – Friday
7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

[Blydenburgh "Cleanfill" Landfill](#)

440 Blydenburgh Road
Hauppauge, NY 11788
(631) 436-6172
Monday – Friday
7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

[MacArthur Compost Facility](#)

1101 Railroad Ave
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779
(631) 467-3259
Monday – Friday
7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Saturday (Seasonal)

Household Disposal Items

Aerosol Cans	4	Cleaning Products	8
Air Conditioners	4	Clothing	8
Aluminum Foil	4	Coals & Ash.....	8
Ammunition	4	Computers.....	8
Animal Carcasses & Waste	4	Concrete.....	8
Antifreeze	4	Confidential Papers.....	8
Appliances	4	Construction & Demolition Debris.....	9
Aquariums	4	Dehumidifiers	9
Asbestos	4	Dirt.....	9
Asphalt	4	Dishware.....	9
Automobile Fluids & Parts.....	4	Dishwashers.....	9
Barbeque Grills	5	Doors	9
Barrels & Drums	5	Driveway Sealer	9
Basketball Hoops.....	5	Egg Cartons	9
Bathroom & Kitchen Fixtures	5	Electrical & Extension Cords	9
Bath Tubs	5	Electronics (E-Waste).....	9
Batteries.....	6	Exercise Equipment.....	10
Beds/Bedding	6	Explosives.....	10
Bicycles	6	Exterminating Supplies.....	10
Bleach.....	6	Eyeglasses.....	10
Boats.....	6	Fencing	10
Boat Wraps.....	6	Fertilizers	10
Books.....	7	Fire Extinguishers.....	10
Branches & Brush	7	Fireworks	10
Bricks & Stone Masonry	7	Flares	11
Buckets.....	7	Fluorescent Bulbs	11
Bug Sprays	7	Food & Beverage Containers.....	11
Bulk Trash.....	7	Furniture	11
Cans: Aluminum & Metal	7	Gaming Tables.....	11
Carbon Monoxide Detectors	7	Garbage Pails & WRAP Pails.....	11
Cardboard	7	Gardening Supplies.....	11
Carpets, Rugs	7	Gas Storage Containers.....	11
CDs, DVDs & Cases	7	Gasoline	11
Cell Phones.....	8	Glass	11
Cement	8	Grass	12
Chemicals	8	Hand Tools	12
Chlorine.....	8	Hangers.....	12
Christmas Trees.....	8	Hay & Straw	12
		Hazardous Materials	12
		Helium Tanks	12

Holiday Lights.....	12	Plastic Bags.....	15
Horse Manure.....	12	Playground Equipment.....	15
Hoses.....	12	Pools and Components.....	16
Hot Tubs & Spas.....	12	Printer Cartridges.....	16
Hot Tubs & Spa Chemicals.....	12	Propane Tanks.....	16
Insulation.....	12	PVC.....	16
Junk Mail.....	12	Railroad Ties.....	16
Lawn Furniture.....	13	Refrigerators & Freezers.....	17
Lawn Mowers.....	13	Rocks.....	17
Leaves.....	13	Sand.....	17
Light Bulbs.....	13	Sawdust.....	17
Lumber.....	13	Scrap Metal.....	17
Magazines.....	13	Sheetrock/Drywall/Wallboard.....	17
Mattresses & Box Springs.....	13	Sinks.....	17
Medical Waste.....	13	Smoke Detectors.....	17
Medication.....	13	Snow Blowers.....	17
Mercury.....	13	Spray Paint.....	17
Metals.....	14	Stoves & Ranges.....	17
Microwaves.....	14	Stumps.....	17
Mirrors.....	14	Styrofoam.....	17
Monitors.....	14	Swing Sets.....	17
Narcotics.....	14	Television.....	17
Needles.....	14	Thermometers & Thermostats.....	17
Newspapers.....	14	Tires.....	17
Oil (Cooking, Motor, Heating).....	14	Toilets.....	17
Oil Absorbents, Rags, Empty Containers & Oil Filters.....	14	Toys.....	17
Oil Boilers, Burners & Tanks.....	14	Washers & Dryers.....	17
Ovens.....	14	Waste Oil.....	18
Paint/Paint Cans, Stain, Thinner & Varnish.....	14	Water Heaters.....	18
Pallets.....	15	Windows.....	18
Paper & Shredded Paper.....	15	Wood.....	18
Pavers.....	15	X-Ray Film.....	18
Pesticides.....	15	Yard Equipment.....	18
Pharmaceuticals.....	15	Yard Waste.....	18
Photographic Chemicals.....	15		
Pianos/Organs.....	15		
Pick-Up Truck Caps/ Bed Liners.....	15		
Pizza Boxes.....	15		
Plastic Bottles & Containers.....	15		

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

Air Conditioners: [See Metals](#).

Aluminum Foil: Aluminum foil sheets will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Disposable Foil Pie Plates/Pans/Take-out Food Containers: Must be free of stuck-on food and grease and can be collected curbside on alternating Wednesdays (metal, glass and plastic days). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule.

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 does **NOT** accept ammunition for curbside garbage collection or at any of our facilities. Contact your local [Police Department's Non-Emergency Hotline](#) to find out about proper disposal methods.

Animal Carcasses & Waste: Do **NOT** render, burn, compost or melt down carcasses. Deceased animals must be fully contained inside double plastic bags under 30 lbs. and placed curbside with the regular garbage collection. Animals can also be brought to the [Animal Shelter & Adopt-A-Pet Center](#) for proper disposal, fees may apply. For more information on how to dispose of animal carcasses and burial regulations, please go to <https://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6957.html>.

Animal Feces: Must be fully contained inside double plastic bags, under 30 lbs. and a limited amount will be collected, curbside with the regular garbage collection.

Antifreeze: Partially full containers of antifreeze from residents should be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Empty Antifreeze Containers: Do NOT Rinse Them! They cannot be recycled because of residues inside the containers. They will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Appliances: For disposal of appliances including, but not limited to, refrigerators and freezers (doors removed), washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwave ovens, stoves and ranges, air conditioners, hot water heaters, and dehumidifiers, see [Metals](#).

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 must be disposed of at the [Blydenburgh "Cleanfill" Landfill](#) for a fee or disposed of privately.

Asbestos Commonly Asked Questions: <https://dol.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/03/p224.pdf>

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

Automobile Fluids & Parts: The Town does **NOT** accept any automotive fluids or mechanical parts (engines, transmissions, brakes, rotors, etc.) for curbside garbage collection. Please consult 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 must be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) or disposed of privately. For motor oil, see [Oil \(Cooking, Motor, Heating\)](#). For gasoline, see [Gasoline](#).

Metal Automotive Parts: For tires with metal rims, metal bumpers, doors and other external metal parts, see [Metals](#).

Seats, Tires without Rims, Fiberglass Bumpers: Will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last regular garbage collection of the week.

Barbeque Grills: Propane tanks and coals must be removed from all barbeque grills prior to disposal. Grills will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday. Empty barbeque grills can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

See [Propane Tanks](#) and [Coals & Ash](#) for disposal instructions.

Barrels & Drums: The Town does **NOT** accept full or partially full barrels or drums of any kind for curbside garbage collection or at any of our facilities. Please contact a hazardous waste removal company for more information on proper disposal methods.

Empty Metal Barrels/Drums: Must be cut in half, with any residue removed and will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Basketball Hoops: Basketball hoops must be broken down into separate pieces. Each section cannot exceed 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2'. The base must be drained of any water, sand or concrete. Most components can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Metal components: (poles, rim, etc.) Will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday.

All other components (except sand and concrete): (backboard, base, net) Will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week.

For sand, see [Sand](#). For concrete, see [Bricks & Stone Masonry](#).

Bathroom & Kitchen Fixtures: Residential non-metal bathroom fixtures, such as toilets and sinks, will be considered as bulk items and will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Cast Iron/Metal Sinks: Must be cut in half and/or under 100 lbs. Metal sinks will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday.

For shower doors, see [Glass](#).

Bath Tubs: Tubs can be collected per the following disposal instructions. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Fiberglass Tubs: Must be under 50 lbs. and will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week.

Porcelain Tubs: Must be broken down and placed in pails or double plastic bags, under 30 lbs. A limited number of bags or pails will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Cast Iron/Metal Tubs: Must be cut in half and/or under 100 lbs. Metal tubs will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday.

Batteries: AA, AAA, C, D and 9-volt alkaline batteries are not accepted at any of our facilities and may be discarded with the regular garbage collection.

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

Cars/Trucks/Boats/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. Also, these batteries can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Beds/Bedding: Unwanted comforters, sheets, pillows and blankets can be disposed of in the regular garbage collection. Local thrift stores and donation bin companies will accept clean, usable bedding. The [Animal Shelter & Adopt-A-Pet Center](#) will also accept clean bedding and blankets for our animals. Bedding (except mattresses and box springs) can also be disposed of at the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Mattresses, Box Springs, Headboards and Footboards: Will be considered bulk items. Wood bed frames must be disassembled and securely bundled or pailed under 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2' and will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week.

Metal Bed Frames: Metal frames must be disassembled and securely bundled or pailed under 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2' and will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday.

Bicycles: The [Town of Islip Adopt a Bike Program](#) gives residents an opportunity to drop-off or pick up unwanted bicycles in good condition at our [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). Bicycles will also be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on any Wednesday. Items can be brought to the [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 small vessels, up to thirty (30) feet, with all fluids, gas tank and engine removed for a fee before 11 a.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Please call the Town DEC office for further information: (631) 595-3630.

Boat Wraps: Plastic boat wraps must be bagged, pailed or securely bundled, under 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2'. A limited number of items will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Books: Unusable, soft cover and hardcover books (hardcover, binding must be removed and placed with regular garbage) may be placed in your [WRAP Recycling Pail](#) for be collected curbside on alternating Wednesdays (paper and cardboard days) or brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee. See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating curbside collection schedule.

Books can also be donated to local organizations (libraries, nursing homes, schools etc.) or sold to used book stores.

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

Bricks & Stone Masonry: The Town does **NOT** collect bricks or building stone for curbside garbage collection.

Bricks and stone masonry décor such as marble, granite, and limestone, cast stone, cement or concrete can be accepted for a fee at the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) or the [Blydenburgh “Cleanfill” Landfill](#).

Crushed bricks and stone masonry will only be accepted at the [Blydenburgh “Cleanfill” Landfill](#) for a fee. For rocks or pebbles, see [Rocks](#).

Buckets: Empty plastic buckets will be collected with the regular garbage collection. They can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

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

Bulk Trash: Consisting, but not limited to, sofas, dining tables, cabinets, bookshelves, and other large non-metal items will be considered bulk trash. Large items will be collected, within the total limit of three (3), curbside on the last garbage collection day of the week.

Cans: Aluminum & Metal: Empty aluminum and metal cans including empty food and beverage containers, free of food or grease, will be collected on alternating Wednesdays (metal, glass and plastic days). Empty cans should be loosely placed in your [WRAP Recycling Pail](#) for collection or can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee. See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating collection schedule.

For **PAINT CANS**, see [Paint/Paint Cans, Stains, Thinners & Varnish](#). For aerosol cans, see [Aerosol Cans](#)

Carbon Monoxide Detectors: See [Smoke Detectors](#).

Cardboard: Corrugated and clean lightweight un-corrugated cardboard such as shoe boxes, gift boxes, tissue boxes and cereal boxes will be collected on alternating Wednesdays (paper and cardboard days). Cardboard can be securely bundled or placed in your [WRAP Recycling Pail](#) for collection or can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee. See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating collection schedule.

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

Carpets, Rugs: Do **NOT** fold carpets or roll padding inside of the carpet. Carpets and rugs must be cut and bagged, or rolled under 4’x 2’x 2’ and securely tied or taped no heavier than 50 lbs. A limited number of items are collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

CDs, DVDs & Cases: CD’s, DVD’s and cases will be collected with the regular garbage collection. They can also

be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Cell Phones: Cell Phones can be collected every Wednesday or can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). 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 ten (10) cell phones from any person or provide shipping for those phones.

Cement: See [Bricks & Stone Masonry](#).

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

Chlorine: Do **NOT** dispose of chlorine in the regular garbage or recycling. Pool chemicals can cause skin irritation, release poisonous gases, creating garbage truck explosions and/or fires, which may injure sanitation crews. Chlorine and other pool chemicals must be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Christmas Trees: Natural 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](#).

Natural Christmas trees: Outside of the Winter Unlimited Yard Waste Collection Period, a limited number of items will be collected with the regular garbage collection or can be brought to the [MacArthur Compost Facility](#). See [Yard Waste](#).

Artificial Christmas Trees: Will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, on the last garbage collection of the week.

Cleaning Products: Empty cleaning product containers, such as glass cleaners and multi-surface cleaners, will be collected on alternating Wednesdays (metal, glass and plastic days) or can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule.

Heavy Duty/Caustic Cleaning Product Containers: These containers cannot be recycled because of residues inside the containers. Do **NOT** rinse them, and place them out for regular garbage collection. Full and partially full 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. A limited number of unwanted clothing bags under 50 lbs. will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Coals & Ash: **Cooled** coals and ashes may be in double plastic bags 30 lbs. and a limited amount will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee. Warm or hot coals and ashes can create garbage truck explosions and/or fires which may injure sanitation crews. They will **NOT** be accepted for curbside collection or at any of our facilities.

Computers: See [Electronics \(E-Waste\)](#).

Concrete: See [Bricks & Stone Masonry](#).

Confidential Papers: Confidential papers can be shredded and recycled. See [Paper & Shredded Paper](#).

Construction & Demolition Debris: Scrap lumber, tiles, boards, insulation, flooring, shingles, PVC pipe, panels, pegboards, saw dust and smaller pallets must be bagged, pailed or securely bundled under 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2'. A limited number of items will be collected with the regular garbage collection. For large sections of wood fencing and pallets, see [Lumber](#). For concrete/cement, see [Bricks & Stone Masonry](#). For asphalt, see [Asphalt](#). Residents can also bring construction and demolitions debris for a fee to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) or the [Blydenburgh "Cleanfill" Landfill](#)

Dehumidifiers: See [Appliances](#).

Dirt: The Town does **NOT** accept dirt for curbside garbage collection or at any of our facilities. Please contact your local soil recycling or commercial refuse removal for service information.

Dishware: Unwanted glass, ceramic and plastic dishes must be sealed in a securely taped box marked "**Broken Dishes**", under 30 lbs. A limited number will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Dishwashers: See [Appliances](#).

Doors: Large non-metal doors, such as solid wood, screen, wood bi-fold and hollow wood doors will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, on the last garbage collection of the week. Doors such as garage doors, metal and glass doors can be collected curbside per the following disposal instructions. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Garage Doors: Each panel must be cut in half. Wood garage will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, on the last garbage collection of the week. Large metal garage doors will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday.

Metal Doors: Standard size metal doors will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday. All metals can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Glass Doors: See [Glass](#).

Driveway Sealer: Full or partially full buckets of driveway sealer will **NOT** be accepted for curbside garbage collection. Driveway sealer is a household hazardous waste product and must be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) or disposed of privately. Each product must be in its original container or clearly labeled with its contents.

Empty containers: Do **NOT** rinse them. They cannot be recycled because of residues inside the containers. Empty containers will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Egg Cartons: Cardboard cartons are collected on alternating Wednesdays (paper and cardboard days). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule. Styrofoam cartons may be discarded with the regular garbage collection.

Electrical & Extension Cords: Will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

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. Items must be able to be lifted by two (2) people of average

build. E-Waste will be collected every Wednesday or can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

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.

Exercise Equipment: Exercise Equipment including, but not limited to, treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bicycles, rowing machines, barbells, weight bars, weight plates, dumbbells and kettle balls must be able to be lifted by two (2) people of average build. All equipment will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, every Wednesday. All equipment can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Metal Equipment: Large metal items within weight regulation will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, every Wednesday. Smaller items can be placed in pails under 50 lbs. and will be collected, within the total limit of six (6) items, every Wednesday.

All Other Non-metal Equipment: (mostly plastic or other materials) A limited number of non-metal equipment will be collected curbside with the regular garbage collection.

Explosives: **CAUTION: Only trained experts should handle explosives.** Explosive and reactive materials are very dangerous and should be handled with extreme **CAUTION**. The Town does **NOT** accept explosives for curbside garbage collection or at any of our 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: Many stores that offer optical and optician services provide collection bins to have clean, wearable eyeglasses donated to those who need them. Items can also be disposed of with the regular garbage collection.

Fencing: Chain link fencing must be rolled, and securely tied under 4'x 2'x 2', and under 50 lbs. Metal posts must be free of concrete/cement and securely bundled under 50 lbs. and no larger than 4'x 2'. Metal gates must be no larger than 4'x 4'. Metal items will be collected, within the limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

For wood fencing, see [Lumber](#). For PVC fencing, see [PVC](#). For concrete/cement, see [Brick & Stone Masonry](#).

Fertilizers: See [Hazardous Materials](#).

Fire Extinguishers: Empty, discharged extinguishers will be collected curbside every Wednesday or can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for as fee. See [Scrap Metal](#).

Full/Partially Full Fire Extinguishers: The Town does **NOT** collect full or partially full fire extinguishers for curbside garbage collection or at any of our facilities. Please contact your local fire department or a fire extinguisher retailer for information or services on disposal.

Fireworks: Use **CAUTION When Handling Fire Works**. The Town does **NOT** accept fireworks for curbside garbage collection or at any of our 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 does **NOT** accept flares for curbside garbage collection or at any of our 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: Some containers can be recycled. For cans, see [Cans: Aluminum & Metal](#). For paper/cardboard containers, see [Cardboard](#). For plastic containers, see [Plastic Bottles & Containers](#). Other food and beverage containers can be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Furniture: Non-metal furniture such as couches, mattresses, box springs, dressers, etc. will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week. Furniture, except mattresses and box springs, can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

For mattresses and box springs, see [Beds/Bedding](#). For glass components, see [Glass](#). For metal furniture, see [Metals](#).

Gaming Tables: Billiard, Ping-Pong, Air Hockey and other gaming tables must be under 4'x 4' with the legs removed. Large items will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Metal Game Tables: Must be under 4'x 4' with the legs removed. Items will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Garbage Pails & WRAP Pails: Unwanted pails can be discarded by placing a note on the pail saying “**Please Take**” and will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Gardening Supplies: (plastic flower pots, planters etc.) Must be placed in pails or securely bundled under 50 lbs. and no larger than 4'x 2'x 2' and will be collected with regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Metal Gardening Supplies: See [Scrap Metal](#).

Gas Storage Containers: Do **NOT** rinse empty plastic/metal containers. They cannot be recycled because of residues inside the containers. Empty containers can be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Gasoline: The Town does **NOT** accept gasoline for curbside garbage collection. Gasoline is toxic and extremely flammable. Residents can bring a limit of five (5) gallons of unwanted gasoline to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) within a six (6) months period or disposed of privately.

Glass: Only glass food jars and bottles are accepted as recyclables and will be collected on alternating Wednesdays (metal, glass and plastic days) or can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee. See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule.

Other Glass Components: Glass such as vases, small mirrors, broken picture frames, etc. must be placed in a closed and securely taped box marked “**GLASS**”, under 30 lbs. and will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Windows/Glass Doors/Glass Tables/Mirror/Large Glass Items: Must be under 100 lbs. and sufficiently taped to avoid breakage. Items will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week.

Do **NOT** place fluorescent bulbs in the trash. See [Light Bulbs](#).

Grass: The Town does **NOT** accept grass for curbside garbage collection. Residents can mulch or compost their grass onto their property as part of our “[Don’t Bag It](#)” program. Mulching is healthier for your lawn and the environment. Grass can also be brought to the [MacArthur Compost Facility](#).

Hand Tools: Metal and mostly metal hand tools must be placed in pails or securely bundled under 50 lbs. and no larger than 4’x 2’x 2’ and will be collected curbside every Wednesday as scrap metal. See [Scrap Metal](#). Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Non-Metal Tools: Items can be disposed of in pails under 50 lbs. and will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Hangers: Are not recyclable and will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

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

Hazardous Materials: (Household Only) Accepted labeled/original container household chemicals can be brought in limited quantities to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for residents only. Each product must be in its original container or clearly labeled with its contents.

Helium Tanks: For curbside disposal, release all remaining helium from the tank, remove the valve, and will be collected curbside on every Wednesday as scrap metal. See [Scrap Metal](#).

If the valve cannot be removed, please check with the manufacturer or supplier for disposal services.

Holiday Lights: May be discarded in bags or pails under 50 lbs. and will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Horse Manure: Must be contained in double plastic bags under 30 lbs. and a limited number of items will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Hoses: May be discarded in pails or bags under 50 lbs. and will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Hot Tubs & Spas: Hot Tubs/Spas must be cut under 4’ x 4’ and under 50 lbs. Large items will be collected, within the limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week. Any smaller pieces must be bagged, pailed or securely bundled, under 50 lbs. and 4’x 2’x 2’ and a limited amount will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee. For water heaters, see [Appliances](#).

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

Insulation: May be bagged under 50 lbs. A limited amount will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Junk Mail: See [Paper & Shredded Paper](#).

Lawn Furniture: See [Furniture](#).

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

Leaves: See [Yard Waste](#).

Light Bulbs: Incandescent, LEDs and halogen bulbs may be safely placed in a securely taped box marked “GLASS”, under 30 lbs. and will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Bulbs and ballasts from households can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Fluorescent/CFL (tubes/bulbs): Fluorescent bulbs (including HID) are banned from curbside collection in New York State because they contain small amounts of mercury, and they must be recycled properly. **DO NOT USE DUCT TAPE!** Tubes/bulbs should be securely packaged to avoid breakage in a box with the quantity labeled on the outside. For transporting, see [Mercury](#). A limited amount of fluorescent tubes and bulbs, up to 6 feet, can be taken to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) or disposed of privately.

Lumber: Must be placed in pails or securely bundled, under 50 lbs. and 4’ x 2’ x 2’. Nails must be hammered flush to the wood or removed. A limited number of items will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Larger Lumber: Larger items, such as pallets, and sections of non-metal fencing and gates must be under 4’ x 4’ & 50 lbs. and will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, on the last garbage collection of the week. Nails must be hammered flush to the wood or removed. Items can also be brought to the [Blydenburgh “Cleanfill” Landfill](#) or the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Magazines: See [Paper & Shredded Paper](#).

Mattresses & Box Springs: See [Beds/Bedding](#).

Medical Waste: The Town 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: 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: Any items containing mercury, such as fluorescent bulbs and tubes, mercury vapor lights, mercury switches, thermostats and components, mercury thermometers, button batteries, games, blood pressure sets, etc.

must be securely packaged to avoid breakage in a box and brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) or disposed of privately.

Transporting Mercury: Contain Waste Carefully! Liquid Mercury releases invisible vapor when exposed to air; these vapors can be harmful to human health. Use a cardboard box. Secure the containers so that they do not tip over, and to minimize shifting or sliding during sudden stops or turns. Place containers in the back of a pick-up truck or in your car's trunk. If you must transport in the passenger compartment, make sure there is adequate ventilation.

Metals: Items consisting of, but not limited to, appliances, metal furniture, lawn equipment, exercise equipment, air conditioners, or other large metal items will be considered bulk metal. Refrigerators and freezers must have doors removed. Large metal items must be able to be lifted by two (2) people of average build and will be collected, within the total limit of three (3), curbside every Wednesday. For smaller metal items, see [Scrap Metal](#).

Microwaves: See [Appliances](#).

Mirrors: See [Glass](#).

Monitors: See [Electronics \(E-Waste\)](#).

Narcotics: See [Medical Waste](#).

Needles: See [Medical Waste](#).

Newspapers: See [Paper & Shredded Paper](#).

Oil (Cooking, Motor, Heating): The Town does **NOT** collect motor, heating or cooking oil for curbside garbage collection. Residents can bring a limit of five (5) gallons of used motor and/or cooking oil can be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) within a six (6) months period or disposed of privately.

New York State Law requires all service stations that change motor oil for their customers, and retailers who sell more than 1,000 gallons of oil per year to accept up to five (5) gallons of used motor oil free of charge from members of the public (unless their storage tanks are temporarily full).

For home heating oil, please contact your home heating oil delivery company for disposal information.

Oil Absorbents, Rags, Empty Containers & Oil Filters: Small amounts can be placed in the regular garbage collection.

Oil Boilers, Burners & Tanks: The Town does **NOT** collect boilers, burners or tanks for curbside garbage collection or at any of our facilities. 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/water base products must be dried. Wet paint can stain roadways, cars and personal property. Paint can be dried out by adding kitty litter, sawdust or paint hardener. Once dried, cans must be re-sealed, doubled bagged, under 50 lbs. and will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Latex and water-based paint will **NOT** be accepted at any of our facilities.

Oil Based Paint/Stains/Varnishes: Must be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#).

Pallets: See [Lumber](#).

Paper & Shredded Paper: Papers can be placed in a sealed paper bag or cardboard box and will be collected curbside on alternating Wednesdays (paper and cardboard days) or can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee. See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule.

The Town of Islip offers free “Shredding Day” services for residents 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.

Pavers: See [Bricks & Stone Masonry](#).

Pesticides: See [Hazardous Materials](#).

Pharmaceuticals: See [Medical Waste](#).

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

Pianos/Organs: Metal harp must be removed. Grand or upright pianos must be cut under 4’ x 4’, under 100 lbs. with legs removed. Large items will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Metal Harp: Strings must be cut. Large metal components will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday.

Pick-Up Truck Caps/ Bed Liners: Must be cut into sections under 4’x 4’ and the glass windows on truck caps must be taped. Large items will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week or can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Pizza Boxes: Will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Plastic Bottles & Containers: Plastic bottles and containers with the recycling symbol should be loosely placed in the [WRAP Recycling Pail](#). Plastics will be collected curbside on alternating Wednesdays (metal, glass and plastic days). See the [WRAP Recycling Calendar](#) for the alternating schedule. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

The following items will **NOT** be accepted with recycling: plastic bags, cups, plates, utensils, plastic wrap, flower pots or trays, buckets and empty containers of chemicals. Chemical containers should **NOT** be rinsed and may be discarded with the regular garbage collection.

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

All plastic bags, even recyclable bags, can be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Playground Equipment: Components must be placed in pails or securely bundled under 50 lbs. and 4’x 2’x 2’ with any concrete/sand removed. All equipment, except for sand and concrete, can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Metal Components: (poles, slides under 4', etc.) Will be considered scrap metal. See [Scrap Metal](#).

All Other Components: Items, such as wood, plastic or vinyl can be placed in pails or securely bundled under 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2'. A limited amount will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Large items, under 4'x 4' and under 100 lbs., will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week.

For sand, see [Sand](#). For concrete, see [Brick & Masonry](#).

Pool and Components: Plastic kiddie pools under 6' will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Pools and components can be collected curbside per the following disposal instructions or can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Pool Chemicals: Do **NOT** dispose of chemicals in the garbage. Pool chemicals may cause skin irritation, release poisonous gases, creating garbage truck explosions and/or fires which may injure sanitation crews. See [Hazardous Materials](#).

Metal Components: Small metal items must be broken down into sections or securely bundled under 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2' and will be collected, within the total limit of six (6) items, curbside every Wednesday as scrap metal. For metal pool heaters, see [Appliances](#).

Linens: Must be rolled up, placed in bags or securely bundled, under 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2'. A limited number of items will be collected curbside with the regular garbage collection.

Larger Non-Metal Pieces: Must be under 4'x 4' and 100lbs. Filters must be without diatomaceous earth and items must be able to be lifted by two (2) people of average build. Large non-metal items will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week.

All Other Non-metal Components: (wood, plastic or vinyl) Must be securely bundled under 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2' A limited number of items will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

For sand, see [Sand](#). For concrete, see [Brick & Stone Masonry](#).

Printer Cartridges: Will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

Propane Tanks: Must be emptied and valve removed from tank. Large metal items will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday. Full, partially full and propane tanks with the valve assembly must be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) or disposed of privately.

PVC: See [Construction & Demolition Debris](#).

PVC Fencing: Small pieces must be in pails or securely tied under 4'x 2'x 2', under 50 lbs. and a limited amount will be collected curbside with the regular garbage collection. Large sections must be cut under 4'x 4' & 100 lbs. and will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week.

Railroad Ties: No longer than 4' and no heavier than 50 lbs. Nails must be hammered flush to the wood or removed. A limited number of items will be collected with the regular garbage collection.

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

Rocks: Rocks, pebbles and natural stone minerals are **NOT** accepted for curbside collection or at any of our facilities. Please contact a sand and gravel company for more disposal services.

Sand: The Town does **NOT** accept sand of any kind for curbside garbage collection or at any of our facilities. Please contact a sand and gravel company for more disposal services.

Sawdust: Must be placed in bags, under 50 lbs. and will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Scrap Metal: Small metal items will be collected, within the limit of six (6) items, curbside every Wednesday. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

Sheetrock/Drywall/Wallboard: See [Construction & Demolition Debris](#).

Sinks: See [Bathroom & Kitchen 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](#).

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

Stumps: See [Yard Waste](#).

Styrofoam: All pieces must be securely bagged and will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

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

Television: Items must be able to be lifted by two (2) people of average build. See [Electronics \(E-Waste\)](#).

Thermometers & Thermostats: (Digital thermometers, thermostats) Will be collected with the regular garbage collection. For thermometers & thermostats containing mercury, see [Mercury](#).

Tires: See [Automobile Fluids & Parts](#)

Toilets: See [Bathroom Fixtures](#).

Toys: Will be collected with the regular garbage collection. Items can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee.

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

Waste Oil: See [Oil \(Cooking, Motor, Heating\)](#)

Water Heaters: See [Appliances](#).

Windows: See [Glass](#).

Wood: For treated wood, see [Lumber](#) For tree debris, see [Yard Waste](#).

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

Yard Equipment: (Push Mower, Snow Blower Etc.): All mechanical fluids (gasoline, oil, etc.) must be removed before disposal. Items without mechanical fluids can also be brought to the [Multi-Purpose Recycling Facility](#) for a fee. The Town does **NOT** accept ride-on equipment for curbside collection.

Metal/Electronic Equipment: Must be under 100 lbs. and 4' x 4'. Large items will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside every Wednesday.

Plastic Equipment: Must be under 100 lbs. and 4' x 4'. Large items will be collected, within the total limit of three (3) items, curbside on the last garbage collection of the week.

For gas, see [Gasoline](#). For motor oil, see [Oil \(Cooking, Motor, Heating\)](#).

Yard Waste: The Town does **NOT** accept grass for curbside collection. See [Grass](#) for disposal guide. Dirt must be removed from all yard waste items. Natural yard waste, such as leaves, branches, logs, bushes, brush, and weeds must be bagged, piled or securely bundled, under 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2'. Stumps must be cut under 50 lbs. and 4'x 2'x 2'. A limited number of items will be collected with the regular garbage collection* or can also be brought to the [MacArthur Compost Facility](#). For dirt disposal instructions, see [Dirt](#).

***NOTE:** Unlimited Yard Waste Collection programs are held three (3) times a year in the Spring, Fall and Winter. During this period, leaves, logs, stumps, branches and brush will be collected separately from garbage. The above regulations must be followed. Please visit the [Islip Information Dashboard](#) for program dates.