

TOWN OF CHESHIRE – 2020 AUTOMATED RECYCLING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

For more information on the automated recycling program, please see our website at www.cheshirect.org (go to *Trash, Recycling and Energy*, and select *Recycling*) or contact the Cheshire Public Works Department at 203-271-6650 or AMHearn@CheshireCT.org.

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Collection is delayed one (1) day for the following 2020 Holidays:

- ❖ New Year’s Day, January 1
- ❖ Independence Day, On Schedule No Delay
- ❖ Thanksgiving Day, November 26
- ❖ Memorial Day, May 25
- ❖ Labor Day, September 7
- ❖ Christmas Day, December 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.
- ▶ Containers should be placed 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/trash-recycling-and-energy/recycling.
- ▶ If you need an additional or replacement container, please contact the Public Works Department for replacement policies, fees and procedures (see information on the website at link indicated above). There is no charge for additional 96 gallon containers, or for replacements for containers that have been stolen or damaged by the collection truck.

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
- ✓ Black plastic containers
- ✓ Plastic bottles with bottle caps screwed on
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Latex paint cans (with paint residue dried)
- ✓ Magazines and catalogs
- ✓ Metal cans and glass bottles and jars (caps removed)
- ✓ Milk and juice boxes and cartons
- ✓ Newspapers and inserts
- ✓ Paper egg cartons
- ✓ Plastic coat hangers
- ✓ Plastic containers marked 1 through 7
- ✓ Plastic knives, forks and spoons
- ✓ Plastic plant and flower pots
- ✓ Shoe, shirt and other cardboard boxes
- ✓ Straws and cups
- ✓ Wax or plastic coated cardboard containers

Placing non-recyclable materials in recycling containers may result in non-collection of your container or the rejection of an entire truck load of material by the recycling facility.

- ✗ **Plastic bags**, shrink-wrap and cellophane (*these materials get tangled in the single-stream separating equipment*)
- ✗ Styrofoam and other polystyrenes, even if numbered 1-7 (*there is currently no U.S. market for these materials*)
- ✗ 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 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 a shredding machine
- ✗ Medicine and prescription bottles
- ✗ Loose bottle caps