

WHAT TO RECYCLE: All materials must be CLEAN & SEPARATED

WHERE TO RECYCLE <small>* Accepts business & residential recycling</small>	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.
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	✓		✓	✓	
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.			✓	✓	
Kalispell: Kalispell Medical Equipment (406) 257-4302 for Valley Recycling. In parking lot. 55 3rd Ave EN. Enter on 4th Ave. Open 24 hrs.			✓	✓	
Kalispell: Pacific Steel Recycling* (406) 755-7011 105 Montclair Dr. Open 8-5 M-F. www.pacific-steel.com	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Kalispell: Valley Recycling* (406) 257-4302 1410 Hwy 2 W. Open 7-4 M-F. www.valleyrecycling.com	✓		✓	✓	✓
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	✓		✓	✓	

Whitefish: The City of Whitefish recycling program is currently undergoing changes. Please visit cityofwhitefish.org/562/Recycling or call **863-2460** for up-to-date information on where and how to recycle in Whitefish.

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

Green Machines (406) 755-8112 Countywide. Home and Business. valleygreenmachines.com	✓		✓	✓	✓
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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.

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.

RECYCLE MORE

GLASS RECYCLING

Flathead Recon: Has lost its lease and is no longer able to accept any glass. There are no glass recycling options currently in the Flathead Valley.

SHIPPING & MAILING MATERIALS

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

Only accepts bubble wrap.

Kettle Care Organics: 257-6622. Call first

COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

Call ahead as there may be fees.

Pacific Steel & Recycling: 755-7011. No TVs or 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

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. For disposal tips check with vendors below or visit: deq.mt.gov/twr/Programs/recycleingandwaste

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 & 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: 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.

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

Outdoor Clothing Repair: Backcountry Bobbin 515-707-1972, service@backcountrybobbin.com.
Clothes & Furniture: Give to Flathead Valley thrift stores to be reused. get it repaired locally, www.wastenotproject.org/fit-it-local/

CELL PHONE REPAIR

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

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.
Flathead Recon: 261-3743. Will pick up construction waste for recycling at job sites. Closed in winter.

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: Coming soon.

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

COST-SAVING BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Flathead Co Landfill: Call to register and for info call: 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.

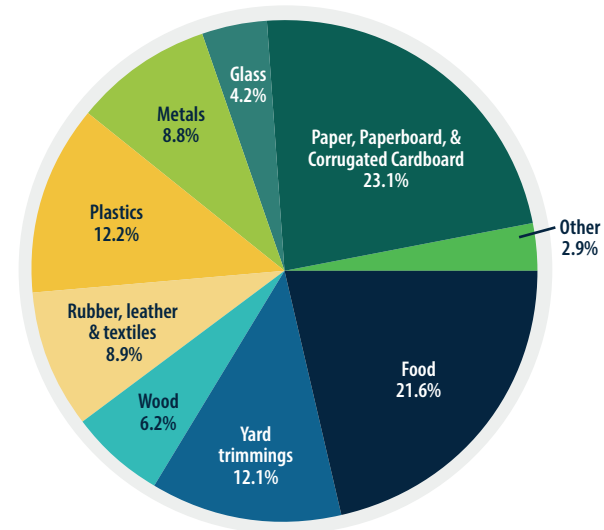
DON'T RISK THE FINE! KEEP FLATHEAD COUNTY CLEAN



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.



US Solid Waste by Material 2018



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<https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling>

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IN THE FLATHEAD VALLEY

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

