

ClimateSmart

Recycling and Composting



Did you know...?

- Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees, 2 barrels of oil (enough to run the average car for 1,260 miles), 4,100 kilowatts of energy (enough power for the average home for 6 months), 3.2 cubic yards of landfill space, and 60 pounds of air pollution.
- Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to operate a TV for 3 hours.

How can I recycle at home?

If you live in a single-family home, contact your trash hauler about what is accepted for curbside recycling and if they provide recycling bins. If you live in a multi-unit complex, check the common trash area for recycling containers or contact your property manager about starting service at your complex. The most common materials accepted are mixed containers and mixed papers.

Mixed containers includes: aluminum cans, pie plates, and foil; steel cans; glass jars and bottles; paper milk cartons and juice boxes; and narrow neck plastic bottles with a #1, #2, or #5 on the bottom.

Mixed paper includes: newspapers and inserts; office paper/opened mail; phone books; magazines & catalogs; corrugated cardboard, brown paper bags; and larger paperboard such as cereal boxes.

What else can I take to a drop-off center?

Traditional Recyclables:

For traditional recyclables such as cans, bottles, mixed paper, cardboard, phone books, and scrap metal, use the Boulder County Recycling Center at 1901 63rd St. which is open 24 hours/7 days a week. Call (720) 564-2220 or visit <http://www.bouldercounty.org/recycling/recycle/recbould.htm> for details about what they accept.

Hard to Recycle Materials:

For hard-to-recycle materials such as books, textiles, shoes, plastic bags (#2 & #4), white block foam (#6), cooking oil, porcelain, bike tubes, bike tires, and big, durable plastics (#2 molds), use the Eco-

Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard to Recycle Materials (CHaRM) at 5030 Pearl St. which is open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Saturday. Call (303) 444-6634 or visit www.ecocycle.org for details of what they accept.

Construction Waste:

To donate used building materials for reuse visit ReSource at 2665 N. 63rd St. Call first at (303) 419-5418 or visit www.resourceyard.org to find out what materials they need and what is available for your next remodeling project.

Organic Waste:

For organics such as yard trimmings and branches, use the Yard Waste Drop-off Site and for clean, untreated, and unpainted wood waste, use the Wood Waste Drop-off Site. Both drop-offs are located at Western Disposal Services, 5880 Butte Mill Rd. and are open from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday-Saturday (Sat. hours are until 2:00 pm in winter). Call (303) 444-2037 or visit www.westerndisposal.com for details of what they accept.

Hazardous Waste:

For disposing of household hazardous waste such as cleaners, garden chemicals, paint and automotive fluids use the Boulder County Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at Western Disposal Services, 5880 Butte Mill Road. Hours are 8:00 am to 3:30 pm on Wednesdays and 8:00 am to noon on Fridays and Saturdays. Call (303) 441-4800 or visit www.bouldercounty.org/recycling/hhw/hhwaccept.htm to find out exactly what they accept.

What if I have more recycling or coposting questions?

Recycle Boulder Hotline at (303) 441-4234

Eco-Cycle at (303) 444-6634 or visit www.ecocycle.org

**For general waste reduction information on city of Boulder programs, please visit
www.environmentalaffairs.com or call (303) 441-4204.**

