## Where to Recycle

### Public Drop-Off Locations

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<td>Flathead County Landfill</td>
<td>(406) 758-5910&lt;br&gt;4098 Hwy 93 N., Open 8-5 daily, flathead.mt.gov/waste/</td>
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<td>Bigfork: Flathead County Site</td>
<td>(406) 758-5910&lt;br&gt;133 MT Hwy 83, behind Crossroads Church, Open 8-5 Daily</td>
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<td>Columbia Falls: Flathead County Site</td>
<td>(406) 758-5910&lt;br&gt;1073 Best Way Rd., Open 8-5 Daily</td>
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<td>Creston: Flathead County Site</td>
<td>(406) 758-5910&lt;br&gt;161 Broeder Loop, Open 8-5 Daily</td>
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<td>Kalispell: Albertson's Grocery</td>
<td>(406) 257-2574&lt;br&gt;In parking lot, 900 W Idaho St. Open 24 hours.</td>
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<td>Kalispell: Kalispell Medical Equipment</td>
<td>(406) 257-2574&lt;br&gt;In parking lot, 55 3rd Ave EN. Enter on 4th Ave. Open 24 hrs.</td>
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<td>Kalispell: Valley Recycling</td>
<td>(406) 257-2574&lt;br&gt;1410 Hwy 2 W. Open 7-4 M-F, <a href="http://www.valleymicronic.com">www.valleymicronic.com</a></td>
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<td>Lakeside: Flathead County Site</td>
<td>(406) 758-5910&lt;br&gt;276 Stoner Creek, Open 8-5 Daily</td>
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<td>Somers: Flathead County Site</td>
<td>(406) 758-5910&lt;br&gt;880 Hwy 82, Open 8-5 Daily</td>
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<td>Whitefish: City Residents and Businesses Only</td>
<td>Please visit <a href="http://www.cityofwhitefish.org/public-works/utilities.php">www.cityofwhitefish.org/public-works/utilities.php</a> for location and information on what can be recycled in Whitefish</td>
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### Curbside Pickup (fee-based service, call to set up)

- Green Machines: (406) 755-8112<br>www.greenmachines.com
- North Valley Refuse: (406) 862-4381<br>Whitefish Only Home & Business
- Kettle Care Organics: 257-6622

**Disclaimer:** Recycling collection policies are subject to change. Please check with recyclers or visit www.wastenotproject.org for the most up-to-date recycling information.

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## Recycle More

### Shipping and Mailing Materials
- The UPS Store: Kalispell: 755-6333, Whitefish: 682-8300
- Whitefish Pottery Store: 862-1417
- Kettle Care Organics: 257-6622

### Computers and Electronics
- Call for prices as there may be fees.
- Pacific Steel & Recycling: 755-7011. No TVs or monitors.
- Best Buy: 752-1300. Flat-screen TVs smaller than 50” only.
- Ink and Laser Cartridges
  - Innerport: 257-4453. Free pick-up, no store front.
  - NW Ink & Toner: 752-9110. 175 Hutton Ranch Rd, Ste 102, Kal.

### Fluorescents and Thermostats
- Businesses must comply with State Law when disposing of tube fluorescent globes, fluorescent, ballasts & thermostats with mercury. Disposal by residents in trash is discouraged but not prohibited. For disposal tips check with vendors below or visit: dept.mt.gov/landfill/Recycling_Refrigerator_Thermostats
- Dakota Supply Group: Thermostats only: 752-1402
- Flathead Electric: CFLs only: 754-4483.
- Ferguson: Thermostats only: 756-7630.
- Home Depot: CFLs only: 755-5333
- Lowe’s Home Improvement: CFLs only: 756-3030
- Flathead Co. Landfill: Thermostats only, ask at gate: 758-5910

### Batteries (Rechargeable Only)
- Batteries Plus: 890-2150, Kalispell
  - Best Buy: 752-1300, Kalispell
  - Home Depot: 755-5333, Kalispell
  - Lowe’s Home Improvement: 758-3030, Kalispell
  - Montana Ace Hardware: 755-9701, Kalispell

### Appliances
- Flathead Co. Landfill: 758-5910. Doors must be removed from refrigerators & freezers. Microwaves for trash only.

### Junk Vehicles and Tires
- Flathead Co. Landfill: Call for price on tires. 758-5910
- Pacific Steel & Recycling: Cars only, no tires. 755-7011

For auto parts and fluids recycling information, please visit WasteNotProject.org.

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**Plastics:** There are seven different types of plastic. A recycling symbol with a number in the center printed on each container determines the type. Only plastics #1 or #2 can be recycled locally.

**Glass:** Glass recycling has been suspended in the Flathead Valley as of 12/18/18.
**COMPOST and ORGANIC MATERIAL**

Flathead County Landfill: 758-5910. Grass, leaves, branches, brush, weeds, hay. Loads must be secured.

**DIRT Rich Compost:** 212-7535. Fee-based pick-up for food scraps. Residential & commercial. Yard waste drop-off at site.

**REDUCE & REUSE**

**CELL PHONE REPAIR**

For cell phone recycling, check with your service provider.

Cell Phone Repair: 257-2348, Kalispell

Radioactive: 257-5999, Kalispell

Batteries Plus: 890-2150, Kalispell

**BUILDING MATERIALS**

Habitat for Humanity ReStore: 257-8800 ext 1. Call ahead. Accepts most building supplies in good condition for reuse or resale; some oil and latex paints; no blinds.

Flathead Recon: 261-5743. Will pick up construction waste for recycling at job sites. Call for info.

**BICYCLES and HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**


CLOTHES & FURNITURE: Give to Flathead Valley thrift stores to be reused.

**HELP PROTECT THE FLATHEAD’S WATER QUALITY**

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL**

Flathead County Landfill: 758-5910

This monthly service is provided for disposal of residential Hazardous Waste. Open on the third Saturday of each month by appointment only so you don’t have to wait in line.

Accepting: Oil-based paint, solvents, strippers, pool and spa chemicals, pesticides/herbicides, fertilizers, cleaners and poisons. Please bring in original, clearly marked closed containers only. DO NOT MIX WASTES.

**Cost-Saving Business Hazardous Waste Disposal**

758-5910 – An Annual Collection Event is offered by Flathead County in late spring each year at cost-saving rates for small businesses. Please call for more information. Visit http://mtp2.org/ for cost-saving tips and technical assistance.

**PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL**

Do not flush medicines down the toilet or drain, as this can pollute local water sources. Instead, take to these safe and easy drop boxes:

Kalispell

Flathead Co. Justice Center: 920 S Main St.

Walgreens Pharmacy: 40 W Idaho St.

The Clinical Pharmacy: 200 Conway Dr.

Family Health Care: 1287 Burns Way

Columbia Falls Police Station: 130 6th St W

Whitefish

Whitefish Police Station: 275 Flathead Ave.

Alpine Apothecary: Inside Super 1

If you can’t make it to a drop box, please follow these steps:

1. Dump medicines out of their container into a resealable bag
2. Pour enough water into the bag to let medicines dissolve
3. Add absorbent like kitty litter, coffee grounds, or sawdust and mix
4. Seal bag, place in a garbage out of reach of children & pets

**DON’T RISK THE $200 FINE! KEEP FLATHEAD COUNTY CLEAN**

In Flathead County, it is a misdemeanor for any person to haul garbage or trash to the landfill or a container site operated by the Flathead County Solid Waste District without containing, covering, or otherwise controlling the load such that no garbage or trash may blow or fall from the vehicle. Failure to comply with this ordinance can result in a fine up to $200.

**visit the WasteNot website**

**www.WasteNotProject.org**

for more information on recycling and reducing waste at home and work.

Contact 756-8993 or waste@flatheadcitizens.org with additional questions.

**Total U.S. Municipal Solid Waste Generation**

(by Material), 2015

262 Million Tons (before recycling)

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**To Warren Zane**

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