

# WASTELINE



Fauquier County Environmental Services

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## Sharps Injuries-Protect our Staff



Improperly disposed used sharps (needles) are a common cause of recycling worker injuries, nationwide. A recent study by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) revealed that needle stick injuries occur in 3.9 out of every 100 recycling sorting workers, each year. In Fauquier County, needle stick injuries have occurred among Environmental Services staff 5 times in the past 2 years.

Environmental Services asks County residents to help protect our workers from these injuries. Do not dispose of used sharps in trash or recycling. Residents may drop off used sharps at Corral Farm and the Remote Collection Sites, seven days a week. Please place sharps in a sturdy plastic container with lid, such as a bleach bottle or coffee can, secure the lid, and give to any site attendant.



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**7/4**— Independence Day Holiday (All facilities CLOSED)

**7/5**— Independence Day Holiday (Office CLOSED)

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**7/20**— Household Hazardous Waste Collection

## Newspaper Inserts



Fauquier County accepts newspaper for recycling, but coupon and advertising inserts are recycled separately. If inserts are left in newspaper, it is very time consuming and difficult for staff to process the material. Please remove inserts from newspaper before recycling. Place the inserts in mixed paper, and the plastic bags in plastic bag recycling. When stacking newspaper in the recycling container, please do not use string ties or plastic bags. Paper sacks are acceptable, or place neat, unbundled stacks of newspaper in the container.



### Compostable Plastics



As awareness of the world’s plastic waste problem grows, more utensils, straws, and take-out containers are being made from compostable “bioplastic” materials. Most bioplastics are made from corn starch, and are designed to biodegrade in an industrial composting environment. Unfortunately, backyard composting does not create enough heat to break down this material, nor do bioplastics break down in a landfill any faster than ordinary plastics.

While bioplastics are good choices in areas where organic waste goes to large composting facilities, Fauquier County residents should consider other options to reduce their plastic waste. Use paper straws and plates instead of plastic or foam, as these will biodegrade in backyard compost or landfills. Bring along re-usable cups, bottles, forks, and other utensils when eating on the go. Be mindful of packaging when eating take-out food, and support businesses who use renewable or biodegradable alternatives.

### Contact Us

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## CURRENT VACANCIES

**Waste & Recyclable Material Collector** (Part-time Temporary)

**Site Attendant** (Part-time Permanent 20hr/week)

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

### Paper and Cardboard Recycling

Many Fauquier County residents are unsure of how to separate mixed paper from cardboard, when recycling. Mixed paper includes items like office paper, junk mail, catalogs, and “paper board”, which is the thin brown or colored material cereal boxes are made from. Thicker cardboard boxes, such as mailing boxes, are made from corrugated cardboard, which is not recycled with mixed paper.

Please do not place corrugated cardboard in the mixed paper recycling, but break boxes down flat and place in the container for cardboard recycling. Pizza boxes are not accepted for recycling due to food contamination, and should be placed in household trash.



Whether visiting the Corral Farm Collection Site or one of the County’s remote sites, please remember the following tips to keep everyone healthy and safe:

- Keep pets and small children inside vehicles at all times.
- Wear proper footwear (closed toe, hard-soled shoes.)
- Turn off vehicle engines while unloading.
- Do not stand on edges of containers or compactors while unloading.
- Pay close attention to traffic, especially on very busy days.

For questions/assistance, ask any site attendant or call the Environmental Services office at 540-422-8840.

## 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