



Volunteers unload recyclables at a Bulk Clean-up Day in Shafer Park

For Boonsboro residents

Waste Reduction & Recycling Guide

The average Maryland resident generates six pounds of waste daily...

This adds up, and costs the Town approximately \$44,000 in landfill tipping fees annually. Reducing waste, recycling and composting can help save the planet, help people in need and save money. The purpose of this guide is to help residents navigate the many alternatives and beneficial uses of waste.

Town Recycling Programs

Curbside Recycling Pickup

The Town picks up recycling every Tuesday. Accepted materials include aluminum, steel/tin food and beverage cans, glass bottles and jars, mixed paper and cardboard, plastics #1-#7. All materials should be placed in the Town's (Apple Valley Waste) red recycling bins and set out for pick up any time after 4 PM Monday evening. If you need a bin contact the Town at 301-432-5141.

Not Accepted: Window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, dishes, PVC piping, paints, oil, CDs/DVDs, paper towels and tissues (compost these!) and plastic bags (plastic bags should NOT be placed in the recycling bin; they clog up the works at the recycling plant. Instead, place plastic bags in a larger plastic bag and drop off at your grocery store.) www.applevalleyrecyclingcenter.com

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Curbside Yard Waste Pickup

Biodegradable yard waste is collected every Monday, April through November (weather-permitting). Yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags—**no** plastic bags. Residents are allowed up to 8 bags per pick up. Yard waste such as brush and branches must be tied in bundles not more than 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter.

Used Motor Oil/Yard Debris

The Town will accept used motor oil at the Yard Debris Drop-Off site (small building), located off of Monroe Road. Yard debris can also be dropped off there. A free permit is required yearly, and can be obtained from Town Hall. Debris Site hours: Tuesday-Friday: 12-2 p.m.; Saturday: 7 a.m.-12 p.m. (Spring, Summer, Fall). Winter Hours: 3rd Saturday: 7-12.

Backyard Composting Program

The Town has a program for residents to compost by offering compost bins at a subsidized cost of \$20. The bins generally retail for more than \$80. The Town has a three-year goal to get 120 new Boonsboro single family homes turning food scraps and paper products into useful compost for their gardens. Food waste accounts for **30%** of waste dumped into municipal landfills. Help keep food waste out of the landfill and contact Town Hall at 301-432-5141 to purchase a bin. Additional information on composting can be found at:

www.town.boonsboro.md.us/compostingbenefits

www.town.boonsboro.md.us/7thingstodowithcompost

Bulk Trash Days & Green Fest Recycling

The Town has two bulk trash days per year: Curbside pick-up in the Spring and drop-off at Shafer Park in the Fall. The Spring pick-up is the week **after** Green Fest in May, so please recycle as much as you can at Green Fest before it goes into the landfill. (See the www.BoonsboroGreenFest.com website for a complete list of recyclable items, including computers, cell phones, toys, metal, bikes, eyeglasses, furniture, clothing, running shoes, books and more). The Spring and Fall editions of the Town Newsletter give detailed information on bulk trash days.

Prescription Drugs/Bottles

The Drug Turn-In Program is available to the public for any expired or unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the **Boonsboro Police Department**, 241 Potomac Street, 301-432-6838.

Recycling Opportunities at Landfill

Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners

The 40 West Landfill (**40 WL**) at 12630 Earth Care Road, Hagerstown (240-313-2790) will accept these items at a charge of \$5 per item. They must be dropped off.

Old Paint

Old paint will be accepted at **40WL** if it has been dried out or solidified with sand or cat litter. A \$10 minimum is charged for up to 380 pounds.

Tires

Old tires can be dropped off at **40 WL** at a rate of \$3 each, limit of 5 per visit.

“Rubble” & Non-usable Construction Debris (e.g., concrete chunks, drywall pieces)

Rubble can be dropped off at **40 WL** at a cost of \$75 per ton or a \$10 minimum charge, up to 260 pounds.

White Block Styrofoam

Drop off your clean, white block Styrofoam (e.g., packing from TVs) free of charge at **40 WL** (no peanuts, plates, cups, etc.).

Scrap Metal

Scrap metal is a hot commodity in Washington County. One option is to place it on the curb and likely it will disappear within hours. Scrap metal can be sold to Conservit, 18656 Leslie Dr., Hagerstown (301-791-0100). It can also be dropped off at **40 WL**.

Electronics

Computers, TVs (no wooden cabinets), flat screen TVs, phones, radios, CD/DVD players, can be dropped off at the **40 WL** for a \$10 minimum fee for up to 380 pounds and \$52 per ton after that.

Hazardous Waste

40 WL can collect certain hazardous materials. All materials must be taken to the **40 WL** site. Items accepted are: Car batteries, rechargeable batteries, used vegetable oil, empty propane tanks. **Not accepted:** Empty gas cans, cleaning agents, automotive fluids, oil-based paints, poisons, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers, solvents, varnishes and stains. For more information on county recycling guidelines, please go to www.washco-md.net/recycle/index.shtm.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs)

Do NOT throw CFLs away in your household garbage. CFLs contain a very small amount of mercury within the tubing – an average of 5 milligrams. They are safe to use in the home, however, the bulbs should be handled with care. Broken CFLs are considered hazardous waste. Unbroken CFLs can be taken to any Home Depot or Lowes store.



TVs and electronic items packed up at Spring Bulk Clean-up Day

Other Recycling Options

Usable Building Materials & Furniture

The Habitat for Humanity Restore in Hagerstown accepts donations of household goods, building supplies and furniture. All items are sold to the public at deep discounts and all proceeds are used to fund the building of affordable housing in Washington County. You can drop off items at 100 Charles Street, Hagerstown, or arrange for a pick-up. For more information, call 301-791-9009 or visit www.Restorehagerstown.org.

Clothing, Housewares, Etc.

Goodwill

Take items to Goodwill Horizon at 151 N. Burhans Blvd., Hagerstown (301-665-1044).

Booksavers

Recycle old books and magazines at Booksavers, 13625 Pennsylvania Ave., Hagerstown (301-665-1525).

Charity Pickups

Find a charity that will pick up donations for free: www.donationtown.org/donation-pick-up.

Freecycle

Freecycle is a moderated list-serve for people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free. It's all about reusing and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Each local group is moderated by local volunteers:

www.groups.freecycle.org/group/HagerstownMD/posts/all

Some things not listed?

Check out this informative website to search for other recycling/reusing locations: www.search.earth911.com/

Follow these links

on Town's website for more information:

www.town.boonsboro.md.us/recyclingquickguide

www.town.boonsboro.md.us/compostingbenefits

www.town.boonsboro.md.us/7thingstodowithcompost