

Accepted and Unaccepted Materials

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Click on the waste types below to see if they are accepted at the Loudoun County Landfill, limitations that may apply, and for other disposal options if the item is not accepted at the landfill.

If your item is not included on this list, please call 703-771-5500. If you would like to see an item added to the list, please send us a request by [email](#).

Aerosol Cans	Flammable Liquids, excluding Gasoline	Pallets
Air Compressor (see Tools)	Flares (see Fireworks)	Pesticides (see Chemicals)
Air Conditioner (see Refrigerant Appliance)	Fluorescent Bulb/Tube	Pesticides/Herbicides, Empty Containers
Ammunition	Freezer (see Refrigerant Appliance)	Pool Chemicals (see Chemicals)
Animal Carcass	Furniture	Power Steering Fluid (see Oil, Motor)
Antifreeze	Gasoline or Gasoline/Oil Mixture	Printer (see Electronics)
Appliance	Gasoline Tank, Automotive	Propane Tank
Asbestos	Grill, Outdoor Electric or Gas	Radiator
Asphalt (see Inert Waste)	Helium Tank	Railroad Ties (see Wood, Treated)
Automobile (see Vehicle)	Hydraulic Oil (see Oil, Motor)	Refrigerant-Containing Appliance (Refrigerator)
Ballasts, CFL Light	Ice Maker/Machine (see Refrigerant Appliance)	Rubber Tracks/Skid Loader Tracks
Batteries	Inert Waste	Sediment (see Inert Waste)
Boat	Insulation (see Construction/Demolition)	Septic Tank
Books	Kegs	Sharps/Syringes (see Medical Waste)
Brake Fluid (see Flammable Liquids)	Kerosene (see Oil, Motor)	Shipping Crate
Brick/Block (see Inert Waste)	Land Clearing Debris	Smoke Detector
Carpet/Rug	Lawn Mower	Soil (see Inert Waste)
Chemicals	Leaves/Grass (see Woody Waste)	Spill Clean-up Material
Compressed Gas Cylinder	Manure (Animal)	Storage Tank, Steel Aboveground or Underground
Computer (see Electronics)	Mattress (see Furniture)	Television (see Electronics)
Concrete (see Inert Waste)	Medical Waste	Tires
Construction/Demolition Waste	Medicine	Tools/Powered Equipment
Dirt/Soil (see Inert Waste)	Mercury Thermometer/Thermostat	Trailer (see Vehicle)
Dirt Bike/Motorcycle/Moped (see Vehicle)	Metal, Scrap	Transmission Fluid (see Oil, Motor)
Drum, Steel or Plastic	Microwave (see Appliance)	Trash/Garbage
Electronics	Mineral Spirits/Oil (see Flammable Liquids)	Vehicle, Registered
Exercise Equipment/Machine	Oil, Cooking	Vegetative/Woody Waste, Untreated
Fencing	Oil, Motor	Wood, Treated
Fertilizer	Oil Filters	Windows (see Construction/Demolition)
Fire Extinguisher	Paint, Latex	Windshield Washer Fluid
Fireworks/Explosives	Paint, Oil-based	

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Aerosol Cans

- Residents:
 - Accepted ONLY in small quantities and household-type containers (most household-sized containers are between 10 and 20 fluid ounces); fee applies.
 - May take to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#) (no fee).
 - Empty cans may be placed in designated scrap metal recycling area of the landfill.
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for disposal options.

Ammunition

- NOT accepted.
- Contact the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office at 703-737-8600 to arrange for disposal.

Animal Carcass

- Accepted for a fee.
- Veterinary offices and other commercial businesses must comply with all business waste disposal regulations.

Antifreeze

- Accepted; no fee for recycling.
- Pour into marked container located at the landfill recycling center.

Appliance

- Includes Microwave, Dishwasher.
- Accepted for a fee; additional surcharge applies to [refrigerant-containing unit](#).
- All refrigerant-containing appliances must be declared to the Scalehouse Operator upon entry.
- Place metal appliances in the designated recycling area of the landfill.

Asbestos

- Asbestos siding (transite) NOT accepted.
 - Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for other disposal options.
- Residents:
 - May bring small amounts of floor tile (typically 9-inch by 9-inch) and roofing shingles ONLY. Fee applies.
 - Large quantities or other types of friable and non-friable asbestos are NOT accepted.
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted. [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for disposal options.

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Ballasts, CFL Light

- Ballasts manufactured until 1979 may contain PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls). Ballasts that do not contain PCBs should have a label with "No PCBs." If there is no label, the ballast should be treated like a PCB containing ballast.
- No PCBs: Accepted; fee applies.
- PCB containing or unknown:
 - Residents:
 - Accepted; fee applies.
 - May take to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#) (no fee).
 - Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for disposal options.



A typical pre-1979 PCB-containing fluorescent light ballast (FLB)



A typical Non-PCB containing fluorescent light ballast. The ballast has a "No PCBs" marking on the top of the ballast and the text "electronic ballast". Only magnetic fluorescent light ballasts contained PCBs.

Batteries

- Residents:
 - Accepted; fees may apply.
 - Place lead-acid (i.e. automotive) batteries in the marked area located at the landfill recycling center (no fee). All other battery types may be disposed as regular trash for a fee.
 - May take batteries, except lead-acid, to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#) (no fee).
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Businesses must follow rules for Universal Wastes. Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for more information.

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Boat

- Regulations must be followed and proof provided for titled or registered boats.
 - If a registered watercraft is sold, destroyed, abandoned, or stolen, the owner is required by law to report this information within 15 days in writing. Contact the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, Boat Registration & Titling Section via [email](#) (4VAC15-380-50).
- Small boats (less than 20-feet in length) accepted for a fee.
 - Must be empty of [oil](#), fuel, and [lead-acid batteries](#).
 - Must not have a septic system.
- For larger boats, please contact a boat/marine salvage company.

Books

- Accepted for a fee.
- Hardcover and paperback books are accepted for recycling at the recycling center (no fee).

Carpet/Rug

- Accepted for a fee.

Chemicals

- Includes: Herbicides/Pesticides, Pool Chemicals, etc.
- Residents:
 - Accepted ONLY in small quantities and household-type containers (5-gallon or smaller); fee applies.
 - May take to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#) (no fee).
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for disposal options.

Compressed Gas Cylinder

- This applies to all cylinders except for [Propane Tanks](#).
- Cylinders up to 20 pounds in size are accepted for a fee.
- All cylinders must be empty, and the valve must be removed. Full cylinders are NOT accepted.
- All cylinders must be declared to the Scalehouse Operator upon entry.
- Place in designated metal recycling area of the landfill.
- For large cylinders over 20 pounds, contact the supplier for return or disposal options.

Construction/Demolition Waste

- Accepted for a fee.
- Materials containing asbestos are NOT accepted. For more information, see [Asbestos](#).

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Drum, Steel or Plastic

- Accepted for a fee. Must be empty.
- Drum with open top must have the lid removed for inspection; drum with closed or welded top must have a hole drilled in it for inspection.
- If metal, place in designated metal recycling area of the landfill.

Electronics

- Includes Computer, Laptop, Monitor, Printer, Television
- Accepted for a fee.
 - Place in area designated by Scalehouse Operator.
- May take for recycling to a Loudoun County [Electronics Recycling Event](#) or local business that accepts electronic waste; fees may apply.

Exercise Equipment/Machine

- Accepted for a fee.
- If mostly metal, place in designated metal recycling area of the landfill.

Fencing

- Accepted for a fee.
- If possible, please separate any metal and untreated wood and place in designated recycling areas.

Fertilizer

- Not containing pesticides or herbicides, accepted for a fee.
- Containing pesticides or herbicides, see [Pesticides](#).

Fire Extinguisher

- Accepted for a fee. Must be empty and the valve open.
- If the extinguisher is not empty, Residents ONLY may take it to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#).

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Fireworks/Explosives

- Includes fireworks and flares.
- Residents:
 - Accepted ONLY in small quantities after completing steps below; fee applies.
 - Soak – Completely submerge fireworks in a bucket of water. Allow to soak overnight.
 - Wrap – Double wrap soaked fireworks in plastic wrap or plastic bags so they do not dry out.
 - Dispose – Place wrapped bags in regular household garbage and take to your local solid waste facility.
 - OR-
 - Contact the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office at 703-737-8600 to arrange for disposal.
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Businesses must follow rules for Universal Wastes. Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for more information.

Flammable Liquids, excluding Gasoline

- Includes: Brake Fluid, Lighter Fluid, Paint Thinner, Mineral Oil, Mineral Spirits, Solvents, and Tiki Torch Fuel.
 - Do NOT pour these items into motor oil tank at landfill recycling center. (Example: Brake fluid is primarily glycol-ether based and not oil.)
 - [Motor Oil](#), Engine Oil, Heating Oil, Hydraulic Oil, Kerosene, Lamp Oil, Power Steering Fluid, and Transmission Fluid are accepted at the recycling center.
- [Gasoline and Gas/Oil Mixtures](#) are not accepted.
- Residents:
 - Accepted ONLY in small quantities and household-type containers (5-gallon or smaller); fee applies.
 - May take to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#) (no fee).
 - Businesses or Commercial Operations:
- NOT accepted.
 - Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for disposal options.

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Fluorescent Bulb/Tube

- Residents:
 - Accepted ONLY in small quantities; fee applies.
 - May take unbroken bulbs/tubes to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#) (no fee).
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Businesses must follow rules for Universal Wastes. Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for more information.

Furniture

- Includes Bookshelf, Chair, Couch, Mattress or Box Spring, Table, etc.
- Accepted for a fee.

Gasoline or Gasoline/Oil Mixture

- NOT accepted.
- Residents ONLY may take to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#).

Gasoline Tank, Automotive

- Accepted for a fee. Must be empty of fuel.
- Tank must have an opening for inspection or a hole drilled in it.

Grill, Outdoor Electric or Gas

- Accepted for a fee. [Propane Tank](#) must be removed from gas grill.
- Place grill without tank in designated metal recycling area of the landfill.

Helium Tank

- Accepted for a fee. Must be empty and have valve and relief disc removed.
- Place in scrap metal recycling area of the landfill.
- For instructions, visit [How to Recycle Balloon Time Helium Tank](#).

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Inert Waste

- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT ACCEPTED
 - NO COMMERCIAL Asphalt, Block, Brick, Concrete, Dirt, Mud, Rock, Sand, Sediment, or Soil is Accepted.
 - For other commercial disposal sites, please check the internet for “Fill Dirt”, “Dirt Broker”, “Concrete Disposal” or “Concrete Recycling”.
- Residential:
 - Less than ½ ton accepted for a fee.
- Includes: asphalt, block, brick, concrete, dirt, mud, rock, sand, sediment, soil, etc.
- Place in designated inert waste area at the landfill.

Kegs

- Accepted for a fee.
- Must be empty and remove ABC registration sticker.
- May return to purchase location.

Land Clearing Debris

- Not Accepted.

Lawn Mower

- Accepted for a fee. Must be empty of [oil](#) and fuel.

Manure (Animal)

- Accepted for a fee.

Medical Waste

- Residents:
 - Accepted ONLY if generated AT HOME BY RESIDENT; fee applies. (Medical waste generated commercially or by a health care worker in your home or other location is the responsibility of that commercial entity or health care worker and must be disposed of in accordance with applicable state regulations for medical waste.)
 - Needles and syringes must be placed in a rigid container with a screw-on cap, such as an empty laundry detergent or bleach bottle, with tape wrapped around the closed cap. Label the container “CAUTION, DO NOT RECYCLE.”
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Businesses, commercial entities, and home health care workers must follow rules for Regulated Medical Waste. Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for more information.

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Medicine

- Accepted for a fee.
- Keep medicine in the original container and cross out person's name and prescription number. For pills, add some salt water to start dissolving them. For liquids, add something inedible like cat litter, dirt, or ash. Seal the container and secure the lid with tape.
- PLEASE do not flush unused medicines down the toilet or pour them down the drain because they can end up in rivers and streams and harm the environment.
- Medication can be taken to a Medication Disposal Drop Box at the Dulles South Public Safety Center, Eastern Loudoun (Sheriff's) Station, University Station (Ashburn), Western Loudoun Sheriff Station, and the Leesburg Police Department.

Mercury Thermometer/Thermostat

- Includes: mercury thermometers, thermostats, switches, etc.
- Residents:
 - Accepted ONLY in small quantities; fee applies.
 - May take to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#) (no fee).
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Businesses must follow rules for Universal Wastes. Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for more information.

Metal, Scrap

- Accepted for a fee.
- Place in designated metal recycling area at the landfill.

Oil, Cooking

- Accepted ONLY in small quantities (five gallon-container or less); fee applies.

Oil, Motor

- Accepted; no fee for recycling.
- Pour into marked used oil tank located at the landfill recycling center.
 - Includes Motor Oil, Engine Oil, Heating Oil, Hydraulic Oil, Kerosene, Lamp Oil, Power Steering Fluid, and Transmission Fluid

Oil Filters

- Accepted; no fee for recycling.
- Put into marked used oil filter container located at the landfill recycling center.

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Paint, Latex

- Accepted ONLY in small quantities and household-type containers (5-gallon or smaller); fee applies.

Paint, Oil-based

- Residents:
 - Accepted ONLY in small quantities and household-type containers (5-gallon or smaller); fee applies.
 - May take to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#) (no fee).
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for disposal options.

Pallets

- Both wood and plastic accepted for a fee.
- Cannot be recycled; place in designated disposal area.

Pesticides/Herbicides, Empty Containers

- Accepted for a fee.
- Do NOT recycle containers as residue can be a contaminant.
- Please follow “Triple Rinse” guidelines to clean containers. More information can be found on the [Ag Container Recycling Council](#) website.

Propane Tank

- Propane tanks from 1 to 20 pounds accepted for a fee; additional surcharge applies.
- All propane tanks must be declared to the Scalehouse Operator upon entry.
- Place in designated propane tank collection area of the landfill.
- For propane tanks over 20 pounds, contact the supplier for return or disposal options.

Radiator

- Accepted for a fee.
- Place in designated metal recycling area at the landfill.

Refrigerant-Containing Appliance (Refrigerator)

- Includes: Air Conditioner, Dehumidifier, Freezer, Ice Maker/Ice Machine, Refrigerator, etc.
- Accepted for a fee; surcharge applies.
- All refrigerant-containing appliances must be declared to the Scalehouse Operator upon entry.
- Place refrigerant containing appliances in the designated area of the landfill.

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Rubber Tracks/Skid Loader Tracks

- Accepted for a fee.
- Not recycled; place in designated disposal area.

Septic Tank

- Tank must be empty and clean, with less than 10% residue and no free liquids.
- Place in designated disposal area.
- Note that a permit ([Septic Install, Repair, or Abandonment Application](#)) needs to be obtained from the Loudoun County Health Department before removal. For more information, call the Health Department at 703-777-0234.

Shipping Crate

- Both wood and plastic accepted for a fee.
- Cannot be recycled; place in designated disposal area.

Smoke Detector

- Accepted for a fee.

Spill Clean-up Material

- Includes: petroleum-contaminated soil
- Residents:
 - Accepted; fee applies.
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for disposal options or search online for companies that handle “contaminated soil disposal in Washington DC metro area.”

Storage Tank, Steel Aboveground or Underground

- Up to 1,000 gallon capacity accepted for a fee.
- Tank must be empty and clean. Tank must have a hole in it for inspection.
- Place in designated area of the landfill.
 - If metal, place in designated metal recycling area of the landfill.
- Note that a permit (Storage Tank Removal Permit) needs to be obtained from Loudoun County’s Fire Marshal Office before removal. For more information, call the Fire Marshal’s office at 703-737-8600.

Tires

- Accepted for a fee; surcharge applies.
- All tires must be declared to the Scalehouse Operator upon entry.
- Place in designated area of the landfill.

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Tools/Powered Equipment

- Includes Air Compressor
- Accepted for a fee.
- Place metal tools in the designated recycling area of the landfill.
- For tools that contain batteries, see [Batteries](#).

Trash/Garbage

- Accepted for a fee.

Vehicle, Registered

- No vehicles (cars, trucks, etc.) are accepted.
- Includes any registered automobile, dirt bike, moped, motorcycle, or trailer (i.e., has tags/registration).
 - NOT accepted.
 - Contact a licensed auto salvage company (Code of Virginia §§ 46.2-1600 et seq).
- If the dirt bike, moped, or trailer is not registered, then accepted for a fee.
 - Must be empty of fuel, [oil](#), and [batteries](#).
 - [Tire](#) surcharges applies. If tire is on rim or equipment, “tire on rim” surcharge applies.

Vegetative/Woody Waste, Untreated

- Includes branches, grass, leaves, mulch, stumps, and trees.
- Accepted for a fee. Must be under 3 feet in diameter and 8 feet in length.
- Place in designated vegetative waste recycling area of the landfill.
- Land clearing debris is not accepted.
- Sod without dirt, soil, or rock is accepted with leaves/grass.

Wood, Treated

- Accepted for a fee. Cannot be recycled; place in designated disposal area.
- Treated wood includes railroad ties and other wood products used for decks and fences.

Windshield Washer Fluid

- Do NOT pour into antifreeze tank at landfill recycling center. Windshield washer fluid is primarily methyl-alcohol based and is not solely glycol-based like antifreeze.
- Residents:
 - Accepted ONLY in small quantities and household-type containers (5-gallon or smaller); fee applies.
 - May take to a Loudoun County [Household Hazardous Waste Event](#) (no fee).
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted.
 - Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for disposal options.