TOWN OF CHESHIRE – 2023 AUTOMATED RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

For more information on the automated recycling program, please see our website at www.cheshirect.org (“Services” / “Trash and Recycling Collection”) or call Cheshire Public Works Department at (203) 271-6650 or email AMHearn@CheshireCT.org

**Collection is delayed one (1) day for the following 2023 holidays:**
- Memorial Day (5/29)
- Independence Day, (7/4)
- Labor Day (9/4)
- Thanksgiving Day (11/23)
- Christmas Day (12/25)

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IMPORTANT RECYCLING REMINDERS

- Place your recycling container close to the road, away from any other objects such as trash cans, mail boxes, trees or parked cars, to allow room for the collection truck’s mechanical arms to grab the container. All materials must be inside the container.
- Place container with side indicated as “street side” along the street, with the handle and the wheels on the side facing the house.
- Place containers curbside by 5:30 a.m. on the day of collection; pick up times can vary from week to week.
- Collection is every other week; the schedule for day of collection by street is available on the Town website at www.cheshirect.org (“Services” / “Trash and Recycling Collection”).
- If you need an additional or replacement container, please contact the Public Works Department for replacement policies, fees and procedures.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS FOR RECYCLING

All items must be rinsed clean of food residue to prevent odors from contaminating the recycled products.

- Aluminum foil and food trays (no black plastic)
- Clean food and cereal boxes (inner bags removed)
- Computer, letter, and notebook paper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Envelopes (window and plain)
- Greeting cards
- Inner cardboard rolls from toilet paper and paper towels
- Magazines and catalogs
- Metal cans and glass bottles/jars (clean) (Remove caps discard in garbage)
- Milk and juice boxes and cartons (clean)
- Newspapers and inserts
- Paper egg cartons
- Plastic coat hangers
- Plastic containers marked 1 through 7
- Plastic knives, forks and spoons (clean)
- Shoe, shirt and other cardboard boxes
- Straws and cups

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

- Plastic bags, shrink-wrap and cellophane (these materials get tangled in the single-stream separating equipment)
- Prescription bottles
- Styrofoam and other polystyrenes, even if numbered 1-7 (there is currently no U.S. market for these materials)
- Black plastic take-out food containers
- Black plant nursery trays
- Wrapping paper (there is too little fiber content in wrapping paper to recycle it)
- Tyvec envelopes
- Metal coat hangers (these get tangled in the single-stream recycling equipment)
- Unwashed food containers (food decays during the recycling process creating a strong odor which becomes part of the batch and contaminates the end product)
- Automotive fluids and hazardous waste containers
- Stain and oil-based paint cans
- Toys
- Window/picture glass and mirrors
- Pots and pans
- Containers larger than three gallons
- Dirty or contaminated paper or cardboard, such as pizza boxes
- Electronics
- Construction debris
- Shredded paper from machine
- Loose bottle caps or jar tops