

ALBEMARLE COUNTY RECYCLING, REUSE AND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RESOURCES

Albemarle County encourages Sustainable Materials Management: reduce waste, reuse and recycle materials, and dispose of hazardous waste safely.

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RECYCLING

Contact the resources listed here to confirm hours of service and recyclables accepted.

RSWA sites for household recyclables

[McIntire Recycling Center](#), Open Wed-Mon 8:30-5:30pm (6:30pm Mar-Nov) at 611 McIntire Road Charlottesville 22902
[Ivy Solid Waste and Convenience Center](#), Open Mon-Fri, 7:30am – 4:00pm at 4576 Dick Woods Road Charlottesville 22903
[Southern Albemarle Convenience Center](#) Open Fri-Wed, 8:00am – 5:00pm at 6269 Esmont Road Keene 22946

Recyclables Accepted:

Paper: Cardboard including Corrugated, Paperboard and Pizza Boxes; Mixed Paper including books and magazines; Office Paper; Newspaper
 Glass: Food and Beverage containers
 Metals: Aluminum Beverage Cans; Mixed Metals
 Plastics: #1 (PET) rigid plastics – clear only; #2 (HDPE) rigid plastics;
 Plastic bags and film (polyethylene plastics #2 and #4 only), air pouches, bubble wrap, produce and bread bags, Ziploc-type storage bags, dry cleaning bags

Other items accepted by RSWA:

- *Household food waste for composting accepted at McIntire and Ivy
- *Used Cooking Oil accepted at McIntire and Ivy
- *Oyster shells accepted at McIntire only
- *Household refuse (Tag-a-bag) accepted at Ivy and Southern Albemarle Convenience Centers

Commercial / Non-profit, bulk drop off only:

[RSWA Paper Sort Facility](#), 100 Meade Avenue Charlottesville 22902
 Accepting Mixed Paper, Office Paper, and Corrugated Cardboard

NEWSPAPER ONLY

Pantops Shopping Center: receptacle off 250 East in parking area on the side near the Dollar Tree
Northside Library receptacle, 705 Rio Road West

PACKING MATERIALS (Clean packing peanuts, bubble wrap and air pouches)

Blue Ridge Pack & Ship, 805 Preston Avenue, www.instagram.com/blueridgepackandship/
Pack 'N' Mail, 536 Pantops Center, shopatpantops.com/tenant/pack-n-mail/
Package Depot Charlottesville, 2125 Ivy Rd., Suite 1, www.packagedepotville.com/

CHRISTMAS TREE MULCHING

Christmas trees may be dropped off at these locations from late December through mid-January: *RSWA McIntire Road Recycling Center, Greenwood Community Center, Chris Greene Lake Park, Scottsville Community Center, Claudius Crozet Park, Walnut Creek Park, Darden Towe Park, Simpson Park*

PLASTIC BAGS & FILMS (polyethylene plastics #2 and #4)

The following area grocery stores and retailers accept plastic bags and film for recycling, including clean and dry plastic shopping bags, plastic dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, plastic air pouches:
Food Lion, Target, Giant, Wal-Mart, Harris Teeter, Wegmans, Kroger, Lowe's

REUSE

Contact the resources listed here to confirm hours of service and acceptability of your reusable items for donation, consignment, or sale.

GENERAL - BUILDING SUPPLIES, FURNITURE, HOUSEHOLD GOODS

RSWA Ivy Solid Waste and Recycling Center , 4576 Dick Woods Road, The Encore Shop
<https://www.rivanna.org/ivy-material-utilization-center-muc/>

The Habitat Store, 1221 Harris Street cvillehabitatstore.org/

SPORTING EQUIPMENT

Play It Again Sports, 1885 Seminole Trail www.playitagainsportscville.com/

Ragged Mountain Running Shop, 3 Elliewood Ave (athletic shoes only)
www.raggedmountainrunning.com/

High Tor Gear Exchange (outdoor/camping gear), 1717 Allied Street,
www.hightorgearexchange.com

ARTS & CRAFTS MATERIALS

The Scrappy Elephant, 1745 Allied Street, Suite C, Charlottesville, scrappyelephant.com

PLASTIC GARDEN POTS

Lowe's Garden Center, 400 Woodbrook Drive, www.lowes.com/store/VA-Charlottesville/0517

BOOKS

The Book Room, Shoppers World, 440 Twentyninth Pl. Ct.,

www.facebook.com/thebookroomva/

Friends of Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, jmrlfriends.org/book-donations

Heartwood Used Books, 5 Elliewood Ave,

www.abaa.org/booksellers/details/heartwood-books

2nd Act Books, 214 E Main St., <https://www.2ndactbooks.com/>

Daedalus Bookshop, 123 Heather Heyer Way

Blue Whale Books, 115 W. Main Street, www.bluewhalebooks.com

MEDICAL AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

All Blessings Flow, 2335 Seminole Lane, www.allblessingsflow.org

CLOTHING, FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS

The Cville-Albemarle SPCA Rummage Store, 364 Hillside Dr., caspca.org/rummage/

The Green Olive Tree, 5370 Three Notch'd Road www.greenolivetreecrozet.com/donations/

Twice is Nice, 923 Preston Avenue & 918 Preston Avenue, twiceisnicestore.org

Earlsville Exchange, 4006 Earlsville Road, www.earlsvilleexchange.org/

Kid to Kid (Children's clothing, gear, toys, maternity wear), 370 Hillside Dr.,
kidtokid.com/location/charlottesville

Goodwill, 440 Gander Dr., 29 North & 34 Mill Creek Drive, www.goodwillvalleys.com/donate/donate-goods/

Natalie Dressed, 1051 Millmont Street, nataliedressed.com/

Salvation Army Store, 604 Cherry Avenue, satruck.org/

Plato's Closet, 1788 Rio Hill Center, www.platosclosetcharlottesville.com/

Circa (furniture & furnishings), 1700 Allied Street, circainc.com/

Wilder, 1716-18 Allied Street, wildercville.com/

The Eternal Attic (consignment), 2125 Ivy Rd., www.instagram.com/theeternalattic/?hl=en

Uptown Cheapskate, 374 Hillside Dr., www.uptowncheapskate.com/location/Charlottesville/

The Consignment House, 121 West Main Street, www.consignmenthousecville.com

Darling x Dashing Boutique, 115 First Street South, www.shopatdarling.com

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

RSWA holds special collection days twice annually for Household Hazardous Wastes including: Acids, Adhesives, Batteries, CFLs, E-cigarettes, Floor and Furniture Polish, Fluorescent Lighting Tubes, Gasoline, Household Cleaners, Kerosene, Lithium Batteries, Paint-related Products and Solvents, and Pesticides www.rivanna.org/hhw/

ANTIFREEZE

RSWA Ivy Solid Waste and Recycling Center, 4576 Dick Woods Road,
www.rivanna.org/ivy-material-utilization-center-muc/

CFL LIGHT BULBS/TUBES

Batteries Plus Bulbs, 1401 Emmet Street North
<https://www.batteriesplus.com/store-locator/va/charlottesville>
Lowe's, 400 Woodbrook Drive – Compact fluorescent (CFL) bulbs only
<https://www.lowes.com/store/VA-Charlottesville/0517>

BATTERIES

Batteries Plus Bulbs, 1401 Emmet Street North, www.batteriesplus.com/store-locator/va/charlottesville
Staples, Shoppers World 29 North and 243 Ridge McIntire Road,
<https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling>
Audi Charlottesville, Redwood Materials drop off box for lithium batteries, 1300 Richmond Road, www.redwoodmaterials.com

PHARMACEUTICALS

Sentara Martha Jefferson, Outpatient Pharmacy, 500 Martha Jefferson Dr., Mon -Fri, 9am-5pm
UVA Health System, Outpatient pharmacy waiting area, 1240 Lee Street, open 24/7
Top Notch Pharmacy, Collection box, 943 Preston Ave, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat 9am-2pm
For information about DEA drug take back days, visit takebackday.dea.gov/

RECHARGEABLE ONLY

Best Buy, 1615 Emmet Street North,
www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?
Central Battery Specialists, 750 Harris St. #104 and #105, centralbattery.net/
Lowe's 400 Woodbrook Drive, www.lowes.com/store/VA-Charlottesville/0517

ELECTRONIC WASTE (electric or battery-powered items)

Best Buy, 1615 Emmet Street North, www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c
Staples, Shoppers World 29 North and 243 Ridge McIntire Road
<https://www.staples.com/stores/recycling>
RSWA Ivy MUC has twice annual special collection days, www.rivanna.org/ewaste/

VEHICLE BATTERIES

Advance Auto Parts, Shoppers World 29 North, 100 S. Pantops Dr., & 3479 Seminole Trail
Autozone, 910 River Road and 1250 Seminole Trail
Batteries Plus Bulbs, 1401 Emmet Street North,
www.batteriesplus.com/store-locator/va/charlottesville
Central Battery Specialists, 750 Harris St. #104 and #105, www.centralbattery.net

INK/TONER CARTRIDGES

Best Buy, 1615 Emmet Street North
bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?
Staples, Shoppers World 29 North and 243 Ridge McIntire Road,
<http://www.staples.com/stores/recycling>

BULKY WASTE (mattresses, appliances, tires)

RSWA Ivy Solid Waste and Recycling Center, 4576 Dick Woods Road,
www.rivanna.org/hhw/ (also accepted on Fall and Spring Bulky Waste Amnesty Days)

MOTOR OIL

RSWA Ivy Solid Waste and Recycling Center, 4576 Dick Woods Road,
<http://www.rivanna.org/ivy-material-utilization-center-muc/>
Also check with local automotive shops

CELL PHONES

Best Buy, 1615 Emmet Street North bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?

Staples, Shoppers World 29 North and 243 Ridge McIntire Road
<http://www.staples.com/stores/recycling>

PAINT

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