

RECYCLING  
AT  
FOUNTAINVIEW

NEW GUIDELINES  
EFFECTIVE MAY, 2019

## THE GOALS

- \* Keeping reusable materials out of the trash stream
- \* Conforming to Delaware and City of Newark Rules

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

These items do not belong in the recycling container:

- \* **No clear or other plastic bags of any kind**
- \* No styrofoam
- \* No shredded paper
- \* No dishes, ceramics, window glass, mirrors
- \* No batteries
- \* No electronics
- \* No clothing or textiles
- \* No scrap metal
- \* No plants, leaves, grass, branches
- \* No paper touched or stained by food or liquids
  - No paper cups or plates
  - No plastic or paper straws
  - No pizza box parts stained by cheese, sauce or oil
- \* No diapers
- \* No garbage or food waste
- \* No pots and pans
- \* No paper towels, napkins or waxed paper
- \* No frozen/refrigerated food packaging or film
- \* No motor oil or chemical containers
- \* No plastic shell packaging
- \* No large, rigid plastics like
  - laundry baskets
  - flower pots
  - storage bins
  - dress hangars

IF IT IS ON THIS “REMINDER” LIST, **DON’T RECYCLE IT.**  
IF IT IS ON THIS LIST, IT GOES IN THE **TRASH !!!**

## WHAT YOU SHOULD RECYCLE

### PAPER PRODUCTS SUCH AS:

Newspapers, magazines, catalogues, office paper, junk mail, envelopes, paperback books, cereal boxes (cartons), corrugated cardboard

### CANS

Aluminum soda and beer cans, other aluminum cans, steel and tin cans like cans for tuna, vegetables

\* \* \* MUST BE WASHED OUT \* \* \*

### GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

Soda, beer, wine, distilled liquors  
Glass jars with tops separated

### PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs (like butter, sour cream, cottage cheese, margarine, yogurt, mustard, catsup

\* \* \* MUST BE WASHED OUT \* \* \*

**If it's not on the above list, do not place it in the recycle bin.**

## HOW YOU SHOULD RECYCLE

LOOSE. NO BAGS. Permitted recyclable items should be loose, empty, clean and dry before being put in the recycle bin. Loose. Not in plastic bags; clear or otherwise.

Place loose, unbagged materials directly into the bin.

BREAK DOWN BOXES. Corrugated boxes should be flattened. Slice open the bottom of the box just like you did at the top. On average, an unflattened box takes up seven times the room as a flattened ones.

PIZZA BOXES. Some now come perforated so that you can separate the unstained top from the stained bottom. The clean, top part can be recycled. But not the bottom with food residue.

## BE AWARE

IT'S TRUE. Some items like clean styrofoam and small batteries, to name a couple, can be recycled but only at specially designated locations. Since most Fountainview residents are unable to store such materials and then transport them to a special site, the reasonable solution is to place those items in the trash.

WHEN IN DOUBT. Any time you are in doubt about whether a product can be recycled, it is better for you to put it in the trash, rather than risk contaminating a good recycling load.

IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. The recycling containers belong to Fountainview. They are not public (that is also true of the trash dumpsters). All of the Fountainview dumpsters are on private property. Uninvited non-residents have no right to come on to our property and use our containers. It is the same as if this whole complex were your private home and the containers were in your driveway. You would not tolerate a stranger using your receptacles and possibly contaminating the load you carefully separated from routine trash. You are not the trash police, but if you see a violation, please report it with as much detail as possible.

ENFORCEMENT. Recycling is good for the environment and good for the pocketbook. It's a positive activity that saves money. The City of Newark is charged by the ton for disposal of solid waste (trash and garbage). Keeping reusable materials out of the solid waste stream reduces the tonnage. All of Newark city's costs are paid by tax dollars. Recycling helps keep our taxes from rising for this cost. For that reason alone recycling should be done enthusiastically, effectively, and voluntarily. So far, we have not had to develop a system of fining violators. Let's do it right and keep it that way.