

Recycling Center Information

Columbus County would like to welcome you and encourage you to visit our seven (7) Recycling Centers for the disposal and recycling of household solid waste materials. These facilities were built to allow the citizens of Columbus County to help eliminate products from being placed into the waste stream by recycling. These facilities also help the County comply with mandates and laws regarding waste stream reduction and with the reduction of landfill and disposal fees.

The Recycling Centers are for Columbus County residents ONLY. No commercial or industrial waste materials are allowed at ANY of these facilities. These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station. No household garbage is allowed at ANY of these facilities. These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station. No roofing, concrete, or construction debris is allowed at ANY of these facilities. These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station.

Please note that the Site Attendants are not responsible for unloading your materials. If assistance is required with the removal of large or heavy items, please bring someone with you. If you have any questions regarding the procedures that are in place or need special assistance, please contact (910)-641-3953 and staff will be happy to assist you. The Recycling Centers are here for your convenience, please help Columbus County keep them clean and free from loose debris.

Acceptable Materials: (Recycling Centers Only)

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| *Aluminum Cans | *Poison, Herbicide, & Pesticide Containers |
| *Brown Goods | *Scrap Metals |
| *Bulk Waste | *Tires |
| *Cardboard | *Used Motor Oil |
| *Electronics | *White Goods |
| *Mixed Recyclables | *Yard Waste |
| *Newspaper & Inserts | |

No household garbage will be accepted at any Recycling Center.

No U-Haul trucks or box trucks full of materials will be accepted at any recycling center. (Exceptions must be approved by the Solid Waste Operations Supervisor)

******* (Please see important guidelines below regarding the disposal of these materials) *******

Unacceptable Materials: (Recycling Centers Only)

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| *All Liquids except Motor Oil | *LCID (Trees, Bushes, Etc.) |
| *Batteries (No Power Tool Batteries) | *Pallets |
| *Burn Barrels & Ashes | *Plastic Bags |
| *C&D (Construction & Debris) | *Poisons/Herbicides/Pesticides (All Chemical Forms) |
| *Dead Animals | *Radioactive Waste |
| *Hazardous Materials | *Styrofoam |
| *Household Garbage/Solid Waste | *Unknown Products |

Brown Good and Bulk Waste:

Examples include chairs, couches, recliners, tables (must be disassembled), old entertainment centers (must be disassembled), mattresses, carpet, box springs, vacuum cleaners, humidifiers, oxygen pumps, and other bulk waste items. No cabinets are allowed at ANY of these facilities. These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station.

Electronics:

Examples include computers, monitors, televisions, printers, scanners, keyboards, and mice.

Lead Acid Batteries:

Examples include household, automobile, truck, marine, lawn mower, golf cart, and alarm batteries. No batteries are accepted at ANY of these facilities. These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station. (Exception: Power tool batteries are NOT accepted at ANY location).

Mixed Recyclables:

Examples include newspapers, magazines, aluminum cans, aluminum foil, aluminum pie plates, plastic milk and water jugs, plastic drink bottles (PET), steel and bi-metal (tin) food containers, old corrugated cardboard boxes (OCC), paperboard cartons/boxes. All items must be clean or they will not be accepted at ANY of these facilities. These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station.

Poison, Herbicide, & Pesticide Containers:

Examples include round up, farm chemicals, and insecticide containers. All items must be clean or they will not be accepted at ANY of these facilities. These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station.

Tires:

Examples include pick up and car tires. County residents can take up to four (4) tires per week to the recycling center for processing. No transfer truck tires or tractor tires will be accepted. Tires must be off the rim or they will not be accepted at ANY of these facilities. These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station.

Used Motor Oil:

Examples include automobile and equipment oil. No oil filters are accepted at ANY of these facilities. These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station.

White Goods:

Examples include refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, dish washers, stoves, water heaters, air conditioners, and freezers. All items must be clean. (No old food or beverages will be accepted.) These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station.

Lumber:

A resident can bring lumber that does not exceed 5 feet in length or scrap plywood in small sections (no more than 10 boards). No whole sheets will be accepted. These items must be taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station.

Yard Waste:

Examples include leaves, limbs, brush, and dead plants. Material must be a maximum of 3" in diameter and 5' in length. The maximum amount of material that will be accepted at ANY facility is a regular size pick up load and can only be accepted once per week.

What is Considered Household Garbage?

Household Garbage is generally considered the non-hazardous waste generated by a normal, non-commercial household. It can include items such as food, food waste, food contaminated containers and cartons, paper towels, tissues, kitchen wastes, diapers, personal hygiene products, etc.

Household Garbage **DOES NOT** include the following items:

The following items **CAN BE** taken to the Columbus County Recycling Centers by residential customers only. (No commercial or industrial materials are to be accepted.):

- Any items that can be considered recyclable. The County complies with mandates and laws regarding waste stream reduction provided by the State of North Carolina.
- Tires
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Rugs, carpet, and carpet pads
- Motor Oil
- Washing machines, dryers, dish washers, stoves, water heaters, air conditioners, refrigerators and freezers that are clean and free of all food or beverages
- Televisions and radios
- Computers, laptops, monitors, printers, scanners, cell phones, I-Pads, Fax machines, DVD & VCR machines, TV receivers, and all other electronic devices.
- Yard waste

The following items **MUST BE** taken to the Columbus County Transfer Station for disposal:

(Disposal Requirements per State Guidelines and Regulations)

- Floor tiles, linoleum, and vinyl planks
- Paints (Must be dry and mixed with sand or cat litter)
- Construction materials and wastes
- Wastes generated during remodeling projects
- Battery and line powered electric tools
- Gasoline engine powered tools and equipment (Must be free of gasoline and/or oils)
- Swimming Pools
- Batteries of all types

The following items **MUST BE** taken to a Hazardous Household Waste Facility for disposal:

(Disposal Requirements per State Guidelines and Regulations)

- Household cleaning chemicals, bleach, drain cleaner, waxes, polishes, and aerosol spray cans
- Solvents, varnishes, and adhesives, and photographic chemicals
- Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizer (All Chemical Forms)
- Waste oil (contaminated oil), gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, and petroleum grease
- Helium, Propane, other gas cylinders, and refillable tanks
- Industrial waste
- LED bulbs, Compact fluorescent bulbs, fluorescent tubes, and mercury vapor light bulbs
- Anti-freeze, brake fluid, and other automotive chemicals
- Prescription, non-prescription drugs, and hypodermic syringes/needles
- Firearms and ammunition
- Thermostats, switches, and thermometers containing mercury