

# WHAT TO RECYCLE: All materials must be CLEAN & SEPARATED

<b>WHERE TO RECYCLE</b> <small>* Accepts business &amp; residential recycling</small>	<b>Aluminum Cans:</b> clean, no food or foil, no scrap	<b>Steel/Tin Cans:</b> clean, no rust, no scrap	<b>Mixed Paper &amp; Paperboard<sup>1</sup>:</b> paperboard (like cereal boxes) newspaper, magazines, office/school paper, brown paper bags.	<b>Corrugated Cardboard<sup>1</sup>:</b> ONLY flattened corrugated cardboard. No pizza boxes. NO cereal box/paperboard. NO waxed boxes.	<b>Plastics #1 and #2 Only:</b> No bags, No #1 and #2 solid color plastics
<b>Flathead County Landfill</b> (406) 758-5910 4098 Hwy 93 N. Open 8-5 daily. flathead.mt.gov/waste/	✓		✓	✓	
<b>Bigfork: Flathead County Site</b> (406) 758-5910 133 MT Hwy 83, behind Crossroads Church. Open 8-5 Daily	✓		✓	✓	
<b>Columbia Falls: Flathead County Site</b> (406) 758-5910 1073 Best Way Rd., Open 8-5 Daily	✓		✓	✓	
<b>Creston: Flathead County Site</b> (406) 758-5910 161 Broeder Loop, Open 8-5 Daily	✓		✓	✓	
<b>Kalispell: Albertson's Grocery</b> (406) 257-4302 for Valley Recycling. In parking lot. 900 W Idaho St. Open 24 hours.			✓	✓	
<b>Kalispell: Kalispell Medical Equipment</b> (406) 257-4302 for Valley Recycling. In parking lot. 55 3rd Ave EN. Enter on 4th Ave. Open 24 hrs.			✓	✓	
<b>Kalispell: Pacific Steel Recycling*</b> (406) 755-7011 105 Montclair Dr. Open 8-5 M-F. www.pacific-steel.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Kalispell: Valley Recycling*</b> (406) 257-4302 1410 Hwy 2 W. Open 7-4 M-F. www.valleyrecycling.com	✓		✓	✓	✓
<b>Lakeside: Flathead County Site</b> (406) 758-5910 276 Stoner Creek, Open 8-5 Daily	✓		✓	✓	
<b>Somers: Flathead County Site</b> (406) 758-5910 863 Hwy. 82, Open 8-5 Daily	✓		✓	✓	
<b>Whitefish:</b> The City of Whitefish recycling program is currently undergoing changes. Please visit <a href="http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/562/Recycling">www.cityofwhitefish.org/562/Recycling</a> or call 863-2460 for up-to-date information on where and how to recycle in Whitefish.					
<h2>CURBSIDE-PICKUP (fee-based service, call to set up)</h2>					
<b>Green Machines</b> (406) 755-8112 Countywide. Home and Business. valleygreenmachines.com	✓		✓	✓	✓
<b>Republic Services (Formerly North Valley Refuse)</b> (406) 862-4381. Whitefish Only. Home & Business	✓		✓	✓	✓

**PLASTIC DISCLAIMER:** Plastic that is not properly sorted becomes trash. There are no longer any local recycling services that have markets for plastics that are not properly sorted. Please note that no solid colored plastic is accepted in Flathead County—only Transparent Plastic: #1 (ie. Soda & water bottles, as well as food jars like applesauce jars & mayo—no clamshells or boxes) and Translucent Plastic #2 (ie. Milk, vinegar, windshield washer fluid jugs, etc.) The recommended best practice is to reduce your use of plastic in general and to bring reusable cloth bags to the grocery store.  
<sup>1</sup> The difference in paperboard and cardboard cartons lies in how they are constructed. Paperboard is thicker than average paper, but it is still just one layer. Cardboard is three layers of heavy paper, two flat with a wavy one in the middle.

## RECYCLE MORE

### GLASS RECYCLING

**Flathead Recon:** is taking glass, but on a limited basis. Contact them at 261-3743 for more information. Closes for winter.

### SHIPPING & MAILING MATERIALS

**UPS Store: Kalispell:** 755-8333, Whitefish: 862-8300.

Only accepts bubble wrap.

**Whitefish Pottery Store:** 862-1417.

**Kettle Care Organics:** 257-6622.

### COMPUTERS, ELECTRONICS & APPLIANCES

Call ahead as there may be fees.

**Pacific Steel & Recycling:** 755-7011. No TVs or electronics with screens.

**Staples:** 257-4453. Accepts most electronics, including computers, mobile devices, and cameras. No TVs or appliances.

**Best Buy:** 752-1300. Recycles most household electronics. Flatscreen TVs smaller than 50" only.

**Habitat for Humanity Restore:** 257-8800 ext 1. All electronics and appliances must be working.

### INK & LASER CARTRIDGES

**Tonerport:** 257-4453. Call for pick up.

**Best Buy:** 752-1300.

**NW Ink & Toner:** 752-9110.

### FLUORESCENTS & THERMOSTATS

Businesses must comply with State Law when disposing of tube fluorescents, ballasts & thermostats with mercury. Disposal by residents in trash is discouraged, but not prohibited.

**Dakota Supply Group:** 752-1402. Thermostats only.

**Ferguson:** 756-7630. Thermostats only.

**Flathead Co. Landfill:** 758-5910. Thermostats only.

**Home Depot:** 755-5333. Only accepts CFLs. No fluorescent tubes

**Lowes:** 758-3030. Only accepts CFLs. No fluorescent tubes.

**Park Industrial Lighting:** 752-8396. Accepts long tube fluorescent for a fee, commercial and residential—call for details on pick up or drop off.

### RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Household alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, and 6-volt) can be safely discarded in the trash in small quantities. Rechargeable batteries should be recycled and are accepted at:

**Batteries Plus:** 890-2150. Accepts alkaline and rechargeable.

**Pacific Steel & Recycle:** 755-7011.

**Home Depot:** 755-5333.

**Staples:** 257-4453.

**Best Buy:** 752-1300.

### APPLIANCES & PROPANE TANKS

**Flathead Co. Landfill:** 758-5910. Doors must be removed from fridges & freezers. Takes conventional household propane tanks.

**Pacific Steel & Recycle:** 755-7011. Only appliances without freon. No fridges unless properly evacuated. No propane.

### JUNK VEHICLES, TIRES & CAR BATTERIES:

**Flathead Co. Landfill:** 758-5910. Accepts cars and first four tires free.

**Pacific Steel & Recycle:** 755-7011. Cars only, will not accept tires.

**Habitat for Humanity:** 257-8800. ext 1. Cars only, will not accept tires.

## REDUCE & REUSE

### COMPOST AND ORGANIC MATERIAL

**Flathead Co. Landfill:** 758-5910. Accepts grass, leaves, branches, brush, weeds, hay, and manure.  
**DIRT Rich Compost:** 212-7535. All food waste, wood chips, manure, leaves, yard cut back.

### BICYCLES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND GLASS

**BICYCLES:** Kalispell Elks Lodge 725: 257-6474. Will refurbish and donate to children in need.  
**CLOTHES & FURNITURE:** Give to Flathead Valley thrift stores to be reused.  
**GLASS:** Flathead Recon: 261-3743. Clean, color-separated glass with plastic and metal removed may be dropped off for a fee. Closes for winter.  
**Habitat for Humanity Restore:** 257-8800 ext 1. Will take used furniture.

### CELL PHONE REPAIR

For cell phone recycling, check with your service provider.  
**We Fix It Cell Phone Repair:** 540-1360.  
**Doctor iPhone:** 272-2351.  
**Batteries Plus:** 890-2150.

### BUILDING MATERIALS

**Habitat for Humanity Restore:** 257-8800. ext 1. Call ahead. Accepts most building supplies in good condition for resale, some oil and latex paints, working appliances and furniture in good condition.  
**Flathead Recon:** 261-3743. Will pick up construction waste for recycling at job sites. Closes for winter.

## PROTECT THE FLATHEAD'S WATER QUALITY

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

**Flathead Co Landfill:** 758-5910.  
This monthly service is provided for disposal of residential Household Hazardous Waste. Open on the third Saturday of each month by appointment only so you don't have to wait in line. Call for more information.



**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.

### COST-SAVING BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

**Flathead Co Landfill:** 758-5910.  
An annual collection event is offered by Flathead County in late spring each year at cost-saving rates for small businesses.  
Visit <http://mtp2.org/> for cost-saving tips and technical assistance.

### PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL

Do not flush medicines down the toilet or drain, as this can pollute local water sources. Instead, take to these safe and easy drop boxes:

**Kalispell**  
Flathead Co. Justice Center: 920 S Main St.  
Walgreens Pharmacy: 40 W Idaho St.  
The Clinical Pharmacy: 200 Conway Dr.  
Family Health Care: 1287 Burns Way.  
Sykes Pharmacy: 202 2nd Ave W.

**Columbia Falls**  
Police Station: 130 6th St. W.

**Whitefish**  
Whitefish Police Station: 275 Flathead Ave.  
Alpine Apothecary: Inside Super 1.  
Glacier Medical Associates- 111 Baker Ave.



If you can't make it to a drop box, please follow these steps:  
1. Dump medicines out of their container into a resealable bag  
2. Pour enough water into the bag to let medicines dissolve  
3. Add absorbent like kitty litter, coffee grounds, or sawdust and mix  
4. Seal bag, place in a garbage out of reach of children & pets

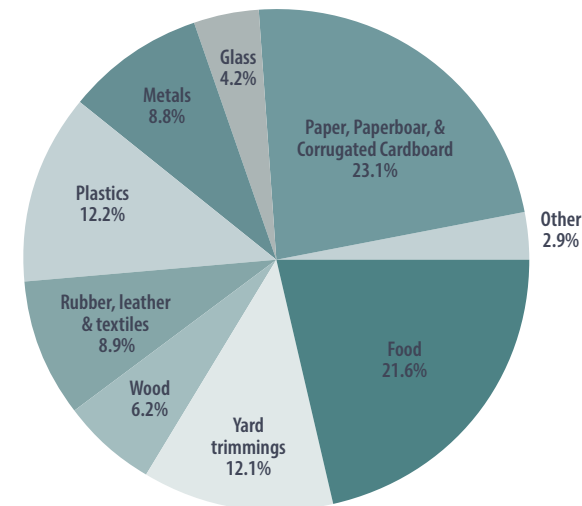
Visit the WasteNot website  
[www.WasteNotProject.org](http://www.WasteNotProject.org)

For more information on recycling and reducing waste at home and work.  
Contact **756-8993** or  
[wastenotproject@flatheadcitizens.org](mailto:wastenotproject@flatheadcitizens.org)  
with additional questions.

The WasteNot Project: Working to reduce waste and increase recycling in the Flathead since 1993. Call us for classroom or club presentations.

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## US Solid Waste by Material 2018



Source: Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: 2018 Fact Sheet.  
<https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling>



# HOW TO RECYCLE

## IN THE FLATHEAD VALLEY

Your local guide to what and where to recycle & how to sort it out

## DON'T RISK THE 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 can result in a fine up to \$200.



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