

# WASTELINE



Fauquier County Environmental Services

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## Pilot Sharps Collection Program

Fauquier County Environmental Services is pleased to announce a pilot Sharps Collection Program, available to County residents at the collection sites. Yearly, about three billion needles and other home sharps are disposed of in the U.S. When sharps are misplaced in trash or recycling, it becomes a potential hazard for workers. The pilot program helps to protect department staff and ensure safe disposal of the sharps.

Corral Farm and all remote sites now accept home sharps for disposal. Place sharps in a sturdy plastic container such as a laundry detergent bottle, tape the lid shut, and label the container "home sharps." Ask any site attendant where to dispose. If you have questions about the pilot program, please ask an attendant or call 540-422-8840.

The program will be evaluated, and reports submitted to the Virginia Department of Health and the Department of Environmental Quality.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**6/2** - Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**6/16** - Household Hazardous Waste Collection

**7/4** - Independence Day Holiday  
(Office & Sites CLOSED)

## Help Prevent Lithium Battery Fires



The popularity of rechargeable electronics such as cell phones and laptops has caused an increase in lithium battery fires at waste and recycling facilities. When these items are discarded in trash or recycling, the batteries can create sparks or even explode when crushed. The problem is so common that the state of California, for example, has estimated that 65% of all its waste facility fires are caused by improperly discarded lithium batteries.

Lithium batteries should never be thrown away in trash, or placed with other recycling. To safely dispose of them, tape all contact ends or place a single lithium battery by itself in a sealed plastic baggie. Bring your batteries to the Corral Farm facility or any remote convenience site, and ask any site attendant how to dispose.

## HHW By Appointment

For County residents unable to make the twice-monthly Household Hazardous Waste collection day, Environmental Services offers an alternative. Every Wednesday from 8:00 to 11:30 am, HHW collection is available by appointment only, at the Corral Farm facility.

Appointments must be made a minimum of 48 hours in advance by contacting Environmental Services. All materials must be in original containers, with labels in readable condition. Note that all containers must be left on site, as staff cannot pour out any materials.



### CURRENT VACANCIES

Site Attendant - Part-time hourly

SWM Operator II

Director of Environmental Services

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

## Hours of Operation

**\*Summer hours in effect**

	Corral Farm	Remote Sites	Remington Site
<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

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## Recycle Your Grill Tanks



When gearing up for summer grilling, recycle worn out propane grill tanks. Standard 20 lb. propane tanks may be brought to the Corral Farm facility only, seven days a week. This service is free of charge to County residents; simply drop off your tanks with any site attendant.

Small 1 lb. "camp stove" sized propane tanks are collected via the Household Hazardous Waste program.

## Revisiting Re-Used Bottles

The old concept of reusing a glass bottle is making a comeback. Oregon breweries will soon be testing the re-use of bottles made from recycled glass. This new program is the first of its kind, nationwide. These special "BottleDrop" bottles will be washed and sanitized before being refilled. Reusing bottles vs. making new bottles out of recycled glass saves energy even if the bottle only gets reused once or twice; that's better for the environment than creating an entirely new bottle out of recycled material.