

WHAT TO RECYCLE: All materials must be CLEAN & SEPARATED

RECYCLE MORE

Call all businesses in advance

WHERE TO RECYCLE

* Accepts business & residential recycling. All others are only residential.

Aluminum Cans:
clean, no food or foil, no scrap.

Steel/Tin Cans:
clean, no rust, no scrap.

Mixed Paper & Paperboard¹:
paperboard (like cereal boxes)
newspaper, magazines,
office/school paper,
brown paper bags.

Corrugated Cardboard¹:
ONLY flattened corrugated
cardboard. No pizza boxes. NO
cereal box/paperboard. NO
waxed boxes.

Plastics #1 and #2 Only:
No solid color plastics.
No clamshells or boxes.
No plastic bags.

GLASS RECYCLING - NEW

Black Bear Recycling: (406) 531-7421 Glass recycling available through curbside pickup service. County-wide

SHIPPING & MAILING MATERIALS

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

Only accepts clean bubble wrap.

Kettle Care Organics: 257-6622. Call first

COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

Call ahead as there may be fees.

Green Montana Recycling: 755-8112. Accepts household electronics for a fee.

Pacific Steel & Recycling: 755-7011. Accepts most electronics. Now accepts electronics with screens.

Staples: 406-257-8200. 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 must be working.

INK & LASER CARTRIDGES

3D Office Solutions: 257-4453. Call for pick up. Must have purchased there.

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.

Visit: deq.mt.gov/twr/Programs/recyclingandwaste

Ferguson: 756-7630. Thermostats only.

Flathead Co. Landfill: 758-5910. Thermostats only at Landfill Scale House.

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 & residential - call for details on pick-up or drop off.

Flathead Electric Coop: Accepts CFLs. No fluorescent tubes.

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: 406-257-8200.

Best Buy: 752-1300.

APPLIANCES & PROPANE TANKS

Flathead Co. Landfill: 758-5910. Doors must be removed from fridges & freezers. Freon will be removed by landfill staff.

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. Call for price on tires.

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

Habitat for Humanity: Call about their "Cars for Homes".

Program: 406-752-2905.

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Flathead County Landfill (406) 758-5910 4098 Hwy 93 N. Open 8-5 daily. flathead.mt.gov/waste/	✓		✓	✓	
Bigfork: Flathead County Site (406) 758-5910 133 MT Hwy 83, behind Crossroads Church. Open 8-5 Daily	✓		✓	✓	
Columbia Falls: Flathead County Site (406) 758-5910 1073 Best Way Rd., Open 8-5 Daily	✓		✓	✓	Flathead E-Waste: 530-5443. Accepts electronics and rechargeable batteries
Creston: Flathead County Site (406) 758-5910 161 Broeder Loop, Open 8-5 Daily	✓		✓	✓	
Kalispell: Albertson's Grocery (406) 257-4302 for Valley Recycling. In parking lot. 900 W Idaho St. Open 24 hours.	Accepted at Valley Recycling Plant		✓	✓	
Kalispell: Pacific Steel Recycling* (406) 755-7011 105 Montclair Dr. Open 8-5 M-F. www.pacific-steel.com	✓	✓	Does not offer this service anymore.	✓	
Kalispell: Valley Recycling* (406) 257-4302 1410 Hwy 2 W. Open 7-4 M-F. www.valleyrecycling.com	Beverage cans only.		✓	✓	Recycling bins are located inside.
Lakeside: Flathead County Site (406) 758-5910 276 Stoner Creek, Open 8-5 Daily	✓		✓	✓	
Somers: Flathead County Site (406) 758-5910 863 Hwy. 82, Open 8-5 Daily	✓		✓	✓	
Walmart and Smiths Grocery in Kalispell and Columbia Falls, Safeway in Whitefish					Clean plastic grocery bags only. No #1 or #2 containers.

Whitefish: There is currently no recycling program in the city of Whitefish. Please visit cityofwhitefish.org/328/Recycling or call **863-2460** for information on where and how to recycle in Whitefish.

CURBSIDE-PICKUP (fee-based service, call to set up)

Green Montana Recycling : (406) 755-8112 County-wide. Home and Business. greenmontanarecycling.com	✓	Accepts tin cans	✓	✓	✓
Black Bear Recycling: (406) 531-7421 County-wide. Home and Business. blackbearrecycling.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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. Clean plastic grocery bags can be recycled at Walmart, Smith's Grocery Store in Kalispell and Columbia Falls and the Whitefish Safeway.

¹ 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.

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. Accepts leaves, garden cutback, horse manure, wood chips and grass clippings from untreated lawns. They do not accept topsoil, stumps, limbs, branches. Call for food waste options.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Clothes & Furniture: Give to Flathead Valley thrift stores to be reused. Get it repaired locally, www.wastenotproject.org/fix-it-local/

CELL PHONE REPAIR

For cell phone recycling, check with your service provider.
Radioactive: 257-5999.
Batteries Plus: 890-2150.
Best Buy: 752-1300.

BUILDING MATERIALS

Habitat for Humanity Restore: 257-8800. ext 1. Will take gently used furniture, appliances cabinets, home accessories, building materials. NO Paint OR Gas Appliances.

Visit the WasteNot website

WasteNotProject.org

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

Contact **756-8993** or **info@wastenotproject.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.



PROTECT THE FLATHEAD'S WATER QUALITY

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Flathead Co Landfill: 758-5910.
 This monthly service is covered by the annual fee you pay in your taxes for the landfill and 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.



DO NOT FLUSH MEDICINES DOWN THE TOILET OR DRAIN

Doing so can pollute local water sources. Chemotherapy drugs can kill the friendly bacteria in your septic tank. This can lead to sewage backups and even system failure. If you receive chemotherapy on a temporary basis for cancer treatment, plan to have the tank pumped soon after your scheduled treatment end date. If you are taking cancer medicines, talk to your healthcare team for proper disposal. Take your other medicines (including pet medicines) to these free and easy drop-off boxes at:

Kalispell

Flathead Co. Justice Center: 920 S Main St.
 Walgreens Pharmacy: 40 W Idaho St.
 The Clinical Pharmacy: 200 Conway Dr.
 Medical Arts Pharmacy: 209 Conway Dr.
 Family Health Care: 1287 Burns Way.
 Sykes Pharmacy: 202 2nd Ave W.

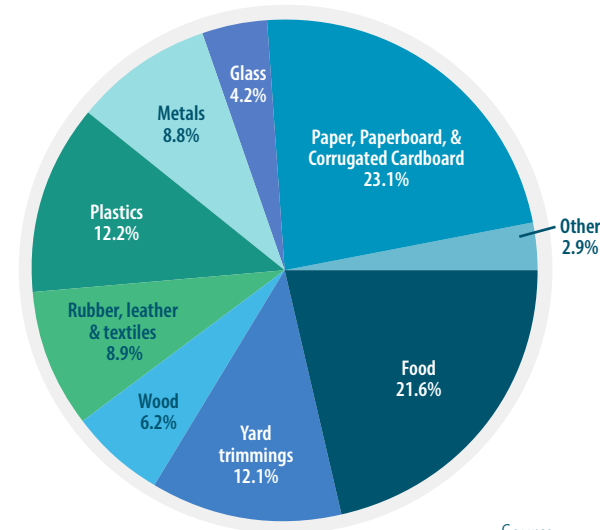
Columbia Falls

Police Station: 130 6th St. W.
 Beargrass Gift and Drug.
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. Important, do not use this method for cancer medicines - check with your health care team for disposal options
2. Dump medicines out of their container into a resealable bag
3. Pour enough water into the bag to let medicines dissolve
4. Add absorbent like kitty litter, coffee grounds, or sawdust and mix
5. Seal bag, place in a garbage out of reach of children & pets

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WHERE 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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