

RECYCLE

In Darke County

Darke County residents can conserve landfill space, natural resources and even energy by using our weekly curbside recycling program. Please fill your recycling bin with the acceptable items listed below and place at the curb each week on your regular trash collection day.

Rumpke will process your recyclables at our Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Dayton. To learn more about his process, visit www.rumpkerecycling.com.

Thank you for recycling!

Acceptable items include:

- Plastic bottles and jugs
- Aluminum and metal cans
- Cereal and snack boxes
- Cardboard, (flattened to 2' x 3')
- Newspaper with inserts
- Junk mail and phone books
- Empty aerosol cans (tips removed)
- Glass jars and bottles
- Magazines and catalogs
- Office and computer paper
- Cartons (juice, milk and egg substitute containers)
- Clean pizza boxes (free of food and grease)

* You do NOT have to remove labels.



Recycling Benefits: Save Energy • Preserve Natural Resources • Conserve Landfill Space • Create Jobs

Please do not put these in your Rumpke Recycling bin:

- Garbage
- Food or yard waste
- Plastic bags
- Syringes*
- Electronics
- Buckets
- Butter tubs
- Light bulbs
- Drinking glass
- Batteries
- Ceramics or dishes
- Pots or pans
- Foil juice pouches
- Toys or clothing



*Do not place syringes or medical waste inside of recyclables. For example, plastic containers being used to dispose of sharps should be placed with garbage only and are not recyclable. They may place employees who are sorting the material at risk of serious injury.

What happens to your Recyclables?

Your red Rumpke recycling bin should be placed at the curb the night before your scheduled pick-up.

Recyclables are picked up by a specially designed truck separate from the traditional garbage vehicle. The Rumpke recycling employee initially separates newspapers and brown grocery bags from other "commingled" material (glass, aluminum cans, plastics, etc.). Newspapers and brown grocery bags are kept in a separate compartment of the recycling truck to keep them separate from other commingled material.

At the end of the route, each recycling truck is weighed and unloaded for sorting at Rumpke's recycling facility located in Dayton.

At the state-of-the-art recycling center, automated and manual separation processes are employed to sort materials into appropriate categories. Once separated, materials are then baled or containerized for shipping to various mills and reprocessing facilities where the recyclables are used to make new items.

Should an unacceptable item be placed in your recycling bin, your Rumpke recycling driver will place a sticker on it and leave it in your bin indicating the item is not being accepted at this time.

If you have questions about whether an item is accepted in the recycling program, why an item wasn't accepted, or need to know more about recycling, please feel free to call the Rumpke Recycling Hotline at 1-800-223-3960 or the Darke County Solid Waste District office at 937-547-0827.

Why these items are not accepted.....

Plastic Caps

Currently, limited markets exist for these types of plastic. Rumpke is constantly researching and evaluating potential markets.

Butter or Cool Whip Bowls

Although they are marked #2 plastic, these containers have a chemical additive to strengthen the rim. The additive makes them act negatively in the recycling process.

Window & Drinking Glass or Light Bulbs

These types of glass are chemically different. Some even contain lead. Therefore, they are contaminants.

Coat Hangers and Steel Scrap

Rumpke does recycle these materials for industrial accounts. Due to the relatively small volume generated by residential recycling, these are not accepted in the curbside or drop-box program. (If you have a large quantity of this material, try contacting a local scrap dealer.)

PERMANENT DROP BOX LOCATIONS

Ansonia—Corner of Cross & Pearl Streets
Arcanum—Sutton's Parking Lot
Butler Twp—Corner of Grubbs Rex & Emrick Roads
Gettysburg—216 High St; Near Water Tower
Hollansburg—At Village Park on Union Street
Palestine—St Rt 36 at Park
Wayne Lakes — 1053 Main (Village Garage)

Pittsburg—Gravel lot North of Washington St.
North Star—At old school/community park
New Madison—Gravel lot behind City Building
New Weston—On Pine St. in Alley behind Council Hall
Union City—Across the street from City Adm. Bldg.
Versailles — Wayne Twp. Building Parking Lot
Rumpke—5474 Jaysville St. John Rd; Greenville