

## THE PROPER WAY TO DISPOSE OF.....

For further information, please contact the Montgomery County Treasurer's Office at (518)853-8174

**Aerosol Cans** - Recycle, if empty and have not contained hazardous material. If empty and did contain hazardous material trash. If contains hazardous material bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

**Agricultural Plastic Film** - Contact Montgomery County Soil and Water to recycle clean agriculture plastic at 518-853-7008. Dirty - Trash

**Air Conditioners** - Accepted at the transfer stations for a \$5.00 per unit fee. The freon is removed by a certified individual, then the metal is recycled.

**Aluminum Foil** - Clean - Recycle. Dirty - Trash.

**Aluminum Siding** - acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations free of charge as scrap metal. Please keep the siding near the door of the scrap metal box.

**Ammunition** - Contact your local police department.

**Antifreeze** - Bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Check with your local automobile service station to see if they have a recycling program.

**Appliances** - Substantially made of metal are considered scrap metal and accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations free of charge. Small freon containing appliances, such as dehumidifiers, have a \$5.00 per unit fee. Large freon containing appliances, such as refrigerators, have a \$20.00 per unit fee. The freon is removed by a certified individual, then the metal is recycled. If the appliances are mostly plastic they are considered trash. If the items are in working condition consider donation to local service agencies or thrift shops.

**Asbestos (friable)** - Hazardous - **not accepted**. This type of asbestos can be crumbled, pulverized or reduced to a powder by hand pressure when dry. This is hazardous waste and not acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. A certified asbestos remover and disposal facility are required.

**Asbestos (non-friable)** - This type of asbestos is hard, brittle (like vinyl asbestos tile). It is acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as construction and demolition debris.

**Ballasts** - If manufactured prior to 1979 ballasts are considered hazardous and can only be disposed at the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. If manufactured after 1979 metal ballasts can be disposed of in the scrap metal. Plastic ballasts are acceptable as regular garbage.

**Barrels** - Can be disposed as trash after both ends are cut off to ensure they no longer hold any water, as required by landfills.

**Batteries (alkaline)** - Trash. Since January 1992 many alkaline batteries are manufactured with no mercury added. These types of batteries (AA, AAA, C & D) are classified by the federal government as non-hazardous and safe for disposal in your regular household trash.

**Batteries (automotive)** - May be returned to any location that sells automotive batteries, regardless of whether you bought it there or not. They are not acceptable at the transfer stations.

**Batteries (rechargeable)** - Accepted free of charge at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program.

**Bicycles** - Accepted free of charge at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the scrap metal program. If bicycles are in working condition consider donating to local service agencies or thrift shops.

**Books (hard cover)** - If you remove the cover you can recycle the pages. The cover is trash. Hard cover books with the cover are trash. Consider donating books in good condition to local book exchanges, libraries, nursing homes, or thrift stores.

**Boats** - Judged on a case by case basis. Please see the Transfer Station Supervisor.

**Books (soft cover)** - Recycle. Consider donating books in good condition to local book exchanges, libraries, nursing homes, or thrift stores.

**Cardboard** - Recycle. Wax or styrofoam coated cardboard should be disposed of in the regular trash.

**Catalogues** - Recycle.

**CD's & Electronic Media** - Trash. As an alternative contact GreenDisk at [www.greendisk.com](http://www.greendisk.com).

**Cell Phones** - Accepted free of charge at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program.

**Ceramics** - Trash.

**Christmas Lights** - Trash. As an alternative visit [http://www.holidayleds.com/holidayledscom\\_christmas\\_light\\_recycling\\_program](http://www.holidayleds.com/holidayledscom_christmas_light_recycling_program)

**Clothing** - Trash. Consider donating clean clothing in good condition to local service agencies or thrift shops as an alternative to disposal. There are bins available at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations for textile recycling.

**Computers and Computer Monitors** - Accepted free of charge at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program.

**Construction and Demolition (C & D) Debris** - Accepted as trash at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Examples are lumber, carpeting, sheetrock, and siding.

**Cooking Oil** - No liquid is accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations.

**Copiers** - Accepted free of charge at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program.

**Dead Wildlife** - The Montgomery County Transfer Stations are unable to accept dead wildlife. Please visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6957.html> for details on how to properly dispose.

**Dehumidifiers** - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations for a \$5.00 per unit fee. Freon is removed by a certified individual, then the metal is recycled.

**Diapers** - Trash.

**Drinking Glasses** - Trash.

**Driveway Sealers** - Bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

**Egg Cartons** - Paper - recycle. Styrofoam - trash.

**Explosives** - Contact your local police department.

**Electronics Recycling** - As of January 1, 2015 all electronics are banned from landfill disposal as per NYS law. Electronics are recycled at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations free of charge. Acceptable items include televisions, computer monitors, CPU's and servers, rechargeable batteries, cell phones, telephones, keyboard, mouse, speakers, scanners, printers, fax machines, copiers, typewriters, VCR -CD- DVD players, gaming equipment, audio/video equipment.

**Eyeglasses** - Trash. Consider donating eyeglasses at your local Lions Club or other service organization.

**Fertilizers** - Bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

**File Folders** - Recycle.

**Fire Extinguishers** - Residents are encouraged to refill those that are refillable. Empty fire extinguishers can be disposed of free of charge as scrap metal.

**Flower Pots** - Plastic #1 - #7 are recyclable. Ceramic pots are trash.

**Fluorescent Bulbs/HID- Mercury** - Unbroken bulbs are acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations for \$.40 per bulb. Some home improvement companies accept fluorescent bulbs for free. Please return to their original packaging to protect the bulbs from breakage as most are hazardous due to their mercury content. For further information visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/44927.html>

**Food Waste** - Trash. As an alternative try composting.

**Freezers** - Accepted at the transfer stations for a \$20.00 per unit fee. The freon is removed by a certified individual, then the metal is recycled.

**Furniture** - Trash. Consider donating furniture in good condition to local service agencies or thrift shops as an alternative.

**Gasoline** - Bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

**Glass Containers** - Recycle. Drinking glasses and window glass are trash.

**Hazardous Waste** - Montgomery County households can bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. These events are scheduled every other year. Contact a professional environmental firm for pick up. Consider non-hazardous alternatives.

**Helium Tanks** - Empty metal tanks with several holes punched in the tank are acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations free of charge as scrap metal. Helium tanks that contain helium are acceptable for a \$5.00 fee at the Montgomery County transfer stations. The helium is removed by a certified individual and the metal is recycled.

**Humidifiers** - Trash.

**Juice Cartons and Boxes** - Recycle. Foil juice pouches and straws are trash.

**Junk Mail** - Recycle. To reduce unwanted junk mail visit [www.privacycouncil.org](http://www.privacycouncil.org).

**Laundry Baskets** - Plastic if # 1 - # 7 recycle. If not trash.

**Lawnmowers** - Mowers that have no liquid (gasoline, oil) are acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations free of charge as scrap metal.

**Light Bulbs** - Trash. See "*Fluorescent Bulbs* "

**Magazines** - Recycle.

**Mattresses** - Trash

**Medicine** - Trash. Treat medications by adding coffee grounds, cat litter, dirt or another undesirable substance. Do NOT flush down the toilet or pour down the drain. As an alternative the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department has a CVS drop box located in the main lobby of the Sheriff's Department located at 200 Clark Drive Fultonville, NY or the Amsterdam Police Department has a medication disposal drop box located at 1 Guy Park Ave in Amsterdam. Both are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Contact pharmacies or hospitals to see if a pharmaceutical collection event is scheduled. For further information visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/67720.html>.

**Microwave Ovens** - If metal, acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations free of charge as scrap metal. If plastic, trash. Consider donating microwave ovens in good condition to local service agencies or thrift shops as an alternative.

**Mirrors** - Trash.

**Motor Oil** - New York State law requires businesses that service motor vehicles and sell more than 500 gallons of oil per year and retailers that sell more than 1,000 gallons annually to accept 5 gallons of used motor oil per person each day free of charge.

**Napkins** - Trash.

**Needles/Sharps/Syringes** - Trash. Place used needles and syringes in a puncture proof container, sealed with tape and labeled "SHARPS". DEC recommends medications with attached needles be disposed of at a hospital based household sharps collection program. All hospitals in New York State (except federal facilities) are required to collect sharps from households.

**Newspapers** - Recycle.

**Paint** - Oil based paints and stains - Montgomery County households can bring to County's Household Hazardous Waste Event. Latex based paint needs to be dried out. We are unable to accept anything in its liquid form. To dry out excess latex based paint mix in cat litter, saw dust or paint hardening crystals (available at most local paint or hardware stores) into the paint can. Once the paint is dry you can dispose of in your regular household trash.

**Paper** - Recycle. Shredded paper, paper towels, paper ream wrappers are trash.

**Pesticides** - Montgomery County households can bring to County's Household Hazardous Waste Event.

**Plastic** - Recycle items labeled # 1 - # 7.

**Plastic Bags** - Trash. As an alternative many local grocery or drug stores provide film plastic recycling.

**Pool Chemicals** - Bring to County's Household Hazardous Waste Event.

**Printers** - Accepted free of charge at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program.

**Propane Tanks** - 20 lb propane tanks are accepted for a \$5.00 fee at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. The propane is removed by a certified individual and the metal is recycled. Small, empty 1- lb propane tanks are garbage.

**Railroad Ties** - Trash.

**Refrigerators** - Accepted at the transfer stations for a \$20.00 per unit fee. The freon is removed by a certified individual, then the metal is recycled.

**Roofing Shingles** - Trash .

**Satellite Dishes** - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations free of charge as scrap metal

**Scrap Metal** - Acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations free of charge as scrap metal.

**Sharps\Syringes\Needles** - See "*Needles/Sharps/Syringes*".

**Skid Steer Tracks** - Garbage

**Styrofoam** - Trash.

**Telephone Books** - Recycle.

**Televisions** - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations free of charge as electronic recycling.

**Textiles** - Recycling bins are available at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Acceptable items include clothing, paired shoes and sneakers, drapery, towels, sheets, blankets, stuffed animals, purses, and belts. Items should be secured in a plastic bag.

**Thermostats/Thermometers containing mercury** - Hazardous - not accepted. Visit <http://www.thermostat-recycle.org> for a location near you that accepts mercury containing thermostats.

**Tires** - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations for a fee. Tires need to be removed from the rim. Tires can't be caked with mud/dirt. Automotive tires are \$3.00 each, commercial truck tires are \$7.00 each. All other tires are \$250.00 per ton.

**Vacuum Cleaners** - Trash.

**Vases** - Trash.

**Wrapping Paper** - Recycle. Metallic paper and bows are trash.

**Yard Waste** - Contact your local municipality. Many have composting options available.

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