

How to Recycle Items that Cannot be Placed in Single Stream Recycling in Montgomery County Spring 2022

	Acceptable in trash (to landfill)	HHW ¹	YMCA Thrift Shop	Goodwill	Grocery	Best Buy ²	Home Depot	Lowe's	Habitat Restore ³	Easy Way Pkgng Center	Point of Purchase	Notes
Aerosol cans, not empty	No	✓										Single stream recycling if empty
Batteries (alkaline only)	Yes											not accepted for recycling
Batteries (rechargeable, lithium, button)	No	✓	✓				rechargeable only	rechargeable only				Thrift Shop lobby – follow directions for processing
Building materials, furniture, fixtures, still useful	Consider reuse		✓						✓			
Compostables/biodegradables	Yes, but see Notes ->											Start a compost bin!
Computer peripherals	No		✓	✓		✓						
Electronics ⁴ (working and non-working), including cell phones	No	✓	✓	✓		✓						Label as working or non-working
Eyeglasses	Consider reuse		✓									Box in Thrift Shop lobby; also Lions Club
Glues, adhesives, sealers	No	✓										
Housewares, toys, books, etc. – gently used	Consider reuse		✓	✓					some			
Light bulbs – CFLs, tube fluorescents	No	✓	✓				✓	✓				In trash if broken
Light bulbs – incandescent & LED	Yes											May go in trash
Metal – aluminum, copper, lead	Sell back or recycle See Notes ->								✓			Metals Buyback at Mont. Regional Solid Waste in C'burg
Metal - used or rusty, steel	Recycle		✓									
Motor oil, oil filters, and other automotive fluids, car batteries	No	✓									Car batteries	
Oil – Any type of used vegetable-based cooking oil	Recycle	✓										Do not mix with any other fluids
Paint – Water-based (latex)	Yes See Notes ->											Use cat litter or sand to dry up, then put in trash
Paint and stain – other than water-based	No	✓										
Paper, shredded	Yes	✓ May be bagged										Do NOT recycle in single stream recycling
Pest control and Garden products	No	✓										
Plastic bags/plastic film (#2 or #4), bubble wrap, etc.	Recycle											Trex recycling at BPC or Food Lion. Follow direction sheets at boxes near entrances of BPC; or return bags to grocery.

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Prescription and non-prescription medications for Humans and Pets	No											DEA's Drug Take Back ⁵ , pharmacies or Police Dept.
Printer ink cartridges	No		✓			✓	✓	✓			✓	
Products Containing a Hazardous Warning Label – Poison, Toxic, Corrosive, Volatile, Flammable, Inflammable, Combustible, Explosive, Danger, Caution, Warning, Oxidizer	No	✓										See household hazardous waste for a list of items considered hazardous waste
Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms/detectors	Yes										✓	Remove batteries first; see https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2012/pb22334/html/cover_025.htm
Styrofoam packing peanuts	Reuse or recycle									✓		Deliver to B'Burg store N. Main
Textiles (gently used clothing, blankets, etc.)	Consider reuse		✓	✓								
Textiles or clothing, worn out (for recycling)	Recycle		✓	✓								
Tires	No	✓									✓	MRSWA ¹ for a fee or put in twice yearly Clean-up Collection
Misc. items - cardboard tubes, magazines, CD photo calendars, film canisters, spools, CDs & CD cases, coffee & oatmeal containers, wallpaper & paint chip samples, bottle caps, lids, egg cartons, rubber bands, advertising magnets, buttons, corks, leftover craft materials, contact paper	Consider reuse See Notes ->											New River Creative Reuse Center ⁶ for use by local educators. See https://www.facebook.com/NewRiverCreativeReuse/
Other - See https://earth911.com/ to look up recyclability of almost anything												What's recyclable and what's not – great info!

¹HHW - Household Hazardous Waste – These items should be taken to a Household Hazardous Waste Day at MRSWA in Christiansburg, twice yearly - in the spring and the fall. The dates are posted at [mrswa.com](https://www.mrswa.com) in the months prior. An appointment for drop-off is required. For a complete list see <https://www.mrswa.com/index.php/disposal-guide>

²Best Buy – see <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025>. Some recycling is free, some is for trade-in or discounts.

³Habitat Restore – See <https://www.habitatnrv.org/restore/donation-center/> for a list of accepted items

⁴Electronics are anything that uses an electric cord or is operated by batteries

⁵DEA's last National Prescription **Drug Take Back Day** was April 30, 2022. The National Prescription **Drug Take Back Day** aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription **drugs**, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications. See <https://safe.pharmacy/drug-disposal/> for further information. Put sharps in a #2 plastic bottle (eg. laundry detergent) with a lid and place in trash.

⁶ The New River Creative Reuse Center at Wonder Universe, New River Valley Mall, Uptown Christiansburg (these items are available free for use by local educators, scout leaders and camp counselors in art and classroom projects). Hours: Tu-Sa - 9:30 am-12:30 pm & 2:00 pm-5:00 pm; Su - 12:00 pm-2:00 pm & 3:00 pm-5:00 pm