



# **Zero Waste Guide for Moving Out & In**

Orange County Solid Waste Management

Do you have items you don't want but are still usable by others, too hazardous to throw away, or are readily recyclable? YOU CAN reduce waste, support reuse, maximize recycling, decrease your stress, and help your community with less strain on our landfills by using the information below!

## MOVING OUT

**RECYCLE METAL CANS, CLEAN & DRY PAPER, PLASTIC BOTTLES, TUBS, JUGS & JARS AND GLASS BOTTLES & JARS** in your blue recycling carts. All clean dry paper includes newspapers, magazines, notes, junk mail, cereal boxes, juice boxes and milk cartons. NO shredded paper. NO ceramics, mirrors, or window glass—glass bottles & jars only. Check labels on the carts. DO NOT leave recycling in plastic bags or put plastic bags in carts. DO take (clean, dry, empty) #2 and #4 plastic bags and overwrap for paper towels, etc. to local grocery stores for recycling.

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD BOXES:** Corrugated cardboard (has a wavy inner layer) is banned from the trash in Orange County and must be recycled. If you live in a house, you can recycle cardboard in your blue recycling cart. If you live in an apartment or multi-unit complex (and are not provided your own blue recycling cart) put them in your complexes' cardboard recycling dumpster, NOT the blue recycling carts! Break down your boxes - they should be empty & flat. Pizza boxes are OK if they are empty, free of cheese & grease. No Styrofoam! Tape on boxes is OK. If recycling carts at your complex are full, take recyclables to one of four [24-hour drop-off sites](#) or five staffed [Waste & Recycling Centers](#) located throughout Orange County. Visit [our website](#) for details.

**HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD WASTES (HHW):** Paint, pesticides, cleaners, bug spray, nail polish, hair spray, batteries, automotive fluids, fluorescent bulbs and other hazardous items should not be landfilled! Share unused materials with a friend or bring them to the HHW collections located at 1518 Eubanks Road Chapel Hill & 3605 Walnut Grove Church Rd. Hillsborough NC. Hours of operation for both: M, T, Th & F 7am-6pm. Sat, 7am-5pm. Sun 1-6pm.

**COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONICS** can be recycled at Waste and Recycling Centers during operating hours, visit our [website for hours](#). Bring monitors, peripherals, televisions, printers, toner cartridges, stereos, CD players, VCRs and other electronics and non-working appliances. CD's and DVD's are recyclable too. No video or audio tapes please!

**CELL PHONES** can be donated to the Compass Center for Women and Families. They accept used cell phones and their chargers to assist their clients. They are located at 210 Henderson St. Chapel Hill, call them to schedule drop-off. Phones are reprogrammed and reused, or recycled (nothing landfilled). (919) 968-4610.

**USABLE ITEMS** such as clothes, shoes, furniture, books, housewares, small appliances are needed by our various local charitable organizations including: Community Worx Thrift Stores, Orange Congregations in Mission (OCIM) or Goodwill Stores. Check websites or call before dropping off. You can also drop items off at the Salvage Sheds at the Eubanks Rd. or Walnut Grove Church Rd. Waste & Recycling Centers. For more info, visit [our website](#).

**LARGE FURNITURE, BUILDING MATERIALS (no paint) and FIXTURES:** Habitat-for-Humanity's ReStore in Durham (919) 403-8668 or Hillsborough 984-217-4200. Visit [their website](#) for pick up possibilities.

**BULKY ITEMS TO BE DISCARDED** such as **broken furniture or mattresses**, talk to your apartment manager or your Town's Public Works Department to properly manage those. PLEASE don't dump and run!

**UNOPENED FOOD** The Interfaith Council accepts **unopened, unexpired** canned or dry food and personal care items at 110 W. Main St Carrboro, M – F 9am-4pm 919-929-6380. OCIM accepts food items too: (919) 732-6195.

**RANDOM USABLE ITEMS** Post online to "free sites" such as [FreeCycle.org](https://www.freecycle.org) or the free section of [Craig's List](https://www.craigslist.org).

**QUESTIONS?** Orange County Solid Waste Management Department: (919) 968-2788, email: [recycling@orangecountync.gov](mailto:recycling@orangecountync.gov) or visit our [website](#).

## MOVING IN

See the 'Move-Out' Guide above for information on how to recycle and or donate can/bottles/paper/cardboard, electronics, clothes, furniture, and other bulky items.

**REQUESTING A RECYCLING CART** If the new house you moved into doesn't have a blue recycling cart, you can request one by filling out this [simple form on our website](#). Once you've submitted the form, you will be contacted with an estimated delivery date for the cart. Until your recycling cart is delivered, please take your recyclables to a nearby [Waste and Recycling Center](#) or [24hr Unstaffed Drop-Off site](#).

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD** If you have a surplus of cardboard boxes after moving in to your new place, consider saving them for your move-out or asking a friend if they need any boxes. You can also post on Craigslist free page and Facebook Marketplace for others in the area that may need boxes.

If you live in a house, you can recycle cardboard in your blue recycling cart. Make sure to break down boxes, and don't wedge them into the cart. If you live in an apartment or multi-unit complex (and are not provided your own blue recycling cart) put them in your complexes' cardboard recycling dumpster or ask manager where to put cardboard, NOT the blue recycling carts! Cardboard is BANNED from the trash in Orange County and must be recycled.

**RECYCLING IN THE HOUSE** Make sure you have a proper bin set up inside your new home! In the kitchen, have a trash bin next to the recycling bin with a clear distinction of which bin is for trash and which is recycling. It may be helpful to have the [Recycle Right Flyer](#) printed out and taped above the bin or on the fridge for easy reference. Check out [our website](#) to learn what goes in your blue recycling cart. We also provide the flyer in various languages along with other educational materials. Make sure any roommates and guests know how to recycle right too!

You can add a third bin for compost to reduce the amount of food waste you send to the landfill! Orange County Solid Waste sells kitchen counter top bins for \$5 or you can purchase them online or use a large bin/container you already have. There are 5 free food waste drop-off sites located around the County; Eubanks Rd. Waste & Recycling Center, Walnut Grove Church Rd. Waste & Recycling Center and 3 farmer's markets: Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Eno River (in Hillsborough). Drop off your food waste and other compostable materials for free at any of these locations. Visit [our website](#) for hours of operations and a list of accepted compostable items.