

A to Z Local Recycling Resources

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Want to know how to recycle something in Loudoun County? Follow the waste type below for recycling options.

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

Aluminum Beverage Cans	Composting
Antifreeze	Computers & Other Electronics
Appliance	Fluorescent Light Bulbs or Tubes
Bags, Plastic Grocery	Furniture
Batteries	Helium Tank
Bicycles	Junk Mail
Books	Magazines
Bottles & Cans	Metal, Scrap
CDs & DVDs	Motor Oil
Cell Phones	Paper, Office
Christmas / Holiday Lights	Phone Books
Christmas Trees	Smoke Detectors
Clothes	Styrofoam
Clothing Hangers, Wire	Tires
Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs)	Toner Cartridge

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Aluminum Beverage Cans

- Aluminum beverage cans are accepted at the [Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers](#) (free)
- Check the yellow pages under "scrap metal."

Antifreeze

- Used antifreeze is accepted at the [Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility Recycling Center](#) (free).

Appliance

- If they are still operating, refer to yellow pages under "churches" and "thrift shops."
- If they are not working, appliances may be disposed of at the [Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility](#) (for a fee).
- Disposal of Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners & Dehumidifiers
 - These appliances cannot be thrown away and contains a chemical coolant or refrigerant that is toxic and considered an ozone depleting substance.
 - The refrigerant must be removed by a certified technician using certified equipment prior to disposal.
 - Refrigerant-containing appliances may be brought to the [Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility](#) (for a fee; surcharge also applies for removal of refrigerant).
 - Call your Town office or HOA and arrange to speak to the solid waste collector.
 - Arrange transport with the collector.
 - The refrigerant must be removed prior to disposal.
 - Call an appliance store or the manufacturer of the appliance for refrigerant removal services (for a fee).

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Bags, Plastic Grocery

- Plastic grocery bags are accepted at most grocery stores.
- Washington Post newspaper delivery bags are also accepted at Giant, Safeway, and Shoppers Food Warehouse.
- For more information on plastic bag, film, and wrap recycling visit www.loudoun.gov/recycle and the “Plastic Bag Recycling” tab.

Batteries

- Automotive batteries are accepted at the [Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility Recycling Center](#) (free)
- 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 (AA, AAA, C, D, etc.) are accepted at County Household Hazardous Waste Events for recycling (residents only), free of charge. Businesses may participate in the [Business Hazardous Waste Program](#) to recycle alkaline batteries for a fee. Other recycling services such as [Battery Solutions](#) and [Big Green Box](#) are available online for a fee. Visit [Call2Recycle](#) to set up your own collection program.
- Button batteries, such as those used in hearing aids and wrist watches may be returned for recycling at the Wal-Mart jewelry counter, or they may be brought to the County's [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events](#) (if they are from a household). [Battery Warehouse](#) in Leesburg also accepts these for recycling at no charge.

Bicycles

- Web-search for “Bicycle Recycling” to look for donation or recycling options.

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Books

- Hardcover and paperback books are accepted for recycling at each of the [Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers](#).
- Books are accepted by many used book dealers. Refer to yellow pages under "book dealers - used and rare."
- The [Loudoun Library Foundation](#) (703-779-2252) accepts used books.
- [Adopt-a-Library](#) is dedicated to encouraging and helping people recycle books.
- Pro Quo Books (410-663-0410) buys large quantities of used books, such as those remaining after library book sales.

Bottles & Cans

- Commingled glass bottles and jars, aluminum / steel cans, and plastic bottles are accepted at each of the [Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers](#).

CDs & DVDs

- [Securis](#) (703-436-1967) in Chantilly recycles CDs and DVDs.
- More information is available [CD Recycling Center of America](#) and [Back through the Future Technology Disposal](#).

Cell Phones

- Used cell phones may be donated to the [Loudoun County Victim Witness Program](#) (703-777-0417).
- For local recycling options, visit [Local Electronics Recycling Programs](#).

Christmas / Holiday Lights

- [The LED Warehouse](#) recycles old Christmas / holiday lights.

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Christmas Trees

- For information on Christmas tree recycling, visit www.loudoun.gov/recycle and “Christmas Tree Recycling” tab.

Clothes

- [Planet Aid](#) containers are available at multiple locations for drop-off of clean clothes and usable shoes. Place items in a plastic bag, tie bag shut, and place inside the yellow drop box. Thrift shops, churches, and other charitable organizations may also accept lightly worn items.

Clothing Hangers, Wire

- Many dry cleaners will accept used wire coat hangers from customers. Consult the yellow pages under "cleaners."

Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs)

- CFLs are the energy efficient light bulbs that screw into light sockets in table lamps and overhead lights.
- Take CFLs to any [Home Depot](#) Store customer service desk for recycling.
- Do not dispose with regular garbage because fluorescent lights contain mercury. The Department of General Services, Waste Management Division, has instructions online on [how to clean up a broken CFL](#).
- CFLs may also be taken to the county's [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events](#) (if they are from a household).

Composting

- The [Loudoun County Extension Office](#) (703-777-0373) provides guides to backyard composting.

Computers & Other Electronics

- For local recycling programs include, visit [Local Electronics Recycling Programs](#).

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Fluorescent Light Bulbs or Tubes

- Fluorescent light bulbs are the long narrow tubes that are typically found in commercial overhead lights.
- Visit [Know Toxics](#) for recycling options. Do not dispose with regular garbage because fluorescent lights contain mercury.
- The Division of Waste Management has instructions online on [how to clean up a broken fluorescent bulb](#).
- Fluorescent light tubes may also be taken to the county's [Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events](#) (if they are from a household).

Furniture

- Furniture is accepted by churches and other charitable organizations.
- Refer to yellow pages under "churches" and "thrift shops."
- Visit www.loudoun.gov/recycling and the "Donate Used Items" tab. for local donation options.

Helium Tank

- Helium Tanks can typically be returned to the place of purchase for recycling.
- Helium Tanks may be taken to the [Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility \(for a fee\)](#).
 - 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](#).

Junk Mail

- Junk mail is accepted at all [Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers](#).

Magazines

- Magazines are accepted with newspapers at all [Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers](#).

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Metal, Scrap

- Consult the local yellow pages for Scrap Metals.
- The [Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility](#) accepts scrap metal, appliances, etc for recycling ([for a fee](#)).

Motor Oil

- Used motor oil is accepted at the [Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility Recycling Center](#) (free).
 - Motor Oil, Engine Oil, Heating Oil, Hydraulic Oil, Kerosene, Lamp Oil, Power Steering Fluid, and Transmission Fluid are accepted in the Motor Oil Tank.
- Some gasoline service stations accept used motor oil from customers (call first).

Paper, Office

- Office paper is accepted at all [Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers](#).

Phone Books

- Phone books are accepted at each of the [Loudoun County Recycling Drop-Off Centers](#).

Smoke Detectors

- Smoke detectors may be thrown away in the trash or taken to the the [Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility](#) ([for a fee](#)).
- Many manufacturers offer take-back programs.
- Contact information for many manufacturers can be found through JMAC Supply and their [Homeowner Smoke Detector Recycling Program](#).

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Styrofoam

- Styrofoam block is accepted through mail-back programs offered by the [Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers](#).
- Styrofoam shipping peanuts are 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 at the [Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility \(for a fee\)](#)
 - Tires with rims are accepted, but an [additional fee](#) will be charged for the rim.
- Dispose of old tires at the place where new tires are purchased (for a fee - call first).

Toner Cartridge

- 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).
- Mail-back programs accept ink and toner cartridges: [Quill Ink Cartridge Recycling](#) and [Cartridges for Kids](#).

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Local Electronic Recycling Programs

Company Name	Location	Phone Number	Program Details
Best Buy	Sterling / Leesburg, VA	703-430-2150 703-669-4100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-off *call first • Wide range for a fee • Computer monitors & televisions - \$25 each
Cash for Electronics			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail-in • Used, old, broken electronics • Potential rebate provided – no charge
Coscto		844-929-5376	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail-in • Phones, laptops, MP3 players, PDAs, digital cameras • No charge (trade-in / buy back for Costco Cash Card)
Cycle Point		844-292-5376	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial electronics removal and recycling service in Loudoun County
C2 Management	Berryville, VA	540-955-5740	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial asset recovery and electronics recycling • Free business recycling for all items except CRTs and televisions • Computers, servers, telecom equipment, cell phones, phones, tablets, printers, copiers, robotics, medical equipment (contains circuit boards and no bio-hazards) • Lead-acid, Li-ion, Ni-Cad, Nickel Metal hydrate batteries • Material handling equipment, generators, lab equipment, manufacturing equipment • Computer monitors and televisions – \$8.50 to \$20 for CRTs
e-End	Frederick, MD	240-529-1010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-off • Residential and commercial • Commercial pickup service available • Computers, computer equipment/accessories, office equipment, cell phones audio/visual devices, communications equipment, personal electronics – no charge

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRT computer monitors – \$8 each • Tube televisions – \$1 per diagonal inch (32 inch screen = \$32) • e-End USA guarantees destruction of all data on hard drives and other media
eRecure Recycling LLC		877-844-1844	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential and commercial • Computers, LCD monitors, laptops, printers, servers, network and IT peripherals
Forever Green Recycling	Chantilly, VA	703-378-5500 571-340-4568	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-off • Computers, laptops, CD/DVD players, printers, copiers, phones, stereo components, cameras – no charge • Televisions – price varies, depends on size • Commercial and residential pick-up services available
Gazelle			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail-in • Phones, laptops, MP3 players, PDAs, digital cameras – no charge (trade-in / buy back)
Goodwill Industries	Sterling, VA	703-444-5186	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-off • Computers and computer monitors only – no charge (items do not need to be in working condition)
Office Depot	Sterling / Leesburg, VA	703-421-4722 703-737-3322	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mail-in • Computer monitors, computers, small televisions, phones, digital cameras, DVD players – price varies on box size needed to ship items • 3 size boxes – \$5, \$10, \$15 each covers shipping and recycling • Largest box – 24x18x18 inches and up to 60 pounds
Potomac E-Scrap	Sterling, VA	703-430-3667	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part of Potomac Metals • Drop-off • On-site hard drive destruction – \$5 each • Computers, laptops, CD/DVD players, printers, copiers, phones, stereo components, cameras • Will pay for most electronics

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Quick Laptop Cash	Fredericksburg, VA		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail-in with free shipping Laptops – pay for most laptops
RMS Mobile Data Shredding	Martinsburg, WV		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobile, secure, commercial asset disposal and destruction (includes computer hard drive and data destruction)
Sears			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail-in Phones, laptops, MP3 players, PDAs, digital cameras – no charge (trade-in / buy back for Sears gift card)
Secure Electronics Recyclers	Sterling, VA	571-375-0033	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial asset recovery and electronics recycling
Securis	Chantilly, VA	703-436-1967	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly drop-off program for residential electronics and document destruction 2nd Saturday of each month from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Computers, laptops, CD/DVD players, printers, copiers, phones, stereo components – no charge Computer monitors – \$10 each Televisions – \$10 to \$30 each, depends on size CDs, floppies, tapes shredded and recycled – \$1 per pound Paper shredding – \$10 per regular size banker’s box (10x12x15 inch max) Commercial services – visit website
Sell My Cell Phones			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mail-in Compares mail-in vendors for cell phones No charge (trade-in / buy back)
Staples	Sterling / Leesburg, VA	703-406-3270 703-669-8199	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All DELL products – no charge Non-DELL products (small items, keyboards, mice, phones) – no charge Non-DELL items (large items, computers, monitors, printers – \$10 each Televisions not accepted

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