

Cortland County Recycling Guidelines

Updates were sent to all county residents. Specifics will vary per town and trash hauler so when in doubt, check with them (or your landlord if you rent). Example: Village of Homer no longer picks up glass but residents can still collect and bring it themselves to the Cortland County Recycling Center on Pendleton Street. Some of the City of Cortland trash haulers will collect glass only during the first week of each month.

All accepted materials must be clean and dry – throw away all lids, caps, and tops. It is okay to leave labels on.

Accepted:

- Plastic containers that would typically have a lid, cap, or top. Empty and rinse all containers EXCEPTION: Medicine bottles not accepted (throw out)
- Metal containers must be clean and dry and include those made of aluminum, metal, and tin
- Newspapers and inserts, catalogs, magazines, mail, office paper, phone books, manila folders and books (hard covers must be removed)
- Shredded paper will be accepted only if placed in a bag (plastic or paper)
- Glass containers – varies so check with your trash hauler
- Cardboard boxes – must be broken down and not stained
 - Cereal boxes – remove the plastic bag inside first
 - EXCEPTIONS: Any wax coated cardboard such as freezer boxes AND any pizza box with oil, grease, etc. on it (throw them out)

Not Accepted:

- Single use plastic bags (TOPS has container inside store to collect)
 - NY State has banned single use plastic bags from being used in stores beginning on March 1, 2020; Start using reusable bags now
- Clam shell plastic containers
 - Those that hold muffins, specialty breads, pastries
 - Those that hold cookies
- Dishes, glassware, pots & pans, pottery, light bulbs, glass from picture frame
- Styrofoam, packing materials, plastic wrap, bubble wrap, fast food containers
- Paper towels, Kleenex, wrapping paper,
- Motor oil, toys, furniture, plastic or Styrofoam cups, hard plastic (i.e. pails)
- Silverware, scrap metal, pipe, swing sets, small appliances

Questions? Call the Cortland County Recycling Center at 607-753-5191.

The Center is open Monday – Friday (7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and Saturday (8 a.m. to Noon). Visit CCRC website for list of acceptable E-Waste recycling items (computers, etc.)