

Leicester Recycle Center

IMPORTANT – During the current period of Covid-19 mitigation precautions, we are accepting a limited set of items. We are setting up specific stations as follows:

Station #1: Metal cans, aluminum, returnable bottles and cans, and Styrofoam

Station #2: #5 plastic

Station #3: #1 & #2 plastic, paper, glass

Yard waste will also be accepted at the top of the hill. NOTE if you ONLY have yard waste you do not have to wait in line; instead just go to the gate and tell the person you only need to dispose of yard waste.

- Please be sure to PROTECT yourself according to Covid-19 mitigation precautions, using social distancing, wearing masks and gloves, etc.
- YOU will be placing your items into the areas where you are directed.
 - o NO volunteers will be handling or sorting your items.
- Only 3 cars at a time will be allowed in the gate. Please be patient.
- You must have a sticker on your vehicle, (no new stickers will be sold at this time).

During **normal operating conditions** when we are not practicing Covid-19 mitigation precautions we have the following guidelines:

The Leicester Recycling Center can be used after the purchase of car tag. Car tags can be purchased at the Center. Renewals can be purchased at the Recycling Center or from the Town Clerk.

PAPER: cardboard, chipped board, junk mail, paper bags, computer paper, newspaper, magazines, telephone books, school papers.....*No waxed cardboard or waxed paper. No juice boxes. No paper or cardboard with wood or Styrofoam attached. No spiral binders attached to the paper.*

GLASS: food and beverage glass. Labels and neck rings do NOT need to be removed.
.....*No window glass, no Pyrex.*

PLASTIC: turn container over and read the plastic recycle symbol number. Leicester takes #1, #2, and #5.
.... Large plastic items such as totes, some outside plastic play-houses, etc. can be recycled (even if broken).

STYROFOAM: used for packing accepted, no other foam. Must be clean. 2 bags with car tag, \$3.50 per bag after 2. Includes coolers made of Styrofoam.

.....Styrofoam peanuts are recycled to packing companies and are free for the taking.

TIRES: Automobile tires are \$3.50 per tire. Large bulldozer, tractor tires are \$10 each. Other tires priced on-site depending on size. There is no difference in price for tires with or without rims.

TECHNOLOGY: Computer equipment and televisions are priced on site and the price depends on weight and size. We also accept tablets, radios, speakers, copiers, monitors, wires, keyboards/mouse and other electronic items.

METAL: Food cans and aluminum, but please be sure to separate as we store these items separately. Aerosol cans that are completely empty can be recycled with metal cans.

In our metal pit you can deposit metal items such as washing machines, stoves, dryers, and smaller metal items. Items containing Freon, such as refrigerators, air conditioners, and de-humidifiers, are accepted for a minimal fee, but should not be put in the metal pit; ask a volunteer about the fee and where to put such items. Copper, aluminum, and brass are specialty metals that we accept and store in a locked truck.

PROPANE TANKS: Grill-size and smaller....*NO HOUSEHOLD-SIZE TANKS.*

LIGHTS: Fluorescent tubes and fluorescent rings.

BRUSH AND YARD WASTE: Bring to the area at the top of the hill. *No paper, plastic bags, or pressure-treated material in compost site.*

Other items that we accept in normal conditions

- All books, DVDs, CDs, picture puzzles, games, in the book truck (for availability to others)
- Clean unbroken handicapped equipment such as bathtub seats, portable toilets, seat risers, scooters, canes, wheelchairs, etc. (for those with a need)
- Wine corks, yarn, cloth swatches, and material (for crafters and our schools)
- Automotive batteries, button, Nickel cadmium, and lithium batteries. (Regular batteries such as A, AA, C, D, 9-volt, etc. can be put in your trash.)
- Mercury items such as thermometers and old thermostats.
- Old glasses and hearing aids (for the Lions Club).
- Old flags and bunting (for the American Legion to do proper burning).
- Tablets and cell phones that are forensically cleansed (proceeds used by Leicester police for equipment purchase).
- Old tee shirts for auto shops (for use as rags).
- Jeans (for Uganda to make shoes).
- Bicycles (for availability to others).
- Gym bags, luggage, and backpacks (for donation to foster children)
- Skis and snow boards (for an artistic furniture company)
- Britta filters.
- Worn out blankets, quilts, towels, cages, carriers, food, toys, and litter too! (for animal shelters)
- Usable blankets, towels, sheets for shelters and recovery houses.
- Old mascara brushes (for Appalachia Animal Refuge)
- Ink jet cartridges (for proceeds for our schools)
- Shoes (for various projects)

Other considerations about items that can be reused

Are you planting spring flowers? We accept flowerpots. No seed pots please.

Cleaning/thinning out perennials? Bring them to us. We have takers.

Free compost. You shovel. COMPOST PILE AND BRUSH PILE CLOSE December 1ST AND REOPENS APRIL 1ST. We do open on occasion after storms to assist residents with brush from fallen tree limbs etc.

We collect box tops for our schools.

We collect old crayons and crayon pieces to mold new ones for children in hospitals.

We accept art and craft supplies for our schools.

Our "free stuff" truck is for gently used, able to be reused, toys, bikes, strollers, dishes, pots, pans, kitchen items, tools, picture frames, glassware, lamps, small tables, and the like. **NO VACUUM CLEANERS.** The Red Cross sends burned out victims to us for items needed to help recover their lives.

Replacing the deck furniture but it is still usable? Bring tables, chairs to recycling for someone to reuse.

Cleaning out closets? Bag clothing "woman's", "girls", "men's", "boys" and they will go to shelters and recovery houses where they are needed. Label others that are torn or stained as "rags" and we give to Salvation Army.

We accept warm gloves, and scarves for our "I am not lost" homeless giving bags all year long.

Our book truck is very popular. Teachers love it. Kids love it. Free books galore! Excess goes to *More Than Words* that run a bookstore cafe. Operated by disadvantaged youth teaching business, culinary and more lifesaving skills. Book truck also has free picture puzzles, games, VHS tapes, CDs and DVDs. Also, old vinyl records and cassette tapes.

Many things are accepted for reuse that are too numerous to mention. Please ask us before you throw it away.

We do not accept broken appliances, but some kitchen items like pots, pans, dishes etc. are given to thrift stores for town food pantry income and to Red Cross-referred burned-out victims.

Annual or Sporadic Collection Only (Watch our Facebook page or Center signage for information)

- Prescription drugs (twice a year), otherwise prescription drugs and sharps can be recycled at the Police Station.
- Bulky waste: couches, mattresses taken on certain collection days ONLY.
- Sometimes we have specialty collections such as shoes for Africa.

ITEMS WE CANNOT ACCEPT

- **HAZARDOUS ITEMS SUCH AS ASBESTOS, ANTIFREEZE, WASTE OIL, PAINT, ETC.** (Contact Leicester Highway Dept on Peter Salem Road, Monday through Friday 8 to 2 except holidays to see if they can take it.)
- **CONSTRUCTION OR DEMOLITION DEBRIS.**
- **PRESSURE TREATED MATERIAL OF ANY KIND.**
- **CRIBS.**
- **CHILD CAR SEATS.**
- **WINDOW GLASS OR OLD WINDOWS.**
- **PLEXIGLASS.**
- **OLD FLOPPY DISKS**

FINAL THOUGHTS

"Friend" our Facebook page, [Leicester Recycling Center](#), for current information.

We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested please stop by on one of our open Saturdays!

What do you put in your trash? Leicester Recycling saves you trash removal costs and helps others too! Operated by your citizen volunteers and keeping costs down for more than 28 years.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Responsible trash handling STRONG!

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