

RIGHT STUFF - RIGHT BIN: SORT IT OUT

Stop! Do not put plastic or paper bags in the recycling bins – even if they are full of recyclables! Plastic bags aren't recyclable with regular plastics as they damage equipment at sorting facilities. Please empty your recycling into the drop-off bin and keep the bag to use again.

Plastic grocery bags can be recycled in grocery store return bins; paper bags belong with cardboard.



Recycling right creates jobs! Collection programs create more than 50 jobs in the Flathead alone. When the public fails to properly sort materials we lower the value of our recyclables and put these companies and jobs at risk.

Properly rinsing and sorting recyclables supports these local businesses by giving them a clean, marketable product that has value.



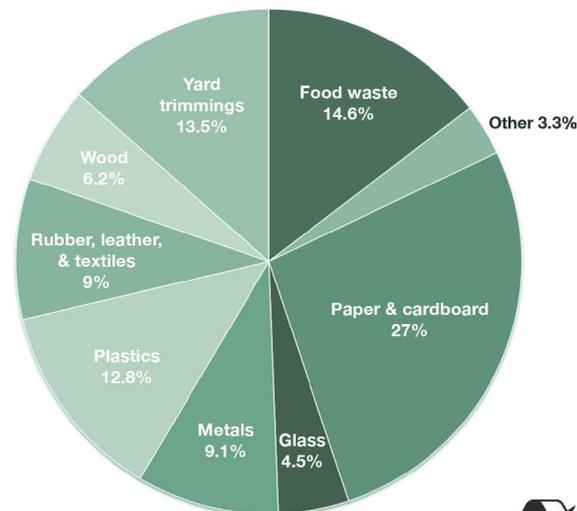
Visit the WasteNot website

www.WasteNotProject.org

for more information on recycling and reducing waste at home and work.

Contact **756-8993** or wastenot@flatheadcitizens.org with additional questions.

Total U.S. Municipal Solid Waste Generation (by Material), 2013 254 Million Tons (before recycling)



Source: *Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: 2013 Fact Sheet* at *Advancing SMM: Materials and Waste Facts and Figures*, www.epa.gov/smm.



HELP PROTECT THE FLATHEAD'S WATER QUALITY

Safe Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste

Flathead County Landfill • 758-5910

This monthly service is provided by Flathead County for disposal of residential Household Hazardous Waste. Open on third Saturday of each month by appointment only so you don't have to wait in line!

Accepting: Oil-based paint, solvents, strippers, pool and spa chemicals, pesticides/herbicides, fertilizers, cleaners and poisons. Please bring in original, clearly marked closed containers only. **DO NOT MIX WASTES.**



Safe Disposal Tips for Pharmaceutical Products

Do not flush pharmaceuticals down the toilet or drain. Doing so adds to pollution of local water sources. Instead, take medicines to these safe and easy drop-off boxes:

Kalispell: Flathead Co. Justice Center Drop Box

- Accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Columbia Falls Police Station Drop Box

- 8am – 6pm, Monday through Friday

Whitefish Police Station Drop Box

- 8am – 6pm, Monday through Friday



If you are unable to make it to one of the collection points please follow these steps as a last resort:

1. Dump medicines out of their container into a resealable bag
2. Pour enough water into the bag to let medicines dissolve
3. Add an absorbent such as kitty litter, coffee grounds, or sawdust and mix together
4. Seal bag and place in a garbage container out of reach of children and pets

Cost-Saving Business Hazardous Waste Disposal

758-5910 - An Annual Collection Event is offered by Flathead County in late spring each year at cost-saving rates for small businesses. Please call for more information. Also visit <http://mtp2.org/> for cost-saving tips and technical assistance services.

DON'T RISK THE \$200 FINE! KEEP FLATHEAD COUNTY CLEAN



In Flathead County, it is a misdemeanor for any person to haul garbage or trash to the landfill or a container site operated by the Flathead County Solid Waste District without containing, covering, or otherwise controlling the load such that no garbage or trash may blow or fall from the vehicle. Failure to comply with this ordinance can result in a fine up to \$200.



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Recycle Right Flathead

Sort It Out!



Your Local Guide to:
What and Where to Recycle
How to Sort
Recycling Tips & Facts

WHERE TO RECYCLE

RECYCLE CENTERS: DROP-OFF

Pacific Steel & Recycling • 755-7011 • 105 Montclair Dr., Kalispell
www.pacific-steel.com. Open 8-5 M-F.

Valley Recycling • 257-2574 • 1410 Hwy 2 W., Kalispell
www.valleyrecycling.com. Open 7-4 M-F.

PUBLIC DROP-OFF SITES

How to Sort Recycling for All Public Drop-Off Sites

Mixed Paper: All newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office paper, junk mail.

Plastic & Metal: All #1 and #2 plastics (NO BAGS or other plastics), aluminum, tin and steel cans.

Cardboard: All corrugated cardboard flattened, non-waxed paper board (cereal, soda, beer, and cracker boxes), brown paper bags, paper egg cartons.



Look for recycling bins at these locations. Household recycling only.

- Flathead County Landfill • 758-5910**
4098 Hwy 93 N., Open 8-5 daily.
- Bigfork: Flathead County Site • 758-5910**
MT 35 & MT 83, behind Crossroads Church. Open 8-5 Daily
- Columbia Falls: Flathead County Site • 758-5910**
Best Way Rd., Open 8-5 Daily
- Creston: Flathead County Site • 758-5910**
161 Broeder Loop, Open 8-5 Daily
- Kalispell: Valley Recycling Sites • 257-2574 (Open 24 hrs)**
Albertson's Grocery Parking Lot, 900 W Idaho St.
Kalispell Medical Equipment, 55 3rd Ave EN. Enter on 4th Ave.
- Lakeside: Flathead County Site - Beginning Fall 2016!**
- Somers: Flathead County Site • 758-5910**
863 Hwy. 82, Open 8-5 Daily
- Whitefish: City Central Recycling Site (Open 24 hours)**
Northeast corner of Railway Street and Columbia Avenue

CURBSIDE RECYCLING: FEE BASED

- New World Recycling • 257-5899** • newworldrecyclingmt.com
County Wide. Home and Business.
- Green Machines • 755-8112** • valleygreenmachines.com
County Wide. Home and Business.
- North Valley Refuse • 862-4381**
Whitefish Only. Home and Business.

WHAT TO RECYCLE

GLASS

New World Recycling • 257-5899
Glass only drop-off at 4969 Hwy 2 E, just north of Glacier International Airport. Residential use ONLY. Also offers fee-based curbside pick-up.

Glacier National Park Lodges Site
1014 1st Ave W, C Falls. Bins behind warehouse. Residential use ONLY.

Green Machine • 755-8112 Fee-based curbside pick-up.

PLASTIC #1 and #2 ONLY

Mixed Plastic #1 & #2 ONLY - NO PLASTIC BAGS
Accepted at all drop-off sites. Includes all #1 and #2 plastics, clear and colored, bottles (caps removed) and clamshells.

Plastic Shopping Bags - DO NOT place any plastic bags in with #1 and #2 plastics as they jam sorting equipment. Most grocery stores have return bins inside. Remember to reuse when possible!

Only plastics #1 and #2 can be recycled in the Flathead.
Non-recyclable plastics include Styrofoam® and any other plastics #3 through #7.

If there is not a recycling symbol with a number  or  on the container please place in the trash.

METALS

ALUMINUM CANS Accepted at all drop-off sites. Mix with #1 & #2 plastics EXCEPT keep separated at Pacific Steel & Recycling.

TIN/STEEL CANS Accepted at all drop-off sites. No need to remove labels or flatten. Mix with #1 and #2 plastics EXCEPT keep separated at Pacific Steel & Recycling.

OTHER SCRAP METALS
Pacific Steel & Recycling • 755-7011
Accepts and pays for scrap iron, steel, aluminum, stainless steel, brass, copper, radiators, wire, & large appliances that do not contain Freon.
Jeff the Rovin' Recycler • 260-5262; Will buy most metals.
Mark's Recycling • 407-8108; Will buy scrap metals and junk cars.

PAPER PRODUCTS

MIXED PAPER
All forms of newsprint including inserts, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper. Accepted at all drop-off sites.

MIXED CORRUGATED CARDBOARD, PAPERBOARD AND BROWN PAPER BAGS
Remove all non-cardboard packing materials. No waxed cardboard. Include non-waxed paperboard like cereal boxes (remove plastic bags!) and paper egg cartons. Accepted at all drop-off sites.

RECYCLE MORE!

COMPOST & ORGANIC MATERIAL

Flathead County Landfill • 758-5910
Grass, leaves, branches, brush, weeds, hay. Loads must be secured.

DIRT Rich Compost & Pick Up Service • 212-7535
Fee-based pick-up service for food scraps. Residential & commercial.

Composting can reduce household waste in the landfill by 25%! Contact the WasteNot Project for where to purchase compost bins and local compost resources. Learn the basics and benefits of composting at www.wastenotproject.org.

SHIPPING and MAILING MATERIALS

Montana Coffee Traders • 862-7633
Cardboard boxes & clean shipping materials. Drop off at Hwy 93 location.

BUBBLE WRAP, STYROFOAM, PEANUTS
The UPS Store • Kalispell: 755-8333 • Whitefish: 862-8300
Whitefish Pottery Store • Whitefish • 862-1417
Kettle Care Organics • 257-6622

PLASTIC SHRINK WRAPPING
Pacific Steel & Recycling • Kalispell • 755-7011

COMPUTERS and ELECTRONICS

Call for prices on older TVs and computer monitors, as there may be fees.

Pacific Steel & Recycling • Kalispell • 755-7011
Staples Office Supply • Kalispell • 257-8200
Best Buy • Kalispell • 752-1300
Opportunity E-Cycling • Missoula • 329-1790 (Offers large quantity local pick-up)

INK and LASER CARTRIDGES

Tonerport • 257-4453 Pick-up only, no store front.
Cartridge World • 752-9110 175 Hutton Ranch Rd., Kalispell

FLUORESCENTS and THERMOSTATS

Businesses must comply with State Law when disposing of tube fluorescents, ballasts & thermostats: montana.edu/srm/chemical-safety/disposalguidelines.html. Disposal by residents in household trash is discouraged but not prohibited. For disposal tips check with vendors below or visit: deq.mt.gov/Land/Recycle/Real_Question.

Flathead Electric • 751-4483 • 2510 Hwy 2 E, Kalispell. CFLs only
Home Depot • Kalispell • 755-533 • CFLs only
Park Industrial Lighting • 752-8396
Lowe's • 758-3030 • CFLs only
Batteries Plus • 890-2150
Two Guys & A Drum (commercial only) • 871-4682
Flathead County Landfill • 758-5910 Thermostats only (ask at gate)

CLOTHES and HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Give to thrift stores around the valley to be reused. See yellow pages for listings or search online for Flathead Valley thrift stores.

AND EVEN MORE!

AUTOMOTIVE PARTS

JUNK CARS
Flathead County Landfill • 758-5910
Pacific Steel & Recycling • 755-7011

CAR BATTERIES
When purchasing a new battery, ask if they will recycle your old one.
Battery Systems/Standard Batteries • 752-0205
Pacific Steel & Recycling • 755-7011
Flathead County Landfill • 758-5910
Batteries Plus • 890-2150

TIRES
Flathead County Landfill • 758-5910 (call for fee)
Enviro Tire • 755-7716
Greenwood Tire Recovery • 257-7719

RADIATORS
Pacific Steel & Recycling • 755-7011

AUTO FLUIDS

CAR OIL & ANTIFREEZE
Flathead County Landfill • 758-5910 (5 gal or less)
Emerald Services • Missoula • 406-543-7911 (commercial only)
O'Reilly Auto Parts • Kalispell • 752-6123 (Oil only)

BATTERIES (RECHARGABLE ONLY)

Northwest Tool Repair • Whitefish • 862-6275
Ace Hardware • Kalispell • 755-9701
Best Buy • Kalispell • 752-1300
Home Depot • Kalispell • 755-5333
Batteries Plus • 890-2150
Lowe's • 758-3030

CELL PHONE REPAIR

For cell phone recycling, check with your service provider.
Cell Phone Repair • Kalispell • 257-2348
Radioactive • Kalispell • 257-5999
Batteries Plus • 890-2150

APPLIANCES

Flathead County Landfill • 758-5910
All types. Doors must be removed from fridges & freezers.
Pacific Steel & Recycling • 755-7011
Only appliances without freon. No microwaves.

BUILDING SUPPLIES

ReStore • 752-2905 • 2610 Hwy 93 South, Kalispell
Call ahead. Accepts most building supplies in good condition for reuse or resale; some oil and latex paints; no blinds.

Flathead Recon • 261-3743
Will pick up construction waste for recycling at job sites. Call for info.