

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

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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.

Air Conditioner

- 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 refrigerant containing appliances in the designated area of the landfill.

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

- 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.
 - Asbestos siding (transite) NOT accepted.
 - Contact the [Virginia Department of Environmental Quality](#) for other disposal options.
- Businesses or Commercial Operations:
 - NOT accepted. Contact the 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.

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.

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 and fuel.
 - 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).

Brake Fluid

- Do NOT pour into motor oil tank at landfill recycling center. Most brake fluids are glycol-ether based and are not oil.
- 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.
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Carpet/Rug

- Accepted for a fee.

Chemicals, Household-type

- 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.

Concrete

- Accepted for a fee.
- Concrete must be emptied from bags and placed in the Rock/Rubble area.
- Concrete with rebar should be placed in the dumpsters or taken directly to the disposal area.

Construction/Demolition Waste

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

Diesel Fuel

- Accepted; no fee for recycling.
- Pour into marked used motor oil tank located at the landfill recycling center.

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

- Accepted for a fee.
- 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.

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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](#).

Fireworks/Explosives

- 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

- This applies to chemicals such as lamp oil (tiki torch fuel), lighter fluid, paint thinner, mineral spirits, and solvents. Kerosene, diesel fuel, motor oil are accepted at the recycling center.
- Gasoline and gas/oil mixtures are not included.
- 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.

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

- Accepted for a fee.

Gasoline or Gasoline/Oil Mixture

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

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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.

Ice Maker/Ice Machine

- 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 refrigerant containing appliances in the designated area of the landfill.

Inert Waste

- Includes: asphalt, block, brick, concrete, dirt, rock, soil, etc.
- Accepted for a fee.
- Place in designated inert waste area at the landfill.
- Soil/dirt is only accepted in small quantities.
 - Large quantities must meet certain conditions. Contact the [Division of Waste Management](#) for more information.
 - [Spill Clean-up Material](#) (or Contaminated Soil) is only accepted under certain conditions.

Kerosene

- Accepted; no fee for recycling.
- Pour into marked used motor oil tank located at the landfill recycling center.

Lawn Mower

- Accepted for a fee. Must be empty of oil and fuel.

Manure (Animal)

- Accepted for a fee.

Mattress/Box Spring

- Accepted for a fee.
- Visit [Consumer Affairs](#) for additional resources.

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.

Mineral Spirits

- 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.

Oil, Cooking

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

Oil, Mineral

- 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.

Oil, Motor or Hydraulic

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

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

- 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.

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.

Pool Chemicals

- 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.

Propane Tank

- Propane tanks from 1 to 100 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 100 pounds, contact the supplier for return or disposal options.

Radiator

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

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Refrigerator/Freezer

- 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 refrigerant containing appliances in the designated area of the landfill.

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, clean, and cut in half.
- Place in designated metal recycling area of the landfill.
- If you are unable to cut the tank in half, contact the Landfill Manager for other instructions prior to approval.
- 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.

Television

- Accepted for a fee.
- May take for recycling to a Loudoun County [Electronics Recycling Event](#) or local business that accepts electronic waste; fees may apply.

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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.

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](#).

Transmission Fluid

- Accepted; no fee for recycling.
- Pour into marked used motor oil tank located at the landfill recycling center.

Trash/Garbage

- Accepted for a fee.

Vehicle, Registered

- NOT accepted.
- Contact a licensed auto salvage company (Code of Virginia §§ 46.2-1600 et seq).

Vegetative/Woody Waste, Untreated

- 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.

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.