

Where to recycle what in Rockbridge County . . . ?

Appliances



Usable appliances may be taken to the Rockbridge County Recycling Centers at Fairfield and Greenhouse Road. Non-usable appliances may be placed in the scrap metal containers at Fairfield, Glasgow, Goshen, and Greenhouse Road Recycling Centers.

Batteries



Rechargeable batteries may be recycled at battery drop-off boxes located at the Rockbridge County Recycling Centers. Batteries of all shapes and sizes are accepted at the county's hazardous waste collections held in the spring and fall of each year. Small batteries need to be taped on both sides for proper disposal. If the batteries are not taped on both ends that they must be in individual baggies.

Bicycles



Usable bicycles may be taken to the Rockbridge County Recycling Centers at Fairfield and Greenhouse Road to be placed in the swap shop for reuse. Non-usable metal parts may be placed into the scrap metal container for recycling.

Books



Usable books may be taken to the Rockbridge County Recycling Centers at Greenhouse Road, Fairfield and Glasgow to be placed in the libraries on site for reuse and redistribution. Books may also be taken to the Rockbridge Regional Library.

Cars



Cars and car scraps may be recycled at Southers Auto Salvage (95 Bennetts Run Road, Buena Vista) or Auto-Recyclers (1400 Sycamore Avenue, Buena Vista).

Cassette Tapes/CDs/VHS/DVDs



Citizens can “reuse” cassette tapes, CDs, VHS, and DVDs by donating to the Rockbridge County Recycling Center swap shops at the Fairfield and Greenhouse Road locations. You may also take them to Goodwill, or conduct your own yard sale.

Cell phones



The following are Call-To-Recycle drop-off locations for cell phone recycling:
Rockbridge County Administrative Offices – 150 South Main Street, Lexington;
Greenhouse Road Recycling Center – 260 Greenhouse Road, Lexington;
Fairfield Recycling Center – 6019 North Lee Highway, Fairfield;
Glasgow Recycling Center – 695 Sallings Mountain Road, Glasgow;
Goshen Recycling Center – 9350 Maury River Road, Goshen.

CFL bulbs



Fluorescent light bulbs and compact fluorescent light bulbs are accepted at the Rockbridge County hazardous waste collection days.

Clothing



Any and all clothing may be taken to Goodwill (8 Woodcote Lane, Lexington; Wal-Mart drop-off location; Route 11 Lexington/South Lee Highway drop-off location; Natural Bridge Station/Glasgow Highway drop-off location; Buena Vista Sycamore Avenue drop-off location).

Computers



Computers may be recycled at the Rockbridge County Recycling Center on Greenhouse Road, Goodwill (8 Woodcote Lane, Lexington), and at the annual electronics collections provided by Rockbridge County Recycling.

Electronics



Rockbridge County offers an electronics recycling collection once a year, available to all citizens of Rockbridge County, Buena Vista, and Lexington. The following items are accepted: laptop and desktop computers, hard drives, modems, plug and play devices, printers, scanners, copiers, commercial telephone equipment, wires, cables, circuit boards, video game systems, DVD players, VCRs, microwave ovens, small electric household appliances—anything with a cord with the exception of TVs, which may be taken to Goodwill (8 Woodcote Lane, Lexington) or Auto-Recyclers (1400 Sycamore Avenue, Buena Vista) for proper disposal.

Furniture



If in good condition, furniture can be taken to the Rockbridge County Recycling Centers at Fairfield and Greenhouse Road to be placed in the item swap shop on site. Furniture can also be taken to a Goodwill drop-off location or Habitat For Humanity (114 Walker Street, Lexington).

Grocery Bags



Plastic grocery bags may be recycled at the local Food Lion, Kroger, or Wal-Mart.

Hazardous Waste



The Rockbridge County Emergency Management Department provides a household hazardous waste collection twice a year at the Rockbridge County Maintenance Garage. The following materials are accepted during collections: pesticides, herbicides, solvents, used oil, oil based paint (no latex), antifreeze, fuels, batteries, mercury, and tires. Once a package or container is empty, it may be discarded in the trash. Contact the [hazmat coordinator](#) for more information.

Junk Mail



Go to www.dmachoice.org to opt out of receiving unsolicited commercial mail. Before recycling, Rockbridge County Recycling highly recommends the shredding of any unwanted mail. Rockbridge County Recycling partners with The Main Street Group twice a year to hold shredding events for city and county residents and local businesses. You can enjoy some coffee and treats and watch your piles of paper turning into shreds. It is okay for items to have paper clips, staples, etc. Shredding documents with personal information helps reduce your risk of identity theft. Shreds are recycled into various paper products.

Mattresses



Old mattresses cannot be recycled or reused at our centers. Mattresses should be placed in the opentop container for large household items at any Rockbridge County Recycling Center. Because of health hazards, they are not to be placed in our swap shops for reuse.

Medicine



Old or unused medicine can be taken to Medicap Pharmacy for disposal (2263 Magnolia Avenue, Buena Vista).

Packing Peanuts



Packing peanuts may be taken to Pack And Mail for reuse (449 East Nelson Street, Lexington).

Paint



Rockbridge County offers a hazardous waste collection for Lexington, Buena Vista, and Rockbridge County citizens, held twice a year at the Rockbridge County Maintenance Garage on 228 Greenhouse Road, Lexington. See the “Hazardous Waste” info above. Oil-based paints are accepted at the hazardous collections. Latex paint is not accepted. If you have a can of latex paint to get rid of, pour some kitty litter into the can of paint and leave the can open to dry. When the paint is hardened in the can, it may be disposed into one of our recycling center household trash compactors.

Pet Supplies



Old blankets, towels, pet crates and leashes no longer needed may be taken to the Rockbridge SPCA for reuse (located on Greenhouse Road, 10 Animal Place, Lexington).

Photo Chemicals



To dispose of used developer and stop bath, mix the two substances together in a ventilated container to a pH level between five and seven. You can buy test strips to measure the pH level. Unused developer that contains hydroquinone must be turned in as hazardous waste. Fixer can be reused—the high content of silver has to be removed from the liquid; the metal pieces can be recycled. To do silver recovery, the simple way is to pour it in a soda bottle with a ball of steel wool. The silver will combine with the steel wool and you can dispose of the liquid a week later. Another option is that most photo labs will accept spent fixer. Stabilizers—another photochemical that requires silver filtration and recycling. There are many toners used in photography which have a wide variety of ingredients. Some utilize heavy metals, others contain highly toxic chemicals. For any toner, look at the bottle or box for proper disposal instructions.

Scrap Metal



Scrap metal may be recycled at the Rockbridge County Recycling Centers at Fairfield, Greenhouse Road, Goshen, and Glasgow, as well as Auto-Recyclers in Buena Vista (1400 Sycamore Avenue).

Televisions



Usable televisions may be taken to the Rockbridge County Recycling Centers at Fairfield and Greenhouse Road to be placed in the item swap shop, as well as taken to Goodwill (8 Woodcote Lane, Lexington). Non-usable televisions may be taken to Goodwill or Auto-Recyclers (1400 Sycamore Avenue, Buena Vista).

Tires



The Rockbridge County landfill accepts all tires for a fee. Call 261-3897 for more details. Passenger carlike truck tires (or smaller) are accepted at the county's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collections—no more than four (4) tires are accepted at the HHW garage site, and no more than twenty (20) tires are accepted at the landfill on HHW collection days.

Used Oil



You may recycle used oil at the following drop-off locations:
Advance Auto Parts – 501 East Nelson Street, Lexington;
Advance Auto Parts – 318 West 29th Street, Buena Vista;
C & S Disposal – 44 Arnolds Valley Road, Natural Bridge Station;
Natural Bridge Exxon – 7247 South Lee Highway, Natural Bridge;
Natural Bridge Shell – 4800 South Lee Highway, Natural Bridge;
Poplar Hill Exxon – 848 East Midland Trail, Lexington;
Rockbridge Farmers Co-op – 750 South Main Street, Lexington;
Wayne's Auto Repair – 5589 North Lee Highway, Fairfield.

Yard Waste



Yard waste may be recycled at the Rockbridge County Landfill (Old Buena Vista Rd→Middle Rd→Landfill Rd), and the recycling centers in Fairfield (6019 N Lee Hwy) and Glasgow (695 Sallings Mountain Rd). The yard waste is mulched at the landfill. For citizens who live on farms, it is suggested that you burn your yard waste when there isn't a current burn ban in effect for the area. Composting yard waste is a good option for citizens living in neighborhoods or towns.

Contact the [recycling coordinator](#) for further information.

***Rockbridge County Administration
Recycling Coordinator
150 South Main Street, First Floor
Lexington, Virginia 24450
(540) 463-2437***