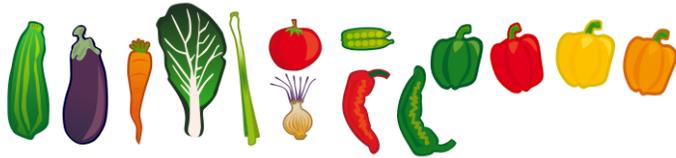


# WASTELINE



Fauquier County Environmental Services

March 2018



## Reducing Organic Waste—Part 2

In last month's Wasteline, we began a series of articles about organic waste. This month, we are presenting food storage tips to help minimize food waste. Proper food storage can both preserve flavor and minimize spoilage. Here are some handy suggestions to help reduce your food waste:

- Store crackers, chips, bread and cereal in airtight containers.
- Keep your fridge neat and food visible. Use the "First in, first out" principle. Eat older foods first.
- Make sure to store food in the right place. For example, always store fruits and vegetables in the produce drawer.
- Use your freezer to extend food's lifespan. Freezer storage bags and vacuum sealers are an effective way to prevent freezer burn.
- Try canning and pickling to preserve food. This prevents spoilage and preserves fresh flavors.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**3/12**— Remote Sites Change to Summer Hours

**3/17** - Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**4/1** - Easter Sunday (All Sites Closed)

## CURRENT VACANCIES

Site Attendant - Part-time hourly

SWM Operator II

Apply online at [www.fauquiercounty.gov](http://www.fauquiercounty.gov)

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## 50-30-20 Plastics

Plastics pollution is a worldwide problem. The use of plastics has increased by a factor of 20 in the past 50 years, but only 9% of all plastics made since 1950 have been recycled. Recyclers are battling the problem with strategies such as increased recycling education and developing new markets for recyclables, but recycling alone cannot resolve this issue. Experts at the Ellen MacArthur Foundation have suggested a "50-30-20" circular economy strategy to reduce plastic waste- 50% recycled, 30% redesigned, and 20% replaced with reusable alternatives. Visit <https://www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org/> for more information about a circular economy.



### Half Price Tire Event

Monday, April 2nd begins 2018's first semi-annual half price tire event. For the entire month of April, all passenger tires will be charged at \$1.50 per tire, rather than the usual \$3.00 per tire rate. This price reduction is only available to Fauquier County residents. As always, tires may be brought to the Corral Farm site only, Monday through Saturday.

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### Bank On It

Learn to be green and earn rewards at the same time. **Recyclebank**, a company that educates and encourages recycling, has teamed up with local and national businesses to give participants discounts and deals on products. When you visit their website to learn new recycling tips, you earn points that can be used to get \$10 to \$50 off at local grocery stores, subscribe for free to popular magazines, or buy earth friendly products. Log on to [www.Recyclebank.com](http://www.Recyclebank.com) or look for the app on your phone.



### Remote Sites Time Change

As of Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, all remote sites will change to the summer schedule. The remote sites will open Monday and Thursday from 11am to 7pm, except for the Remington Recycling Site, which will open Monday from 2pm to 7pm, remaining closed on Thursday. This follows the spring Daylight Saving Time change on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.



### Super Bowl Recycling Success

The NFL and its partners exceeded their goal of a 90% waste diversion rate at Super Bowl LII, in February. They were able to recycle, compost, donate or re-use 91% of the waste produced during the event. This translates to 63 out of 69 tons of waste diverted from landfills. Their "Rush2Recycle" strategy involved the use of fully compostable food containers, utensils, and cups, and stationing more than 200 workers around the stadium to talk about recycling and help fans sort their waste. This success serves as a model for public events in the future.

### Hours of Operation

**\*Spring/Summer hours in effect**

Remote Site Summer Hours Begin March 12<sup>th</sup>  
11am-7pm Monday and Thursday  
2pm-7pm Monday at Remington

	Corral	Remote	Remington
<b>Monday</b>	7am-3pm	*11am-7pm	*2pm-7pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	Closed
<b>Wednesday</b>	7am-3pm	7am-3pm	10am-3pm
<b>Thursday</b>	7am-3pm	*11am-7pm	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