

# WASTELINE



Fauquier County Environmental Services

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## Thrifty Options to Reduce Organic Waste



### Preventing Waste- Part One

Food waste is a global challenge. About one third of food produced for human consumption is wasted, worldwide. There are many easy ways to reduce organic waste, and save money. Be a smart shopper, plan your meals ahead and shop with a detailed list of ingredients needed. Avoid impulse buys. Reduce portions at meals. When you have leftovers, store them to eat later.

Be willing to buy non-perfect produce. Many times vegetables and fruits will be thrown away because they don't look flawless, but are perfectly good to eat. Make an effort to use what you have on hand. There are even apps that can be used to plan meals around ingredients you already have in your cabinet and refrigerator.

Look in next month's newsletter for better ways to store food to prevent food waste.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**2/17**- Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**2/19** - Holiday (Office Closed)

### CURRENT VACANCIES

Site Attendant - Part-time hourly  
SWM Operator II

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## Think Ahead, Spring Forward

The spring Daylight Saving Time change is right around the corner. On Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, be sure to adjust your clocks forward one hour. As a friendly reminder, our remote collection sites change hours at this time of year, from winter to summer hours. As of Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, the remote sites at Catlett, Morrisville, New Baltimore, Marshall and Markham will be open from 11am to 7pm on Mondays and Thursdays. The Remington recycling site will be open on Mondays from 2pm to 7pm. All other hours remain the same.

### “Wish-Cycling” and the China Ban

Many of you have heard about the effects of China’s National Sword policy, which created a strict 0.5% limit for contamination in imported recyclables. Much of what we collect in the U.S. will not meet this standard, causing plastic and paper to end up in landfills. What can you do to help? “Wish-cycling”, or putting dirty or incorrect items in recycling containers, increases the likelihood that collected materials will not be recycled. Carefully clean and sort your recyclables. Pay close attention to what you recycle and where. Place only the right type of recyclables in each container. Every item counts!



#### Fun for Kids

Waste360, an informational website for recycling and waste, recently published a list of 10 educational waste and recycling apps for kids. The apps let kids do things like sort recycling, drive a garbage truck to pick up waste, and even make new products with recyclable material. The list is available at <http://www.waste360.com/fleets-technology/10-educational-waste-and-recycling-apps-young-enthusiasts/gallery>.

### Recycle your Small E-waste

Most County residents know that large electronic waste items such as TVs and microwaves ovens are collected at the Corral Farm site only, and you must pay a fee for disposal. But, did you know that Fauquier County tries to recycle all “e-waste” items, to keep them out of landfills? Small items such as computer keyboards, DVD players, and electronic toys are items that we recycle, and there is no fee to dispose of them at our Corral Farm site.



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### Christmas Tree Recycling

This year, our Corral Farm facility offered a new, more convenient service for Christmas tree recycling. A recycling container for trees was offered throughout the month of January at the public convenience site, and was available 7 days a week next to the newspaper, cardboard and other recycling containers.

## Hours of Operation

### \*Winter hours in effect

*Remote Site Summer Hours Begin March 12th  
11am-7pm Monday and Thursday  
2pm-7pm Monday at Remington*

	Corral Farm	Remote Sites	Remington Site
<b>Monday</b>	7am-3pm	*9am-5pm	*12pm-5pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	Closed
<b>Wednesday</b>	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	10am-3pm
<b>Thursday</b>	7am-3pm	*9am-5pm	Closed
<b>Friday</b>	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	10am-3pm
<b>Saturday</b>	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	7am-3pm
<b>Sunday</b>	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	10am-3pm