

Recycling info sheet

The purpose of this info sheet is to help EVERYONE who is interested in having a lesser impact on the planet through recycling. Feel free to share widely, but be aware that this information may change at any point. If you see an error or know of other resources and/or other materials that can be recycled and are not included here, please email us at sustainable.roanoke@gmail.com. Thanks!

1. [Roanoke City's Recycling and Disposal Solutions \(RDS\) list of acceptable & unacceptable items](#)

2. [Roanoke County](#): Although the County does not have curbside recycling service, the RDS has public bins in different locations, such as Glenvar Middle School, Cox Communications, Hollins University, Brambleton Area, and William Byrd Middle School. Click on the link above for the most current information.

3. [Where to recycle everything else](#)

1. Roanoke City's [Recycling and Disposal Solutions](#) (RDS) list of acceptable & unacceptable items

RDS accepts and collects the following in the bright blue bins in Roanoke:



- Aluminum beverage cans, steel, and tin cans*
- Glass bottles, containers, and jars*/**
- Mixed paper, newspapers, and magazines
- Cardboard boxes
- Pizza box lids (no food scraps/grease)
- Plastic water bottles*
- Milk jugs*
- Plastic jugs, shampoo/soap bottles, laundry detergent and cleaning supply containers marked #1 or #2*
- Plastics #1 and #2 only

**Best Practice: Please remove all liquids and food scraps from bottles and containers.*

***Glass is currently picked up by RDS but it is not recycled or transformed in any way. It's just piled up nearby, waiting for future uses to come into existence. If you want your **blue glass** to be used for art, you can take it to the Co+Op.*

RDS does NOT accept (they will send these to the landfill if put in bright blue bins, thus costing us taxpayers more money)

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- Clamshells, even though they are #1 (read the reasons [here](#))
- Plastics #3 - #7
- Aluminum foil
- Small aluminum cans, such as cat food or tuna cans*
- Plastic toys and furniture
- Wood pieces
- Clothing and fabric
- Food waste
- Rope, wire, and hoses
- Drinking straws
- CDs, DVDs, Discs
- Vending cups
- Fiberglass
- Plastic pipes and PVC
- Tupperware
- Milk cartons (the information about milk cartons is at best contradictory: we have been told different things by different people)

3. Where to recycle everything else

You can recycle many other products and materials yourself. Check out the list below. If you notice any errors, please let us know at sustainable.roanoke@gmail.com. If you don't have a large amount of items to recycle and it seems like it's not worth shipping them, we suggest that you look for friends, neighbors, or colleagues who may want to send theirs and share the costs with you. You can always publish a post in the [Sustainable Roanoke](#) group to see if other members are interested.

1. [Roanoke Valley Resource Authority](#)

Accepted items: Aluminum Cans, Cardboard, Latex Paint (No Commercial) Maximum 5-gallon quantities per visit, Lead Acid Automobile Batteries, Newspapers, Office Paper, Plastic Bottles Number 1 and Number 2, Spray Cans, Tin Cans, Used Antifreeze (No Commercial) Maximum 5-gallon quantities per visit, Used Oil (No Commercial), Maximum 5-gallon quantities per visit

For additional items that RVRA also accepts, click [here](#).

Drop off location (You must go to their website [calendar](#) and register for their monthly drop off event, so they can assure someone will be there to meet you):

1020 Hollins Road NE
Roanoke, VA 24012
Phone: 540-283-6562

2. CDs

3. [Tyvek Products](#)

Ship to:

CFS Waste Services
Attn: Sheree Hardin, Site Manager
337 A Industrial Drive
Petersburg, VA 23803

Sheree's contact info: shardin@containerfirst.com, 804-518-2930.

Best practices for recycling: Sheree says any amount can be shipped but it's probably best to collect for a few months before shipping. She requests that we make sure any envelopes are empty, but a small amount of attached labels are ok.

4. Tidewater Fiber

Accepted items: Tetra paks like the ones in the photo below.

Best Practices:

1. Make sure your cartons are empty and dry.
2. If applicable, keep straws in and caps on.
3. If you are going to use the USPS, make sure your box is less than 12"x12"x12" as larger boxes will incur a surcharge.
4. Write "CARTONS" on the front of your package.

Ship to:

Tidewater Fiber
1958 Diamond Hill Road
Chesapeake, VA 23324



5. The Roanoke Co+Op in Grandin

- Blue glass is collected for art projects (RDS collects all glass, but as far as we know they don't recycle it; it's just being piled up until they come up with something to do with it, which may be putting in the landfill, who knows!)

6. Subaru Love the Earth Program

Accepted items: Any brand of disposable cups, lids, and straws, any brand candy and snack wrappers, any brand of coffee or creamer capsules.

Drop off location:

First Team Subaru
6530 Peters Creek Road
Roanoke, VA 24019

Best practices for recycling: Items must be **THOROUGHLY** washed and dry.



7. Best Buy

Accepted items they recycle for free:

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| • TV and video | • Ink and toner | • Video games and gadgets |
| • Computers and tablets | • Audio | • Cameras and camcorders |
| • Cell phones and radios | • Home | • Car audio, video and GPS |
| • Appliances | • Music and movies | |

You can recycle up to three items per household per day. Before you drive to the store, give them a call to make sure they accept the items you hope to recycle, as things may differ from location to location.

8. McIntire Road Recycling Center in Charlottesville

Accepted items: Check out the link above for all the items they accept, but the reason why we have this listed here is because they accept **cat-food cans**! Many recycling facilities don't recycle them because of their coating. So far, it seems as if this one does. They also accept the following:

Aluminum Plates, Trays, & Foil
Tin Cans
Steel Containers
Empty Aerosol Cans
Metal Coat Hangers

Important: Driving to Charlottesville from the Roanoke area just to recycle a few tin cans makes no environmental or financial sense. But if you are planning a trip up there, you can bring your cans and, may we suggest, your friends' cans! If you know someone who has to travel to Charlottesville regularly, consider asking them if they can do it.

9. [Green Disk](#)

Accepted items: [Technotrash](#):

- **Media:** CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs, DVDs, Blu-ray, 3.5" and 5.25" floppy disks, zip and jazz disks, and cases
- **Tapes:** VHS, audio cassette tapes, DAT, DLT, Beta, and Digibeta
- **Computer drives:** Hard drives, zip, jazz, floppy, CD-ROM, DVD drives, and jump drives
- **Communication devices:** Cell phones, pagers, PDAs and their chargers, cradles, and headset accessories
- **Batteries:** Rechargeable batteries and chargers only - no alkaline batteries.
- **Small electronics:** MP3 players, iPods, hand-held CD and cassette players, and digital cameras
- **Ink:** Inkjet and toner cartridges (All cartridges must be in a sealed bag to prevent spilling)
- **Film:** Black and White film only. Please do not include color film.
 - Photographic film negatives, instant film, sheet film, Advanced Photo System, slides, Disc film, 110, 126, 127, 120/220
 - Black and white or undeveloped only: Motion picture film, film reels, Super 8, 8mm, 9.5mm, 16mm, 35mm, 70mm
 - Medical x-ray, industrial x-ray, lithographic, micro film, microfiche
- **Miscellaneous items:** UPS units, AC chargers, keyboards, mice, modems, routers, headphones, cords, adaptors, cables, boards, and chips

10. [Gerdau Metal Recycling](#)

Accepted items: They **buy** all kinds of metal, among which:

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| ● Aluminum | ● Insulated Copper Wire | ● Batteries |
| ● Copper | ● Catalytic Converters | |
| ● Stainless Steel | ● Brass | |

According to a Sustainable Roanoke member, "they will pay a somewhat higher price for aluminum drink cans if they are separated." They do accept all kinds of cat food cans.

May we make a suggestion? **Why don't you save up all your aluminum and sell it to Gerdau and then donate the money to Sustainable Roanoke?** It won't be a lot of money and it probably won't make a huge difference to you, but it can help us ship everyone's recyclables elsewhere!

They are located [off Wonju Street](#).

11. [Salem Iron & Metal](#)

This is a family-owned and operated business that will **buy** your cat-food cans - \$0.04 per pound!

Accepted items: Iron and metal, including cat-food cans.

Salem Iron & Metal

610 E. 9th St.

Salem, Virginia. 24153

(540) 389-0766

SalemIronAndMetal@gmail.com

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:15 pm

12. [Staples](#)

Accepted items they recycle for free:

- Accessories/adapters/cables
- All-in-one computers
- Cable/satellite receivers
- Calculators
- Camcorders
- CD/DVD/Blu-ray players
- Coffee Brewers (less than 40 lb.)
- Computer speakers
- Connected home devices
- Copiers
- Cordless phones
- Desktop computers
- Digital cameras
- Digital projectors
- eReaders
- Fax machines
- Flash drives
- Gaming consoles/handhelds
- GPS devices
- Hard drives
- iPod®/MP3 players
- Keyboards & mice
- Laptops
- Mobile phones
- Modems
- Monitors (including CRT, LED/LCD, plasma)
- Printers/multifunction devices
- Routers
- Scanners
- Shredders
- Small servers
- Stereo receivers
- Tablets
- UPS/battery backup devices
- Video streaming devices (Apple TV®, Roku Player, etc.)
- Webcams

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13. [Walkabout Outfitters](#)

Accepted items:

Socks! You can drop off any brand of used, clean socks at the downtown and Valley View stores (click on the link above for location). They ship them to the [Smartwool Program](#) to be shredded and made into dog bed stuffing, among other things. (You can also send your socks directly to Smartwool, if you prefer.)

Used camp fuel canisters! Only at the Valley View store.

14. Ulta Beauty/Pack - Valley View Ulta Beauty

<https://www.pactcollective.org/ultaxpact>

You can drop off any beauty packaging, as long as it's clean, empty and on the following list:

- Plastic bottles + jars smaller than a fist
- Plastic + aluminum squeezable tubes
- Ceramic + porcelain containers
- Colored glass bottles and jars
- Caps + closures
- Pumps + dispensers
- Droppers + applicators
- Compacts + palettes
- Lipstick/lip gloss tubes + applicators
- Mascara tubes + wand
- Plastic pencil components for eye/lip liner + brow pencils
- Toothpaste tubes + dental floss containers
- Silicone containers
- Pouches
- Supplement bottles

Pact's collection guidelines will continue to evolve as we gain more insight from our community and recycling partners into local recycling capabilities. It is always ideal to check with your local recycling centers for the most accurate information on curbside recyclable items in your area.