

# Recycle Rockbridge

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## Relocation

### Update

**A**s previously announced the current recycling center located at the College Square Shopping Center will be moving. The new location is on Greenhouse Road just past the Rockbridge Regional Jail.

The new center will be considered a collection center. We will be accepting household garbage along with recycling at the new location. We will have a compactor on site to accommodate the intake of garbage. Along with the addition of household trash there will be expanded recycling capabilities.

At this center we will have a container for yard debris and scrap wood. All untreated and unpainted lumber will be placed in this container. By separating this material we save valuable space in our current landfill and when this landfill closes keeping this material out of the waste stream will result in a financial savings to the taxpayers of Rockbridge County.

Another addition to the new site will be the Item Swap Building. This is a designated area where items that are in usable condition or in need of minor repair may be placed for someone else to retrieve. We have this program in place at the Fairfield Collection Center and it has had great success.

When we move to the new location the hours of operation will change. This is a gated facility and it will be open Monday through Saturday from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm. There will be attendants present to assist you with your recycling.

At this time we are planning to have the new center in operation by the first of October. We

hope to hold the grand opening on October 3 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. Rockbridge County Recycling and Washington and Lee Biology and Facilities Management Department will be hosting a truck load sale for rain barrels and composters during the grand opening. We also plan to have a recycling vendor, Mark Watson from Caraustar, present to answer questions about the recycling markets and any thoughts you may have concerning the after life of the products collected for recycling. Along with these activities will have refreshments, hand outs and entertainment for the children. We hope you will set aside an hour or two and visit us at the new location.

### Shopping Around Town

**I**recently was in the need of a thank you card and I really wanted to use a card made of 100% recycled material. I started looking around town at the area stores for this item. I did find some cards at the local Wal-Mart but they were only made of "some" recycled content. I was about to give up when the nice ladies at Hallmark called Sundays Child for me. To my surprise they had a wonderful selection of "Tree Free" cards. These cards weren't only made of 100% recycled material but they were beautiful.

I was so pleased with my discovery that I wanted to pass this on to those that may be interested. So remember Sunday's Child the next time you need a note card for a special occasion.

*If you have discovered neat recycled items at the local markets please forward the info to me and I will see that they are recognized in the next issue of Recycle Rockbridge.*

## Truckload Sale

The County of Rockbridge in partnership with Washington and Lee Biology and Facilities Management Department will be sponsoring a truckload sale containing rain barrels and Earth Machine compost bins. The sale will take place during the grand opening of the collection center located on Greenhouse road. The grand opening is on October 3 from 9:00 am until 4:00 pm.

If you would like to reserve a rain barrel or compost bin please contact the recycling office at 540-463-2437 or stop by the office located at 150 South Main Street, Lexington. All orders must be prepaid. Rain barrels will be \$60.00 and compost bins will be \$40.00 while supplies last.

I have added an attachment with this news letter concerning the rain barrels. The rain barrels we will be ordering this time are called the System Rain Barrel. It is a 55 gallon barrel and has an overflow drain and the ability to be linked with other barrels. Please take time to open the attachment and look at the System. It is a very attractive rain barrel.



## Household Hazardous Waste Day

Just a reminder that we are having our semi-annual household hazardous waste collection on September 26. The collection will be held at the County Maintenance Garage located on Greenhouse road and will run from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.



During the collection we will be taking pesticides, herbicides, solvents, used oil, oil based paint (no latex), antifreeze, fuels, compact florescent and florescent bulbs, batteries, and mercury. We will also be taking tires. You may bring up to four tires per household to the Greenhouse road collection site and up to 20 tires per household to the County landfill.

New to this years event is the collection of computers. Goodwill Industries will be present that day collecting computers and small electronics. They will also take clothing and household items. Please support Goodwill's recycling efforts by bringing your unwanted items to the event.

This collection is made possible by the City of Buena Vista, the City of Lexington, the County of Rockbridge and Enviro-Clean.

