



# Recycling Has Just Become Easier

No more need to squint at those tiny little numbers!

Starting immediately, Westchester residents, businesses, schools and institutions are finally able (**and required**) to recycle virtually every type of plastic container. Westchester County has changed its recycling law and will now accept all plastics numbered 1 through 7.

## How does the new law work?

Until now we have only been recycling #1 and # 2 plastics. Under the new law, recycling will work exactly the same way, except that now all plastics with #1 through #7 “chasing arrow” symbols on the bottom must be recycled. This means that all food, beverage, detergent, shampoo containers and bottles can be put in the recycling bin (containers should be rinsed clean before going in). Even bottle caps can now be recycled.



## There are, however, still some plastic items that cannot be recycled, as follows:

- Plastic bags - return to C-Town, CVS, Walgreens and Stop and Shop
- Plastic film from dry cleaning bags or packaging materials
- Vinyl (e.g., tiles, records, CDs)
- Non-coded plastics (e.g. toys, clothing hangers, utensils, furniture)
- Styrofoam -- please try not to buy items made from this environmentally harmful material
- Containers that held hazardous materials (e.g. motor oil, solvents, pesticides)
- Building materials (e.g., PVC piping, bathroom and kitchen fixtures)

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## Other requirements of the recycling law have not been changed.

### The following items continue to be collected during weekly pick-up:

- White and colored office paper (staples do not need to be removed)
- Newspaper (including glossy inserts)
- Cardboard (corrugated and grey)
- Junk Mail
- Glass bottles and jars
- Metal food and beverage containers

**These items can be recycled at dropped off at DPW between the hours of 8 am and 3 pm Monday through Friday or the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month between 9 am and 12 noon. Bulk metals will also be picked up upon request** (please call 631-0356 to arrange pick-up):

- Bulk metals (i.e. large fixtures and appliances)
- Electronic waste (i.e. computers, television)
- Tires

***Recycling protects our natural resources and saves Tarrytown taxpayers \$100,000 annually***

***\*\*\*The More We Recycle The More We Save\*\*\****