THE PROPER WAY TO DISPOSE OF……

For further information and rates, please contact the Montgomery County Solid Waste at (518)853-8174

Aerosol Cans - Recycle, if empty and have not contained hazardous material. If empty and did contain hazardous material - trash. If currently contains hazardous material residents can bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Agricultural Plastic Film - Contact Montgomery County Soil and Water to recycle clean agriculture plastic at 518-853-7008. Dirty - Trash

Air Conditioners - Accepted at the transfer stations. The freon is removed by a certified individual, then the metal is recycled.

Aluminum Foil - Clean - Recycle. Dirty - Trash.

Aluminum Siding acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as scrap metal. Please keep the siding near the door of the scrap metal box.

Ammunition - Contact your local police department.

Antifreeze - Residents can bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. Check with your local automobile service station to see if they have a recycling program.

Appliances - Substantially made of metal is considered scrap metal and accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Freon containing appliances, such as dehumidifiers, have a per unit fee. Large freon containing appliances, such as refrigerators, need to have the door(s) removed. The freon is removed by a certified individual, then the metal is recycled. If the appliances are mostly plastic they are considered trash. If the items are in working condition consider donation to local service agencies or thrift shops.

Asbestos (friable) - Hazardous - **not accepted**. This type of asbestos can be crumbled, pulverized or reduced to a powder by hand pressure when dry. This is hazardous waste and not acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. A certified asbestos remover and disposal facility are required.

Asbestos (non-friable) - This type of asbestos is hard, brittle (like vinyl asbestos tile). It is acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as construction and demolition debris.

Ballasts - If manufactured prior to 1979 ballasts are considered hazardous. Residents can bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. If manufactured after 1979 metal ballasts can be disposed of in the scrap metal. Plastic ballasts are acceptable as regular garbage.

Barrels - Can be disposed as trash after both ends are cut off to ensure they no longer hold any water, as required by landfills.

Batteries (alkaline) - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program. As an alternative they can be thrown in the regular trash. Since January 1992 many alkaline batteries are manufactured with no mercury added. These types of batteries (AA, AAA, C & D) are classified by the federal government as non-hazardous and safe for disposal in your regular household trash.

Batteries (automotive) - May be returned to any location that sells automotive batteries, regardless of whether you bought it there or not. They are not acceptable at the transfer stations.

Batteries (rechargeable) - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program. Some home improvement companies also accept free of charge.

Bicycles - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the scrap metal program. If bicycles are in working condition consider donating to local service agencies or thrift shops.

Boats - Judged on a case by case basis. Please see the Transfer Station Supervisor.

Books (hard cover) - A variety of options are available for hard cover books. If you remove the cover you can recycle the pages. The cover is trash. Hard cover books with the cover are trash. Consider donating books in good condition to local book exchanges, libraries, nursing homes, or thrift stores.

Books (soft cover) - Recycle. Consider donating books in good condition to local book exchanges, libraries, nursing homes, or thrift stores.

Bucket (plastic) - Trash. Any bucket over 5 gallons needs to have holes to ensure it no longer holds water, as required by landfills.

Bucket (metal) - Recycle in scrap metal.

Canning Jars - Trash. Consider donating canning jars in good condition to thrift stores.

Cardboard - Recycle. Wax or styrofoam coated cardboard should be disposed of in the regular trash.

Catalogues - Recycle.

CD's & Electronic Media - Trash. As an alternative contact GreenDisk at www.greendisk.com.

Cell Phones - The NYS Wireless Telephone Recycling Act requires wireless telephone service suppliers that offer wireless phones for sale to provide for the free reuse and recycling of up to 10 cell phones from any person or provide free shipping for those phones to a recycling program. They are also accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program.

Ceramics - Trash.

Christmas Lights - Trash. As an alternative visit http://www.holidayleds.com/holidayledscom_christmas_light_recycling_program

Clothing - Trash. Consider donating clean clothing in good condition to local service agencies or thrift shops as an alternative to disposal. There are bins available at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations for textile recycling.

Computers - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program.

Computer Monitors - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program.

Construction and Demolition (C & D) Debris - Accepted as trash at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Examples are lumber, carpeting, sheetrock, and siding.

Cooking Oil - No liquid is accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Contact a rendering company or Montgomery County Solid Waste at 518-853-8174 for a list of environmental contractors.

Copiers - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program.

Dead Wildlife - The Montgomery County Transfer Stations are unable to accept dead wildlife. Please visit http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/6957.html for details on how to properly dispose.

Dehumidifiers - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Freon is removed by a certified individual, then the metal is recycled.

Diapers - Trash.

Drinking Glasses - Trash.

Driveway Sealers - Residents can bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Egg Cartons - Paper - Recycle. Styrofoam - Trash.

Explosives - Contact your local police department.

Electronics Recycling - As of January 1, 2015 all electronics are banned from landfill disposal as per NYS law. Electronics are recycled at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Acceptable items include televisions, computer monitors, CPU's and servers, rechargeable batteries, cell phones, telephones, keyboard, mouse, speakers, scanners, printers, fax machines, copiers, typewriters, VCR - CD- DVD players, gaming equipment, audio/video equipment.

Eyeglasses - Trash. Consider donating eyeglasses at your local Lions Club or other service organization.

Fertilizers - Residents can bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

File Folders - Recycle.

Fire Extinguishers - Residents are encouraged to refill those that are refillable. Empty fire extinguishers can be disposed of as scrap metal. If a fire extinguisher is expired and has not been discharged it can be delivered to our transfer stations where a certified individual takes care of the fire extinguisher in an environmentally friendly manner. As an alternative consider contacting your local fire department for use in training exercises.

Flower Pots - Plastic #1 - #7 are recyclable. Ceramic pots are trash.

Fluorescent Bulbs/HID- Mercury - Unbroken bulbs are acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Some home improvement companies accept fluorescent bulbs for free. Please return to their original packaging to protect the bulbs from breakage as most are hazardous due to their mercury content. For further information visit http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/44927.html

Food Waste - Trash. As an alternative try composting. In 2019, NYS passed the Food Donation and Food Scraps Recycling law. Effective January 1, 2022 businesses that generate more than two tons of wasted food and food scraps per week must donate their excess edible food and recycle all remaining food scraps if they are within a 25 mile radius of a food scraps recycler. Montgomery County does not have a composter, anaerobic digester, etc.

Fork Lift Tires (solid): Trash

Freezers - Accepted at the transfer stations with the door(s) removed. The freon is removed by a certified individual, then the metal is recycled.

Freon Tanks - Contact Montgomery County Solid Waste to make special arrangements.

Furniture - Trash. Consider donating furniture in good condition to local service agencies or thrift shops as an alternative.

Gasoline - Residents can bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Glass Containers - Recycle. Drinking glasses and window glass are trash.

Hazardous Waste - Montgomery County households can bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. These events are scheduled every other year. Contact a professional environmental firm for pick up. Consider non-hazardous alternatives.

Helium Tanks - Empty metal tanks with several holes punched in the tank are acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as scrap metal. Helium tanks that contain helium are acceptable at the Montgomery County transfer stations. The helium is removed by a certified individual and the metal is recycled.

Humidifiers - Trash.

Joint Compound - Trash, buckets need to have holes or be crushed.

Juice Cartons and Boxes - Recycle. Foil juice pouches and straws are trash.

Junk Mail - Recycle. To reduce unwanted junk mail visit www.privacycouncil.org.

Laundry Baskets - Plastic if # 1 - # 7 recycle. If not trash.

Lawnmowers - Mowers that have no liquid (gasoline, oil) are acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as scrap metal.

Light Bulbs - Trash. See "*Fluorescent Bulbs "*

Magazines - Recycle.

Mattresses - Trash

Medicine - Trash. Treat medications by adding coffee grounds, cat litter, dirt or another undesirable substance. Do NOT flush down the toilet or pour down the drain. As an alternative the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department has a CVS drop box located in the main lobby of the Sheriff's Department located at 200 Clark Drive Fultonville, NY or the Amsterdam Police Department has a medication disposal drop box located at 1 Guy Park Ave in Amsterdam. Both are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Contact pharmacies or hospitals to see if a pharmaceutical collection event is scheduled. For further information visit http:\\www.dec.ny.gov\chemical\67720.html.

Microwave Ovens - If metal, acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as scrap metal. If plastic, trash. Consider donating microwave ovens in good condition to local service agencies or thrift shops as an alternative.

Mirrors - Trash.

Motor Oil - New York State law requires businesses that service motor vehicles and sell more than 500 gallons of oil per year and retailers that sell more than 1,000 gallons annually to accept 5 gallons of used motor oil per person each day free of charge.

Napkins - Trash.

Needles/Sharps/Syringes - Trash. Place used needles and syringes in a puncture proof container, sealed with tape and labeled "SHARPS". DEC recommends medications with attached needles be disposed of at a hospital based household sharps collection program. All hospitals in New York State (except federal facilities) are required to collect sharps from households.

Newspapers - Recycle.

Paint/Stain/Varnish - PaintCare recycling program available at participating locations in our area - Sherwin Williams Amsterdam and Johnstown, Noble Ace Hardware in Johnstown, Kingsboro Lumber in Gloversville, and Zipp Hardware in Dolgeville. Other options - Oil based paints and stains - Montgomery County households can bring to County's Household Hazardous Waste Event. Latex based paint need to be dried out. We are unable to accept anything in its liquid form. To dry out excess latex based paint mix in cat liter, saw dust or paint hardening crystals (available at most local paint or hardware stores) into the paint can in a well ventilated area. Once the paint is dry you can dispose of in your regular household trash.

Paper - Recycle. Shredded paper, paper towels, paper ream wrappers are trash.

Pesticides - Montgomery County households can bring to County's Household Hazardous Waste Event held every other year.

Plastic - Recycle items labeled # 1 - # 7.

Plastic Bags - Trash. As an alternative many local stores provide film plastic recycling.

Pool Chemicals - Residents can bring to County's Household Hazardous Waste Event held every

Printers - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as part of the electronics recycling program.

Propane Tanks - Propane tanks are accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. The propane is removed by a certified individual and the metal is recycled.

Railroad Ties - Trash.

Refrigerators - Accepted at the transfer stations with the doors removed. The freon is removed by a certified individual, then the metal is recycled.

Roof Sealer - Residents can bring to County's Household Hazardous Waste Event held every other year.

Roofing Shingles - Trash .

Satellite Dishes - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as scrap metal

Scrap Metal - Acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as scrap metal.

Sharps\Syringes\Needles - See "*Needles/Sharps/Syringes*".

Size of items - not to exceed 4 feet in demention as per Seneca Meadows Landfill

Smoke Detectors - Trash. Those that contain ionization units residents can bring to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Event.

Skid Steer Tracks - Garbage

Solar Panels - Unfortunately acceptance of solar panels is determined on a case by case basis. They can NOT be disposed of as garbage. Please contact the solid waste office at 518-853-8174. We will need the chemical composition of the solar panels to determine proper disposal methods.

Stain - see Paint/Stain/Varnish

Styrofoam - Trash.

Telephone Books - Recycle.

Televisions - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations as electronic recycling.

Textiles - Recycling bins are available at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Acceptable items include clothing, paired shoes and sneakers, drapery, towels, sheets, blankets, stuffed animals, purses, and belts. Items should be secured in a plastic bag.

Thermostats/Thermometers containing mercury - Hazardous - not accepted. Visit http://www.thermostat-recycle.org for a location near you that accepts mercury containing thermostats.

Tires - Accepted at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Tires need to be removed from the rim. Tires can't be caked with mud/dirt. We can not accept foam filled tires.

Tires - Foam Filled - Not acceptable at the Montgomery County Transfer Stations. Please contact the manufacturer or seller directly. Another option would be to contact Jimmy at Casings (518) 943-9404 or Geiter Done at 716-895-8121.

Tires - Solid Fork Lift Tires: Trash

Tires - Track: Trash. Need to be cut in 2 - 4 foot sections.

Vacuum Cleaners - Trash.

Vapes - Hazardous Waste**.** Households can bring to our household hazardous waste event held every other year

Varnish - see Paint/Stain/Varnish

Vases - Trash.

Wrapping Paper - Recycle. Metallic paper and bows are trash.

Yard Waste - Contact your local municipality. Many have composting options available.

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