

Buncombe County Recycles

There are several ways to recycle in Buncombe County. All franchised haulers are required by the County to provide curbside recycling service through the "Blue Bag" system. If you are a customer of a franchised hauler you may recycle bottles, cans, as well as magazines, newsprint, and corrugated cardboard at your curb using a blue bag. Pickup is provided on a weekly basis on the same day as your garbage collection. You may also take your materials to the drop-off facilities listed on the inside panel.

The Towns of Montreat, Black Mountain and Woodfin also offer the "Blue Bag" service as part of their garbage service. Asheville started the bin collection curbside sort system in January 1997. Biltmore Forest and Weaverville provide drop off sites for recyclables. With the drop off sites at the transfer station and landfill, all residents have recycling available to them.



Buncombe County received the Outstanding County Program award for Fluorescent Bulb Recycling Program from the NC Association of County Commissioners in 2007.

Buncombe County Solid Waste

81 Panther Branch Road
Alexander, N.C. 28701
(828) 250-5462
(828) 250-5460

Hours of Operation:
Monday through Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm
Saturdays
8:00am to 1:00pm

Transfer Station

190 Hominy Creek Road
Asheville, NC 28806
(828) 250-6205

Hours of Operation:
Monday through Friday
8:00am to 4:30pm
Saturdays
8:00am to 3:00pm

Westgate Mall behind Earthfare:
66 Westgate Parkway
Asheville, NC 28806 (open 24/7)



For More Information Visit:

www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/GenServices/solidwaste_recycling.htm

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What to Recycle and How:

Bottles & Cans	LOCATION	PREPARATION
All Plastic Bottles and Jugs (no food containers, clamshells or tubs)	All	Rinse and flatten, remove lids
Aluminum Cans	All	Rinsed
Steel Cans	All	Rinsed
Glass (clear, green, brown bottles and jars)	All	Rinsed, remove lids




Paper

Newspaper	All	May be placed in blue bag, does not have to be bundled separately
Corrugated Cardboard	All	Flattened, tied in bundle, beside blue bag
Mixed paper (magazines, office paper, junk mail, cereal boxes, etc)	All	May be placed in blue bag



Special Wastes

Lead-Acid Batteries	B and C	<p>See special waste section</p> 
Motor Oil	B only	
Tires	B only	
White Goods (stoves, refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, all metals)	B and C	
Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics	B only	
Non-infectious medical waste	C only	
Wood Waste	B only	

Special Waste:

Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics

Buncombe County accepts household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronics every **Friday between 9am and 3pm** at a special drop-off area at the Landfill, excluding weeks with a holiday. Each week, we accept electronics from residents at no charge. Businesses will also be able to drop off electronics, but special arrangements need to be made prior to acceptance, contact the Solid Waste Department prior to arrival. Businesses are assessed a fee for electronics recycling. **Proof of County residency is required.**

The following items must be separated out of loads and brought to the electronics recycling area:

- VCR's & DVD Players
- Copiers
- Fax Machines
- Telephones
- Stereos
- Calculators
- Cell Phones
- Video cameras
- **Televisions**
- Computers (**Monitors**, CPU's, keyboards)
Limit 3 per month



Household Hazardous Waste is also accepted on Fridays 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.:

- Paint & paint related items such as water sealer, paint thinners, enamels and polyurethane will be charged at \$2.00 per gallon.
- There is no charge for pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, motor oil, antifreeze and lead acid batteries.
- No hazardous wastes from businesses will be accepted.
- Bio-Hazardous materials, radioactives and explosives are NOT accepted at any time.

Other Efforts:

Recycling Fluorescent and Compact Fluorescent Lightbulbs

Residents can drop off used compact and regular fluorescent lightbulbs at any of the following participating municipal and volunteer fire departments: If you have broken fluorescent lamps they are also accepted. **BULBS FROM BUSINESSES OR SCHOOLS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS.**

- Asheville #2 and #11
- Beaverdam
- Black Mountain
- Enka-Candler (2 sites)
- Fairview
- Reems Creek
- Reynolds
- Riceville
- Skyland
- Swannanoa
- Weaverville

Residents have two other options as well, they can drop off compact fluorescent lights at the customer service counter of any Home Depot store or they may also order at-home fluorescent tube and compact fluorescent bulb recycling kits from Waste Management at www.thinkgreenfromhome.com.

- Please note: if any of your bulbs are broken please sweep up the contents. **DO NOT** use a vacuum cleaner. It will spread vapors and contaminate the vacuum. Place the contents in a ziplock bag, wipe the area with a wet paper towel or cloth and bring it to the Fire Station.
- Please make sure the broken bulb and towel are sealed in the plastic bag when brought into the Fire Station. Ventilate the room where the lamp was broken.
- When the unit is broken the mercury is released. It is released as a vapor and there will be very little left in the powder.
- 100% of these lamps are recycled.

RECYCLING OPTIONS IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY:

- Blue bag Program
- Solid Waste Management Facility (landfill) on Panther Branch
- Transfer Station on Brevard Road
- Westgate Shopping Center

Residents may purchase blue bags from Ingles' Supermarkets, Wal-Mart and Sam's. Please note blue bag supplies vary. Call your neighborhood store to be certain bags are available.