

# Fairbanks Recycling Guide



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## Dear Fairbanks North Star Borough Resident,

Welcome to this issue of the Fairbanks Recycling Guide—your guide to reducing waste in the Fairbanks area. You may already be familiar with “The Three Rs” of waste reduction, which include **reducing** the amounts of waste created, **reusing** materials whenever possible, and **recycling** materials that cannot be reused.

The Fairbanks Recycling Guide provides current information about recycling and waste prevention in the Fairbanks North Star Borough. This issue provides the basic “nuts and bolts” information about how and where to recycle in our community. Future issues will highlight special recycling opportunities, as well as additional topics to help Fairbanks work towards a greener and more sustainable community—such as composting, energy efficiency, and improving air quality.

The availability of recycling options in Fairbanks is increasing all the time, so check out the guide to learn more about:

- ★ Recycling drop-off locations
- ★ Business Recycling Options
- ★ Electronics Recycling Depot
- ★ and More!

Let us know if there are topics you’d like to see in this guide or questions you’d like to ask. Send your thoughts to [info@iagreenstar.org](mailto:info@iagreenstar.org).

## Important Dates

Spring 2012



### Earth Day

APRIL 22

Celebrate Earth Day by visiting <http://act.earthday.org> and find ways to get involved. You will be able to register or join community events and individual actions as part of the Earth Day Network's "A Billion Acts of Green" campaign.

### National Prescription Drug Take Back Day

APRIL 28

Drop off your unwanted, unused, or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications to be safely disposed for free. The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency coordinates safe drug disposal sites nationwide.

Call 800-882-9539 or visit

[www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) for details; drop-off locations will be listed on the website in March.



### Spring Cleanup Day

MAY 5

The United Way of the Tanana Valley, Midnight Sun Council, Boy Scouts of America and the Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce are teaming up to coordinate the Spring Cleanup Day in May. Trash bags will be available for pickup at the Boy Scout office—1400 Gillam Way (NOTE LOCATION CHANGE)—as well as at local fire stations. People and groups are encouraged to sign up for a specific area to clean; this is to ensure that everyone doesn't work on the same areas while others are left out. For more information, contact the Boy Scout office at 457-1976.

## Recycling At a Glance

### Local Recycling Resources

#### Alaska Waste

[WWW.ALASKAWASTE.NET](http://WWW.ALASKAWASTE.NET)  
452-2009

#### Fairbanks North Star Borough Recycling Commission

[WWW.CO.FAIRBANKS.AK.US/BOARDS/RECYCLINGCOMMISSION](http://WWW.CO.FAIRBANKS.AK.US/BOARDS/RECYCLINGCOMMISSION)  
459-2800

#### Fairbanks North Star Borough Solid Waste Division

[WWW.CO.FAIRBANKS.AK.US/SOLIDWASTE](http://WWW.CO.FAIRBANKS.AK.US/SOLIDWASTE)  
459-1482

#### Fairbanks Rescue Mission – Recycling Center

[WWW.FAIRBANKSRESCUEMISSION.ORG/FRMRECYCLECENTER.HTM](http://WWW.FAIRBANKSRESCUEMISSION.ORG/FRMRECYCLECENTER.HTM)  
452-5343 EXT 122

#### Interior Alaska Green Star

[WWW.IAGREENSTAR.ORG](http://WWW.IAGREENSTAR.ORG)  
452-4152

#### K&K Recycling

[WWW.KANDKRECYCLING.US](http://WWW.KANDKRECYCLING.US)  
488-1409

#### Northern Alaska Environmental Center

[WWW.NORTHERN.ORG](http://WWW.NORTHERN.ORG)  
452-5021

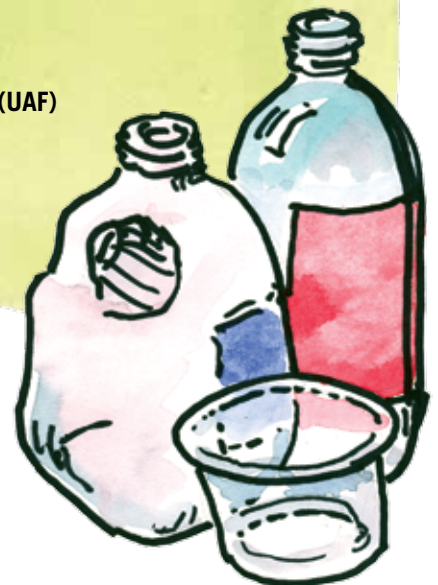
#### University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Sustainability Office

[WWW.UAF.EDU/SUSTAINABILITY](http://WWW.UAF.EDU/SUSTAINABILITY)  
474-5070



On average, it costs \$30 per ton to recycle trash, \$50 to send it to the landfill, and \$65 to \$75 to incinerate it.

<http://www.recycling-revolution.com/recycling-facts.html>





A modern glass bottle would take 4000 years or more to decompose and even longer if it's in the landfill.

<http://www.recycling-revolution.com/recycling-facts.html>



# Recycling Options for Common Household Materials

RECYCLABLE MATERIAL	ALASKA WASTE Exp. 3/1 Drop-off 2&4-7, Phillips Field Rd. Drop-off M-F 8am-3pm, Sat-Sun 8am-2pm	C&R PIPE AND STEEL Drop-off during business hours	FAIRBANKS RESCUE MISSION Drop-off 2&4-7, Stafford St. 11am-5pm	K&K RECYCLING Drop-off 2&4-7	UAF Drop-off 2&4-7	WAL-MART Drop-off 2&4-7	WHAT TO INCLUDE	WHAT TO LEAVE OUT
CARDBOARD	★		★	★	★	★	Brown, corrugated (not shiny or colored) cardboard boxes	Waxy cardboard, non-corrugated paper, pizza/cereal boxes
NEWSPAPER	★		★	★	★	★	Newspapers, newspaper inserts	Plastic bags
MIXED PAPER	★		★	★	★	★	White/colored paper, glossy paper, junk mail, cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, gift wrap, books, magazines, phone books, paper egg cartons, shiny/waxy cardboard, pizza box tops	Food residue, paper cups/plates, napkins, tissues, milk cartons, juice boxes, hardcover books (unless binding and cover are removed), binder clips, plastic or metal bindings
PLASTIC #1	★		★			★	Rinsed #1 bottles: beverage bottles, salad dressing bottles, etc.	Caps, other numbered plastics, items with food residue, produce and take-out containers
PLASTIC #2	★		★			★	Rinsed #2 jugs, with necks and screw tops: milk jugs, laundry detergent jugs, etc.	Caps, other numbered plastics, items with food residue, cups, tubs, oil/chemical containers
ALL PLASTICS (#1-#7)				★	★		Rinsed #1 through #7 plastics including styrofoam, plastic bags and plastic film	Items with food residue, poison/chemical containers (e.g. weed or insect killer, drain cleaner)
GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS				★	★		Rinsed glass: food and beverage bottles, jars, etc.	All lids, items with food residue, Pyrex and other heat-resistant glass, plate glass, drinking glasses
ALUMINUM CANS	★	★	★	★	★	★	Rinsed beverage cans	Items with food residue, aluminum foil, pie pans, food cans, aerosol cans
STEEL CANS		★		★	★		Rinsed food cans	Items with food residue, labels
SCRAP METAL		★		★			Aluminum scrap, brass, copper, stainless steel, radiators, lead, tin, cables, appliances, etc. Call more for details.	Refrigerants, oils, fuels, antifreeze, hazardous or toxic substances, non-metallic materials

# Recycling Locations



- A Alaska Waste**  
Easy Street Drop-Off  
3941 Easy Street  
452-2009
- B Alaska Waste**  
Phillips Field Road Drop-Off  
3050 Phillips Field Road  
452-2009
- C C & R Pipe and Steel**  
401 E. Van Horn Road  
456-8386
- D Fairbanks Rescue Mission Recycling Center**  
723 27th Avenue  
452-5343
- E K&K Recycling**  
2040 Richardson Highway  
North Pole  
488-1409
- F University of Alaska Fairbanks**  
410 Tanana Loop E  
(Parking lot across from Patty Center)  
474-5070
- G Wal-Mart**  
537 Johansen Expressway  
451-9900



The average office worker in the US uses 10,000 sheets of copy paper each year. That's four million tons of copy paper used annually.  
<http://www.cleanair.org/Waste/wasteFacts.html>



## Business Recycling Options

**Alaska Waste**  
452-2009

Alaska Waste provides recycling dumpster and compactor service for businesses that produce large quantities of cardboard and mixed paper. Call for more information.

**Curbside Recycling**  
474-0962

Now signing up customers for a new commercial and residential curbside recycling pick-up service. Call or email [kathryn.curbsiderecycling@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.curbsiderecycling@gmail.com) for more information.

**Fairbanks Rescue Mission**  
452-5343 EXT 122

Local businesses may drop off recyclables Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Commercial pick-up service is also available; email [recycle@fairbanksrescuemission.org](mailto:recycle@fairbanksrescuemission.org) for more information.

**K&K Recycling**  
488-1409

Local businesses may drop off recyclables anytime. Commercial dumpster services are also available. Call for more information.

# Reuse Options

## Drop-off Locations & Pick-up Services

These organizations accept donations of various materials for reuse through drop-off locations and/or pick-up services.

### Alaska Rag Company

603 LACEY STREET  
451-4401

Clothing and fabric

Drop off during store business hours or anytime at bins in the Sadler's and Fred Meyer's West parking lots.

### FRA Closet Collections

805 AIRPORT WAY  
451-7766

Clothing, shoes, linens, appliances, furniture  
Call to schedule free pick-up service, or drop off anytime at bins in the following parking lots:

- ★ Bentley Mall, 32 College Road
- ★ Fairbanks Resource Agency, 805 Airport Way
- ★ Fox General Store, 2226 Old Steese Highway
- ★ North Pole Plaza, 301 North Santa Claus Lane
- ★ UAF Recycling, 410 Tanana Loop E.
- ★ Value Village, 3027 Airport Way

### Gulliver's Books

3525 COLLEGE ROAD  
474-9574

Paperback books

Drop off during store business hours for credit towards used book purchases.

### Literacy Council of Alaska Forget-Me-Not Books

517 GAFFNEY ROAD  
456-6212

Books, computers, monitors

Drop off during bookstore business hours.

Call before dropping off computers or monitors, as special requirements apply.

### Salvation Army

2222 SOUTH CUSHMAN STREET  
456-2085

Cars, appliances, clothing, furniture

Drop off Monday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm. Call to schedule pickup for large items.

## Thrift and Consignment Stores

A sampling of options for buying, selling, or trading used items in the Fairbanks area.

### Chartreuse

729 1ST AVENUE  
452-5556

Clothing and accessories

### Designers Closet

201 OLD STEESE HWY, #2  
457-4199

Clothing and accessories

### Fireweed Consignment Boutique

3677 COLLEGE RD # 12  
374-7910

314 OLD STEESE HIGHWAY  
479-7465

Clothing and accessories

### Once Upon a Child

250 THIRD STREET  
457-5444

Baby gear, clothing, footwear, furniture, toys

### Play it Again Sports

160 OLD STEESE HIGHWAY  
457-7427

Sporting equipment

### Used-A-Bit

2740 PICKET PLACE  
455-8733

Sporting goods, books, clothing, movies, cookware, furniture, tools, and more

### Value Village

3027 AIRPORT WAY  
474-4828

Books, clothing, furniture

Every year, each American throws out about 1,200 pounds of organic garbage that can be composted.



<http://www.recycling-revolution.com/recycling-facts.html>



## Food Donations

Here are some options for donating food to local charities in the Fairbanks area.

### Fairbanks Community Food Bank

725 26TH AVENUE # 101  
457-4273

### Fairbanks Rescue Mission

723 27TH AVENUE  
452-5343

### Stone Soup Café at Eagles Hall

200 FIRST AVENUE  
456-8317

Do you offer reuse opportunities and don't see your business on this list?  
Contact Interior Alaska Green Star at 452-4152 or [info@iagreenstar.org](mailto:info@iagreenstar.org)

## Specialized Reuse & Recycling

In addition to the standard household recyclables accepted through various drop-off sites, there are many other items that can be reused or recycled in Fairbanks. Here is a list of just a few of those items and where they can be recycled. Please contact these businesses directly for more information.

### Batteries

ABS Alaskan (Lead Acid), 452-2002  
Interior Alaska Green Star (All Except Lead Acid), 452-4152

### Building Materials

Alliance for Reason and Knowledge, 799-7045  
Central Recycling Services (coming soon) 748-7400  
North Star Construction (Concrete, Asphalt), 457-1829

### Cell Phones

Credit Union 1, 455-9485  
H.I.R.E. Program, 474-2144  
Interior Alaska Green Star, 452-4152  
Joy Elementary School, 456-5469  
University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) Recycling, 474-6037

### Egg Cartons

Alaska Feed Company, 451-5570  
Cold Spot Feeds, 457-8555  
Fairbanks Community Food Bank, 457-4237

### Eyeglasses

Eye Clinic of Fairbanks, 456-7760  
Fairbanks Choice Lions Club, 456-8044

### Fluorescent Bulbs

Home Depot (CFLs & 4-foot tubes), 451-9003

### Grocery Bags

Fairbanks Community Food Bank, 457-4237  
Fred Meyer, All locations  
Safeway, All locations  
University of Alaska Fairbanks Recycling, 474-6037  
Wal-Mart, 451-9900

### Packing Materials

Quick Mail, 452-6179

### Plastic Caps

Elements Salon & Day Spa, 456-8877

### Printer Ink Cartridges

Cartridge World, 457-4657  
H.I.R.E. Program, 474-2144  
Interior Alaska Green Star, 452-4152  
Joy Elementary School, 456-5469  
Office Max, 456-6662  
University of Alaska Fairbanks Recycling, 474-6037

## Household Hazardous Wastes

<http://www.co.fairbanks.ak.us/SolidWaste/HHWHome.htm>

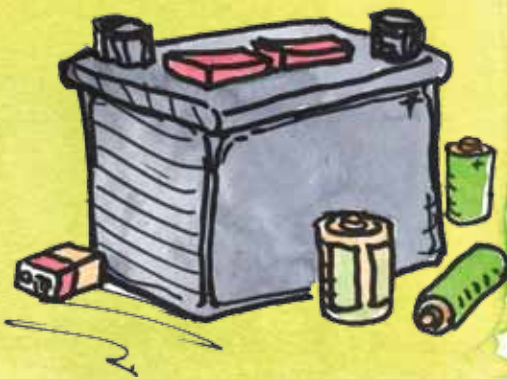
The FNSB Recycling/Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility accepts hazardous wastes to be recycled or used for waste-to-energy programs every Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Limit is 220 pounds per month (approximately 26 gallons). Businesses must call to schedule an appointment and fees will apply; residents may drop off materials anytime free of charge.

Residents may also drop off hazardous wastes at the Landfill during open hours, or at most transfer sites. See website for a list of transfer sites that accept these materials.

<http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/solidwaste/SWReuse.pdf>

### Types of Waste Accepted

Antifreeze  
Batteries  
Corrosives  
Diesels  
Gasoline  
Motor Oils  
Oxidizers  
Paint  
PCB Ballasts  
Poisons  
Solvents



## Used cooking oil

Solid waste regulations prohibit the disposal of used cooking oil and grease in the landfill. See FNSB Solid Waste's online resource sheet for information about proper recycling or disposal of these materials from businesses:

[http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/solidwaste/FORMS/cooking oil flyer.pdf](http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/solidwaste/FORMS/cooking%20oil%20flyer.pdf)



A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly, can contaminate up to 2,000,000 gallons of fresh water.

<http://www.recycling-revolution.com/recycling-facts.html>

# Electronics Recycling

Interior Alaska Green Star accepts electronics for recycling once per month! For more information, contact IAGS at: [info@iagreenstar.org](mailto:info@iagreenstar.org), 452-4152, or online at [www.iagreenstar.org](http://www.iagreenstar.org)

## Location

3050 PHILLIPS FIELD ROAD  
ALASKA WASTE RECYCLING CENTER

## Dates and Hours

THIRD WEEKEND OF EVERY MONTH –  
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY  
OPEN 10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

## 2012 Dates

January 20–21	July 20–21
February 17–18	August 17–18
March 16–17	September 14–15
April 20–21	October 19–20
May 18–19	November 16–17
June 15–16	December 14–15



## What can I recycle?

Batteries  
Cables/Cords/Wires  
Calculator  
Camera  
Cell Phone  
Coffeemaker  
Computer CPU ★  
Copier ★  
Mouse  
Discs—CD, DVD, Floppy  
DVD Player ★  
Electric Typewriter ★  
Fax Machine ★  
Game Console  
Keyboard  
Laptop Computer ★  
Microwave Oven ★  
Monitor ★  
PDAs/Handheld Devices  
Printer ★  
Radio ★  
Scanner ★  
Speakers ★  
Stereo ★  
Telephone  
TV ★  
VCR ★  
AND MORE!  
(\* indicates fee may be charged)

## Why should I recycle my old electronic devices?

The use of electronic products has grown substantially over the past two decades. The negative side of our advances in technology is that old devices will be thrown away. Consumer electronics waste—or e-waste—constitutes as much as 5% of the solid waste stream and is increasing every year. E-waste contains toxic materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium and others. Aside from the toxic issues surrounding electronics disposal, much of the materials present in computers and other devices are recoverable, such as gold and copper. Rather than throwing away these valuable resources, it makes sense to recycle the devices and reuse as many of these materials possible!

The Electronics Recycling Depot is made possible in part by grants from Design Alaska and the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

## Why does it cost money to recycle my electronic waste?

Anyone used to dropping off other recyclables for free may be shocked to learn that they may need to pay to have some electronics recycled. Although some items collected can be refurbished and offered as used electronics, most of the e-waste is processed and separated into various raw materials such as plastic, glass, steel, copper, and aluminum. It costs money and labor to separate the components of an electronic device and distribute them to the various reuse and recycling markets. Paying for these electronics to go to a responsible company such as Total Reclaim (IAGS's electronics recycling partner), means we are supporting the advanced technology, highly trained personnel, and considerable effort required to properly reclaim valuable materials and appropriately dispose of toxic materials.