



# RECYCLING FACT SHEET FOR COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES

## RECYCLE THESE ITEMS SINGLE STREAM

- ✓ Plastic containers: bottles, tubs, lids, jugs (food/ beverage and health/beauty plastic containers) \*caps and lids attached
- ✓ Glass bottles and jars
- ✓ Tin or aluminum cans, aluminum foil balled up, \*empty aerosol canisters, foil pie pans or foil trays, metal lids
- ✓ Paper products like junk mail, envelopes, folders, newspaper, magazines, paper egg cartons, paper bags, drink cartons, scrap paper, softcover books, etc.
- ✓ Cardboard rolls and broken down boxes

## WHAT SHOULD NEVER GO IN THE RECYCLING BIN?

- ❖ PLASTIC BAGS AND OTHER THIN PLASTIC FILMS
- ❖ STYROFOAM ©
- ❖ BROKEN GLASS FROM WINDOWS, MIRRORS, DISHES, ETC.
- ❖ NAPKINS, PAPER TOWELS
- ❖ SCRAP METALS
- ❖ ELECTRONICS, WIRES
- ❖ HAZARDOUS WASTES OR CHEMICALS

## WHAT CAN BE COMPOSTED COMMERCIALY?

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE SKINS & SHAVINGS  
MEAT, BONES, FISH RESIDUALS  
DAIRY PRODUCTS & NUT SHELLS  
COMPOSTABLE SERVICEWARE & FOOD SOILED  
PAPER TOWELS OR NAPKINS

## RECYCLING TIPS

Make sure recycling bins are clearly labeled. Print and hang our signs for free!

Always place recycling bins directly next to trash bins. Color-code bins when possible.

Inform employees about your recycling program. Make sure they understand what can and cannot be recycled or composted. Print our Fact Sheets for free!

Try conducting a waste audit to evaluate your current recycling program and identify where you could improve and save money. We can help!

Always use recyclable service ware products instead of disposable, non-recyclable products.

Close the loop; buy products made from recycled content.

Donate wasted food and compost food scraps. It's the next step to becoming a better recycler!

# WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Recycling, Composting, and Waste Reduction can help **save money**  
Recycling is **good for the environment and is a good business model**  
Recycling is **mandatory** in Schenectady County



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## USED VEGETABLE OIL

Visit [www.bakercommodities.com](http://www.bakercommodities.com) to learn more about animal by-product recycling and free grease collection options in Albany.

## FOOD SCRAPS

Visit [www.foodscraps360.com](http://www.foodscraps360.com) or [www.natralupcycling.com](http://www.natralupcycling.com) to learn more about commercial food scrap collection options in Schenectady.

## HAZARDOUS WASTES

Visit [www.schenectadycounty.com](http://www.schenectadycounty.com) to learn more about the Small Generator Hazardous Waste Collection program.

## *Questions?*

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**More Resources Online**  
**Recycling Guide for Businesses**  
**[ccschenectady.org/recycling](http://ccschenectady.org/recycling)**

## UNWANTED FURNITURE, APPLIANCES, & HOME GOODS

Call the Recycling Educator with questions about free disposal, recycling, or donation of unwanted furniture, electronics, and more.

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