

# KEEP GERMANTOWN BEAUTIFUL LITTER-ature

newsletter dedicated to keeping our environment clean

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## IN THE NEWS....

Becoming a sustainable community has been important to the Village of Germantown. In December of 2016, the Village incorporated curbside recycling as part of the mandatory trash service. Germantown has flourished! We continue to be above average on the recycle vs. trash conversion rate for this Republic Services area.

Recently, there have been worldwide changes to the recycle industry on a whole. Costs have increased, contamination acceptableness has decreased, and resources for selling these commodities has narrowed. As part of the Village's effort to assist Republic Services in their attempt to "clean-up" recycling we are putting forth an effort to educate our consumers. Here, you will find lots of useful information! We have also published this and more information on our website: [www.germantownil.net](http://www.germantownil.net)



WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT (IN THE GARBAGE).

"WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT" — "EMPTY, CLEAN AND DRY".



## NO PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLE TOTES!

The Village of Germantown has recently purchased two plastic bag recycling collection boxes as a test program. The collection boxes are located at Germantown Groceries and the Village Hall.

## ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Did you know the Scouting community in Germantown does a monthly aluminum can drive the last Saturday of every month? What a great way for our Scouts to help the environment and earn some extra funding!! Place your aluminum cans curbside by 9:00 am on the last Saturday of every month. Thank YOU!



## IN THE KNOW...

Each year Americans recycle more than 87 million tons of recycle products. Not all materials we recycle end up being recycled. Sometimes, valuable recycle materials become ruined or contaminated by getting wet or dirty. These contaminated recycle materials end up in the landfills instead of being recycled. We consumers need to do our part in ensuring we are recycling the right materials and reducing the amount of contamination from entering into the recycle stream. Therefore, "when in doubt, throw it out," is a slogan to remind us to be mindful of only recycling the acceptable recycle materials. We as Americans must reduce the contamination in our recycle totes.

Along with "when in doubt, throw it out," we need to have our recycle materials as "empty, clean and dry" as possible. Try to follow these simple processes when recycling:

- Empty.** Remove any remaining food or liquid contents from your recyclable item before placing it in a recycling container;
- Clean.** Lightly rinse the recyclable item to remove any remaining residue; and
- Dry.** Gently shake out excess water or let the recyclable item air dry before placing it in a recycling container.



## TRASH TALK

It takes a Village to keep our Parks and Town clean! We appreciate the walkers who make an effort to pick up trash along their routes! Please be responsible and dispose of trash in the proper receptacles!

## IS LEAVING PET WASTE ON THE GROUND AGAINST THE LAW?

Keeping pet waste off the ground is not just about being considerate to your neighbors and their lawns – it's also about protecting the environment, your family and the community. The Village has an ordinance (3-1-6B) mandating pet owners to pick up after their pets. Over the past several years, the Village has installed 5 pet waste bag stations (see map). Please be respectful of others property. →



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make sure recyclables are:



Empty. Clean. Dry.



# Accepted Materials

Ensure items are empty, clean and dry.™  
Asegúrese de que los artículos estén vacíos, limpios y secos



We'll handle it from here®



## Paper & Cardboard

Cardboard (flattened), office paper, file folders, magazines, catalogs, newspaper and inserts, junk mail, telephone books, etc.

Cajas de cartón (desarmadas), papel de oficina, carpetas de archivos, revistas, catálogos, periódicos y folletos, directorios telefónicos, etc.



## Aluminum/Metal

Aluminum, tin or steel cans, foil, pie tins

Latas de aluminio, hojalata o acero, papel de aluminio, bandejas de papel de aluminio



## Plastic

Plastic bottles, containers

Botellas y envases de plástico



## Glass

Glass jars, bottles

Botellas y envases de vidrio



## NOT ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING CONTAINER

NO ACEPTADOS EN CONTENEDORES DE RECICLAJE

**NO plastic grocery bags**  
Bolsas de compras de plástico

**NO cellphones, computers or electronics**  
Celulares, computadoras o productos electrónicos

**NO food waste**  
Restos de alimentos

**NO clothing**  
Ropa

**NO yard waste**  
Desechos de jardín

**NO styrofoam**  
Poliestireno

**NO light bulbs, window glass or mirrors**  
Bombillas de luz, vidrio de ventanas o espejos

**NO hazardous waste containers**  
Recipientes de desechos peligrosos

**NO batteries**  
Baterías

**NO garden hoses**  
Mangueras de jardín

**NO ceramics or dishes**  
Cerámica o vajilla

**NO construction waste**  
Desechos de construcción

**NO oil containers of any kind**  
Recipientes de aceite de cualquier tipo

RepublicServices.com

## ALL PLASTICS MUST HAVE A NUMBER!

	Soda, Water, & Flavored Beverage Bottles (#1 clear and green plastic resin)
	Milk & Juice Jugs, Detergent & Fabric Softener Containers (clear and colored plastic resin)
	Narrow Neck Containers such as: health & beauty aid products and household cleaners.
	Grocery Containers such as: margarine tubs, frozen desert cups, six and twelve pack rings.
	Grocery Containers such as: yogurt cups, and narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles.
	<b>NOT RECYCLABLE</b> – Polystyrene foam food service containers, grocery store meat trays, egg cartons, aspirin bottles, cups, plates and cutlery.
	Plastic Buckets, such as kitty litter containers (5 gallon size maximum)

## FREE SECURE DOCUMENT SHRED DAY

Highland Recycling and Shredding will be available at the Village Hall Parking lot on **Saturday, October 13, 2018** from 9am-11am. Dispose your documents in a quick, secure and environmentally smart way!



## FREE ELECTRONIC RECYCLE DAY

**Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018**  
**9am-12noon**  
**Village Hall parking Lot.**  
Box type TV's will carry a charge of \$.50/lb.



## NOT SURE? QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?

Please call the Village Hall at (618)523-4243, email: dawn@germantownil.net or call Republic Services Customer Service at (618)656-6883.

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