

ScoutsCAN SERVICE PROJECT

Since 2008, Ridgefield Boy Scouts have been raising funds for local charities by sorting and bagging plastic deposit bottles and aluminum cans donated by residents. In recent years the scouts have donated between \$2000 and \$4000 annually to local non-profits and environmental groups while helping to keep bottles and cans out of the waste stream. Thank you, Ridgefield Scouts, for your service!

SNAPSHOT OF SCOUTSCAN JOB (~ 1 hour, once per week or as needed)

1. Separate and bag redeemable plastic bottles and aluminum cans that Ridgefielders have donated to the ScoutsCAN bins at the Recycling Center.
2. Remove trash and **NON-deposit containers**. Those containers that are recyclable (teas, Gatorade, Powerade) in the green compactor on the opposite side of the recycling center. Garbage must be packed out.
3. Store bags in the yellow trailer immediately behind the recycling center, recording the number in the log on the clipboard.
4. If you have a Community Service Coordinator in your Troop – email them with the hours worked.

EQUIPMENT (provided on-site)

- Rubber gloves – optional but recommended.
- Wooden bins located front right of recycling center (when facing the building).
- 2 blue barrels located by bins
- 5 gallon pales - placed UNDER the blue barrels to help reach in and scoop out materials
- Large clear plastic bags – inside bucket and/or in cardboard box inside trailer
- Long yellow trailer BEHIND recycling center
- Forms: Log (on clipboard inside trailer)
Hold Harmless Agreement (in plastic box inside trailer)

RECYCLING CENTER HOURS:

Tuesday – Saturday, 7:30 AM – 3 PM. HOWEVER...
It's OK to sort and bag after hours.

STEP-BY-STEP, DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS, ON PAGE 2 (back)

Questions or suggestions?

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SCOUTSCAN: STEP-BY-STEP

1. Bag redeemable plastic bottles and aluminum cans SEPARATELY

- Line the blue barrels with the large plastic bags. (The barrels provide support.) Donated items that are already in plastic bags **must** be emptied into the large clear plastic bags provided.
- Place bottles & cans in SEPARATE bags, filling to top of the barrel (not the top of the bag).
- Pull bag out of barrel **before** tying.
- Tie bag securely, making sure there are no big gaps for cans or bottles to escape.
- Make sure the area is clean and that barrels are upside down and the bin door is latched when you are done!!!*

2. While bagging plastic bottles and aluminum cans, sort out non-redeemable items from the ScoutsCAN bins.

Only bag plastic and aluminum containers that can be redeemed **IN CONNECTICUT for the \$.05**. Not all deposit containers may be redeemed in CT, although they may be redeemable in other states such as CA and ME. The following should **NOT** be bagged for redemption:

Gatorade	Lemondade	Some private label water bottles
Hawaiian Punch	Juice	Glass containers
Iced Tea	Milk & Yooho	

If unsure if a container carries a CT deposit, check the side of plastic bottles and the top of aluminum cans. Make sure CT is listed in the states where the item can be redeemed.

Non-deposit items that are recyclable can be placed in the Recycling Center's compactor. Trash should be taken away and disposed.

Important! The middle man taking our bags to the redemption centers pays us more if we sort the plastic containers between non-carbonated and carbonated. So, water bottles get separated from sodas, seltzers and sparkling waters. Every \$.01 counts!!!

3. Place bags in the trailer behind the Recycling Center

- Open combination lock (combo is 1910 – the year Boy Scouts started).
- Place bags as far back in trailer as space allows: if possible plastics right side, cans on left.
- Fill out log on clipboard.
- Fill out and have an adult sign the *Hold Harmless Agreement* form located in plastic box. Forms are good for 1 year from date signed. Leave the completed forms in the box.
- Take some clean plastic bags from cardboard box in trailer to replenish the supply by the bins.
- Make sure the trailer is securely locked!!!!**

4. What to do with Trash and Non-Redeemables

- Put NON-redeemable, recyclable items in compactors left front of the Recycling Center.
- Place empty plastic bags in the collection bins next to ScoutsCAN.
- Remove and dispose any garbage.