

# A to Z List...

## **AEROSOLS**

Aerosol cans that contained a hazardous material such as paints or pesticides and are empty can go in the trash. Those with any quantity in them should be brought to a household hazardous waste collection event. Empty aerosol cans that did not contain a hazardous product can be recycled.

## **AIR CONDITIONERS**

Air conditioners are accepted for a fee at the Casella Drop-off location in Cambridge and at the Highgate Transfer Station.

## **AIR PILLOWS (SEE PACKING MATERIALS)**

These are not recyclable, therefore they are trash unless you can donate to a local shipping store or local post office.

## **AMMUNITION**

Unwanted ammunition, road flares, and fireworks must be handled properly. Call the State Police Explosives Unit for disposal options.

## **ANIMAL CARCASS**

Contact the State Solid Waste Management Program at 802-828-1138

## **ANTIFREEZE**

Antifreeze can be brought to a household hazardous waste collection event. Visit [fairfaxvt.org](http://fairfaxvt.org) for information on upcoming events.

## **APPLIANCES – METALS**

Appliances, if in working condition, should be reused if possible. Place an ad on Craigslist, Front Porch Forum, or VTgrandpa.com. If they are not in working order they can be brought to the drop-off in Cambridge or at the transfer Station in Highgate.

## **ASBESTOS**

Friable and non-friable asbestos must be handled and disposed of carefully. Contact the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (802-863-7236, or toll-free in Vermont 800-439-8550) for a list of licensed asbestos abatement contractors. You can also contact the Vermont Department of Health Lead and Asbestos Program (802-865-7784 or 800-439-8550) for assistance with health concerns about asbestos.

## **ASEPTIC CONTAINERS**

Recycling options are not currently available, please place them in the trash.

## **ASHES**

A great fertilizer, especially in the spring. Spread on your lawn or garden. Ashes can also be disposed of as long as they are cold! If not, they are a significant fire hazard. Wet them down, or store in a metal can until they have cooled completely before transporting.

## **ASPHALT (CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION).**

Small loads of Construction and Demolition material is accepted at the Casella Drop-Off facility in Cambridge. Larger loads can be brought to the Highgate Transfer Station.

## **AUTOMOBILES**

Junk cars can be brought to Hodgdon Scrap Yard. Donate working vehicles (or even those in need of repair) to a reuse outlet.

Good News Garage 877-448-3288 or

Community Action Motors 476-7800

Wheels for Wishes at 1-877-675-9474 (WISH).

Cars to Cure Breast Cancer at 1-855-450-2873

Charity Cars at 1-800-Charity Cars

## **BALLASTS, PCB AND NON PCB**

These materials can be brought to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

## **BATTERIES**

Batteries can be brought to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. They are also accepted at the Northwest Solid Waste Management District's facility in Georgia

## **BOOKS**

If books are still in good condition, donate to a used bookstore, thrift store or community rummage sale. Unusable paperbacks and magazines can go in regular recycling while hardcovers go into the trash if they are not repurposed in another one of the above avenues. You can remove the covers and place the pages in recycling.

## **BOX SPRINGS (AND MATTRESSES)**

Box Springs and Mattresses are accepted for a fee at Highgate Transfer Station.

## **BOXBOARD**

If it is clean, place in your recycle bin

## **BOTTLES**

If they are clean, place in your recycle bin

## **BOTTLE CAPS & LIDS (SEE LIDS)**

Caps less than 2" in diameter are trash. Larger than 2" in diameter and displaying a recycle logo are recyclable.

## **BUBBLE WRAP (SEE PACKING MATERIALS)**

These are not recyclable, therefore they are trash unless you can donate to a local shipping store or local post office.

## **BUILDING MATERIALS**

Construction and Demolition materials are accepted for a fee at Casella Drop-Off facility in Cambridge, and the Highgate Transfer Station.

## **CANS**

If they are clean, place in your recycle bin

## **CARDBOARD, CORRUGATED (CLEAN)**

If it is clean, place in your recycle bin

## **CARPET**

Carpets are accepted for a fee at Casella Drop-Off facility in Cambridge, and the Highgate Transfer Station.

## **CAT LITTER**

If conventional clumping litter, it goes in the trash.

If you use a natural plant-based litter, composting may be an option. Keep in mind when composting cat litter that it is easy to do, but should be kept separate from regular food-scrap based compost, and, when the composting process is complete, should be used on ornamentals only. Compost cat litter for 12 - 18 months to be certain pathogens have been killed by the composting process.

## **CATALOGS**

Can be place in your recycle bin

Contact companies and ask to be removed from mailing list if unwanted.

To remove your name from most national direct marketing lists, register with the Direct Marketing Association's (DMA) Mail Preference Service. Send a written request with your name as it appears on all catalog labels to:

Direct Marketing Association  
Mail Preference Service  
P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY 11735

## **CDS (SEE ALSO DVDS, GAME DISKS)**

If unscratched, consider selling on ebay, Craigs List, Front Porch Forum, VTgrandpa.com or bring them to Resource in Burlington. CD and DVD's are not recyclable and must be placed in the trash if they cannot be repurposed.

## **CELL PHONES**

There are a number of options for broken or unwanted cell phones. You can donate your working cell phone to Voices Against Violence in St. Albans for use by victims of domestic violence.

The phone can also be donated to the Barlow Street Community Teen Center, they collect them as a fundraiser and are given \$1.00 per phone by a company that recycles them.

Cell phones are also accepted for recycling at the NWSWD Offices in Georgia and at the Highgate Transfer Station. They can also be brought to the local stores listed below. Contact the store directly for hours of operation.

- Best Buy -- 26 Cypress, Williston. NOTE: Best Buy also accepts rechargeable batteries.
- Sprint PCS Store -- 166 Sycamore, Williston, (802) 872-7732
- Staples -- 1375 Maple Tree Place, Williston and 861 Williston Rd, South Burlington, (802) 872-0260 NOTE: Staples also accepts pagers and rechargeable batteries.
- Verizon -- 825 Williston Rd, South Burlington, (802) 865-3100

## **CHRISTMAS TREES**

Trees can be brought to the Cambridge Drop-Off.

## **CLEAN WOOD (DIMENSIONAL LUMBER)**

Use for home heating purposes or save for future household projects.

## **CLEANING PRODUCTS**

Bring anything marked, "Danger, Hazard, Warning or Caution" to a Household Hazardous Waste collection.

## **CLOTHING/TEXTILES**

Donate to Goodwill, Salvation Army, local thrift store or church.

## **COMPUTERS (SEE ELECTRONICS)**

Check out the Vermont E-Waste Recycling program for more details on the program. <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/>. Computers from residents are accepted for free at the Highgate Transfer Station, Northwest Solid Waste Management District locations, Ace Hardware in Enosburg, the Alburgh Transfer Station and at the Milton Drop-off Facility.

## **CONTAINERS**

If they are clean, place in your recycle bin (plastics #1-7)

## **COPIER TONER (SEE PRINT CARTRIDGES)**

Recycle at place of purchase in most cases. Staples has a program that recycles all toners and cartridges in store or on line - up to 10 per month. In some cases you may earn rebates toward future purchases. More information about the Staples program can be found at <http://www.staples.com/sbd/cre/marketing/easy-on-the-planet/recycling-and-eco-services.html>

Also - <http://freerecycling.com/>

## **CRAYONS**

Check with your school, nursing home or daycare as Crayons can be used in craft projects. You can also send them to Crazy Crayon's National Crayon Recycle Program. [www.crazycrayons.com](http://www.crazycrayons.com)

## **DEHUMIDIFIERS**

Dehumidifiers are accepted for a fee at the Casella Drop-off location in Cambridge and at the Highgate Transfer Station.

## **EGG CARTONS**

If you know someone with chickens, they may like them. Paper ones can be placed in your recycling bin or composted. Styrofoam cartons go in trash.

## **ELECTRONICS**

Check out the Vermont E-Waste Recycling program for more details on the program. <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/e-waste/>. Electronics are accepted at the Highgate Transfer Station, Northwest Solid Waste Management District locations, Ace Hardware in Enosburg, the Alburgh Transfer Station and at the Milton Drop-off Facility.

## **EYEGASSES**

Used eyeglasses can be donated year-round through collection boxes located at offices of members of the American Optometric Association, Goodwill stores and Lens Crafters and most optometrist offices. Call 800-74-SIGHT for collection information.

## **FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

Unwanted fire extinguishers - Vermont Fire Extinguisher 802-476-6116. Standard dry chemical fire extinguishers can be safely discarded as long as they are empty.

## **FIREWORKS/EXPLOSIVES/AMMUNITION**

Unwanted ammunition, road flares, and fireworks must be handled properly. Call the State Police Explosives Unit 802-244-8727 before moving explosives and shock-sensitive materials. PLEASE do not dispose of any of these items in your trash. They are NOT accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection days.

## **FLUORESCENT BULBS/LAMPS**

Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes (straight, circular and U-shaped), compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, UV radiation tubes, HID bulbs, and metal halide and sodium bulbs contain mercury and are all considered hazardous and should be brought to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day.

Also some local outlets, such as those listed below, offer CFL recycling services, usually at no cost, either on their own or as part of utility-run programs.

- J&L Hardware in Fairfax 802-849-6402
- Aubuchon's St. Albans 802-524-9855 - CFL Bulb Recycling Center
- Aubuchon's Enosburg Falls 802- 933-2972 - CFL Bulb Recycling Center

## FOIL

Place in your recycle bin

## FOOD WASTE

Compost in food waste in your back yard. Feed leftover food to chickens or pigs if you have them. Donate extra food (unopened) to the Vermont Food Bank or local food shelf.

## GASOLINE AND GAS/OIL MIXTURES

These are hazardous waste and must be brought to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

## GLASS

Place clean glass in your recycling bin. Window pane glass is not recyclable and must go in the trash.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

You can bring household hazardous waste to any one of the scheduled Hazardous Waste Collection Events. Visit [fairfaxvt.org](http://fairfaxvt.org) for more information.

## HEARING AIDS

Recycle unwanted or older hearing aids and assistive devices at the Starkey Hearing Foundation. Securely package the donation and mail to:

**Hear Now**

**6700 Washington Avenue South**

**Eden Prairie, MN 55344**

**866-354-3254**

## HYPODERMIC NEEDLES/SHARPS

Needles, lancets and syringes used for home health care are not regulated and can go in the trash. To protect workers in the waste industry, place all needles in a sealed container and label it "Sharps – Do Not Recycle." A plastic soda or laundry detergent bottle with a lid makes a good container.

See also Medical Waste



## **IRONS**

Plastic irons can go in the regular trash. Metal irons can be recycled as scrap metal provided they do not contain a mercury switch (older irons would have one).

## **KEROSENE**

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

## **LATEX PAINT**

Containers with any quantity in them should come to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Your local hardware store may take them as well. Both latex and acrylic paint are safe to go in the trash as long as the contents are completely dried up. If there is a little bit in the can, take the lid off and let it air dry (keep away from children and pets). If there is a lot in the can you can add saw dust or crumpled up newspaper and once that is dry, it can go in the trash. If you have a full can that you want to get rid of, contact 855-724-6809 or visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org) for a list of locations that accept paint.

## **LEAF AND YARD WASTE**

Composting is the best answer for these types of materials. Piling leaves, brush and yard waste near your composter will provide you with ample material throughout the year to generate compost for your garden. You can rent a small chipper for little money to turn larger brush into mulch for your compost or garden. You can also bring leaf and yard waste to any facility that accepts trash. You can also contact your waste hauler to arrange for leaf and yard waste collection.

## **LEAD PAINTED WOOD & CHIPS**

Wood with lead paint is considered contaminated and needs to be disposed as a solid waste. Lead paint chips that have been scraped off wood siding, windows, furniture, etc. are considered Household hazardous waste, and should be brought to a HHW collection.

## **MAGAZINES**

Place in your recycling bin.

## **MERCURY PRODUCTS**

For best disposal information, go to the Vermont Mercury Education & Reduction Campaign. <http://www.mercvt.org/dispose/index.htm>

## **MEDICATIONS**

In most cases, unwanted medication should be placed in the trash. See pharmaceuticals or prescription pills. Occasionally, disposal events are put on by law enforcement. Check with local law enforcement when the next event would be in your area.

## **MICROWAVES**

Can be placed in the scrap metal container at the Casella Drop-Off in Cambridge or at the Highgate Transfer Station. Microwaves are not considered electronic waste.

## **MOTOR OIL**

Used motor oil (no antifreeze or gasoline mixed in) can be taken to the Fairfax Town Garage.

## **NEWSPAPER**

Place in recycling bin. Newspapers MAY be used in compost – HOWEVER be sure that the makeup of your newspapers ink is compatible with the type of compost you are trying to harvest.

## **OIL FILTERS**

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

## **OIL-BASED PAINT**

Bring to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Also, check out the PaintCare website ([www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org)) for complete list of sites that collect o paints throughout the State of Vermont.

## **PAPER (INCLUDING PAPER BAGS)**

Place in recycling bin.

## **PESTICIDES**

Bring pesticides to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

## **PHONE BOOKS**

Place in recycling bin

## **PIZZA BOXES**

Remove any leftovers and place in recycling bin. If the box has grease on the inside then place in the trash.

## **PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS**

Place in recycling bin – must be empty and clean

## **PLASTIC BAGS**

First we encourage you to reuse them, or use cloth bags; don't use plastic bags in the first place.

PLEASE do not place them in with your curbside or zero sort recycling. You can bring them to most major grocery store plastic bag recycling bins:

Plastic grocery bags get recycled at:

Shaws

Hannaford's

Price Chopper

## **PROPANE TANKS**

Return to the retailer for refill or exchange. The new style tanks are refillable. Please check with a local hardware store or convenience store for an exchange program.

## **SMOKE DETECTORS**

Smoke detectors contain a small amount of radioactive material, which does not travel very far, even in air. Nonetheless, do not open the insides of a smoke detector, as that could remove the shielding, possibly exposing you to levels above background. Vermont residents may dispose of smoke detectors as trash.

Alternatively, smoke detectors may be mailed back to the manufacturer for recycling. Mail smoke detectors by surface or UPS ground mail. (Specify on the package that they should not be shipped via air.) Contact the manufacturer's toll-free number for instructions and mailing address.

Two manufacturers that make a large percentage of the smoke detectors in use may be reached at the following numbers:

- First Alert/BRK Brands (Aurora, IL) 800-323-9005

- American Sensors (Canada) 800-387-4219

Businesses with smoke detectors should call the Vermont Environmental Assistance Division in at 1-800-974-9559, to receive information about proper disposal.

## **STYROFOAM**

Styrofoam is not recyclable and can be placed in the trash. Try purchasing products that do not contain Styrofoam.

## **TELEVISIONS (SEE ELECTRONICS)**

## **TIRES**

Tires can be brought to the Casella Drop-off Facility in Cambridge or to the Highgate Transfer Station.