

Local Recycling Opportunities

Aluminum Beverage Cans: Aluminum beverage cans are accepted free-of-charge at the Loudoun County recycling centers. Also, firms that purchase scrap metal (including aluminum beverage cans) may be located in the yellow pages under "scrap metals."

Anti-Freeze: Used anti-freeze is accepted free-of-charge at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility Recycling Center. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Appliances: Still operating? If so, refer to yellow pages under "churches" and "thrift shops." If not working, appliances may be disposed of at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility (for a fee). Hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Bags, Plastic Grocery: accepted at most grocery stores. In addition to grocery bags, Washington Post newspaper delivery bags are also accepted at Giant, Safeway, and Shoppers Food Warehouse.

Batteries: Automotive batteries are accepted free-of-charge at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility Recycling Center, Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. You may also return a used auto battery to the place where you are purchasing a new battery. Rechargeable batteries are accepted at Home Depot store entrance. Visit the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation for additional collection locations. Alkaline batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, etc.) may be disposed of with your regular garbage; however, recycling options are available for a fee at www.batteryrecycling.com/household.html, and www.biggreenbox.com/StoreFront.bok. Button batteries, such as those used in hearing aids and watches may be returned for recycling at the Wal-Mart jewelry counter, or they may be disposed at the county's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. Other jewelers may accept them as well, but call first to confirm.

Bicycles: The Washington Area Bicycle Association sponsors Bikes for the World, which collects repairable bicycles in the United States, donating them to charities overseas for productive use by those in need of affordable transport. A calendar of area collection events is listed here.

Books: accepted by many used book dealers. Refer to yellow pages under "book dealers – used & rare." The Loudoun Library Foundation accepts used books. Phone: 703-779-2252. You may also visit the Adopt a Library website, dedicated to encouraging and helping people recycle books. And, Pro Quo Books buys large quantities of used books, such as those remaining after library book sales; call 410-633-0410 for more information.

Bottles and Cans: Commingled glass bottles and jars, aluminum/steel cans, and plastic bottles are accepted at each of the Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers and Town of Leesburg Recycling Centers.

Cell Phones: Used cell phones may be donated to the Loudoun County Victim Witness Program. Please call 703-777-0417 for drop-off locations. Cell phones are also accepted for recycling at Loudoun County Electronics Recycling Events, Staples and Radio Shack. Staples also accepts pagers and handhelds.

Clothes: accepted by churches and other charitable organizations. Refer to yellow pages under "churches" and "thrift shops."

Coat Hangers, Wire: Many dry cleaners will accept used wire coat hangers from customers. Consult the yellow pages under "cleaners."

Composting: Guides to backyard composting may be obtained by contacting the Loudoun County Extension Office at 703-777-0373.

Computers and Other Electronics: See Electronics Recycling Information

Furniture: accepted by churches and other charitable organizations. Refer to yellow pages under "churches" and "thrift shops."

Junk Mail: accepted Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers and Town of Leesburg Recycling Centers.

Toner Cartridges: accepted at Staples and at U.S. Post Office locations. To set up a free toner cartridge collection program from your business, contact Enterprise PC Services in Herndon, Virginia, 703-472-1232.

Magazines: Magazines are accepted with newspapers at all Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers and Leesburg Town Recycling Centers.

Metals, Scrap: Consult the local yellow pages for Scrap Metals. Also, the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility accepts scrap metal, appliances, etc for recycling. See Solid Waste Management Facility Hours and Services for more information.

Motor Oil: Used motor oil is accepted free-of-charge at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility Recycling Center. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Additionally, some gasoline service stations accept used motor oil from customers (call first). The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality maintains a list of such service stations.

Office Paper: accepted at the Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers and Leesburg Town Recycling Centers.

Phonebooks: accepted at each of the Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers and Leesburg Town Recycling Centers.

Styrofoam Shipping Peanuts: accepted at packing and shipping stores. Refer to yellow pages under "shipping masters." Styrofoam is not accepted at any of the county Recycling Drop-off Centers.

Tires: tires are accepted for a fee at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility. Tires with rims are accepted, but an additional fee will be charged for the rim. Hours are Monday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You may also dispose of old tires at the place where new tires are purchased (normally for a fee – call first).

Seasonal Collections

Christmas Trees: residents who receive curbside recycling services should contact their homeowners association, town office, or private waste collector for Christmas tree curbside recycling information. See Curbside Refuse and Recycling Collection for more information.

From late December through mid-January, Loudoun County collects Christmas trees at several locations which will be posted on this webpage. Each year, the county processes thousands of those recycled Christmas trees into mulch available for free to Loudoun residents.

Christmas Tree Recycling Do's and Don'ts

Christmas trees should not be placed in bags. All decorations and stands should be removed before setting the trees out for recycling or taking them to any of the county's collection locations. Christmas trees placed in plastic bags, and trees with ornaments, lights, or other items cause problems when they are processed into mulch.

The Christmas tree drop-off program is not available to Christmas tree vendors or solid waste collectors with multiple trees to recycle. Contact the Loudoun County Office of Solid Waste Management at 703-777-0187 for additional recycling options.

For more information, contact:

Loudoun County Office of Solid Waste Management

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Leesburg, Virginia 20175
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