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TIRE RECYCLING AT HALF PRICE IN NOVEMBER

Fauquier County Celebrates America Recycles Day

To celebrate America Recycles Day on November 15th, Fauquier County is sponsoring half price tire recycling for farmers and residents during the entire month of November. The county encourages residents to recycle old/used tires to reduce litter and to help eliminate mosquito breeding grounds that are often found in stagnant water pooling in old tires. Tires are collected, shredded, and re-used as insulation around pipes throughout the facility.

FAUQUIER COUNTY IS RECYCLING MORE THAN EVER

Recycling Rate Keeps Going Up

Over the past decade, the amount of residential waste diverted from the County landfill has nearly tripled with the help of residential participation and the realization that more waste material can be reused and made into new consumer products.

Environmental Services staff researches market demand for the reuse of waste items as a method for additional landfill diversion ideas. When a market for such an item arises, the staff develops a collection system that allows residents to participate. Items such as aluminum foil, packing peanuts, and plastics #1-#7 are some of the newer waste items that can now be collected for reuse or recycling, resulting in a county recycling rate of 43% for 2013.

Thank you, Fauquier County residents for participating in our recycling collection program!!

CARTON RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM

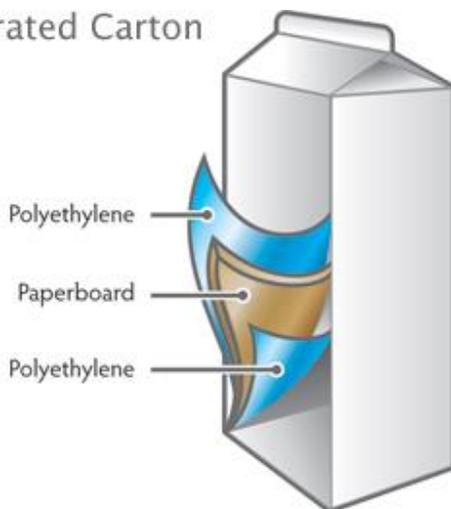
When the contents are gone, let the carton live on!

Carton recycling is now available at the Corral Farm collection site, the main facility near Warrenton!! The carton has a simple, classic design that has been part of daily life for generations. What makes these cartons such a smart choice today? Cartons are light-weight and made mainly from paper, a reusable resource. Classic yet current – cartons help meet our present needs without compromising tomorrow's resources.

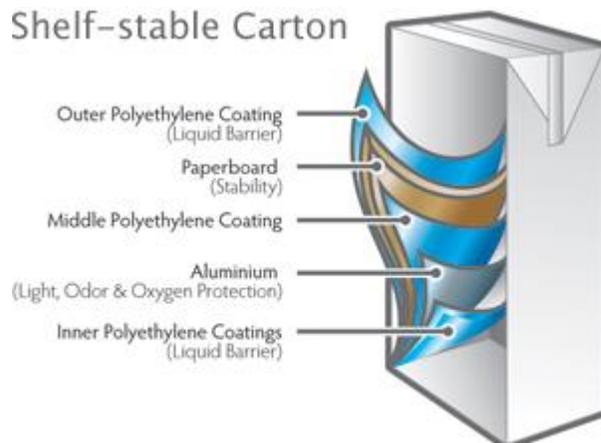
We encourage residents to follow recycling preparation guidelines of crushing and rinsing out all containers and placing them in the properly marked recycling containers. Even though carton packaging is a paper product, please place the rinsed out, crushed container with the Plastics #1-#7/Cans recycling container.

Cartons, also referred to as aseptic packaging, are mainly made from paper in the form of paperboard, as well as thin layers of polyethylene (plastic). The shelf stable cartons (soups, juice boxes, etc.) also have a thin layer for aluminum as an oxygen and light barrier. On average, cartons are made up of 80% paper, 20% plastic.

Refrigerated Carton



Shelf-stable Carton



- The paper used in food packaging cartons comes from growing forests where trees are replaced by new ones and biodiversity is maintained. None of the resources used in cartons come from old growth trees or rainforests.
- Cartons are light-weight and have a great product to package ratio. If you choose a product in a carton, you are taking home an average of 94% product and only 6% package.
- Products packaged in cartons are transportation efficient. In general, the same amount of product can be shipped in fewer trucks. Fewer trucks = less fuel = less greenhouse gas emissions.
- Big or small, recycle them all! From children's juice boxes to bulk-sized chicken broth containers, carton recycling will reduce waste from the landfill!

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY RECYCLING

Response to Recent Survey

Based on a survey Fauquier County conducted last spring, many residents recycle but do not necessarily know what happens after they drop recyclables at a collection site.

For items that can be reused, staff contacts various charitable organizations for pick up. These items include eye glasses, pet containment containers, and household furniture. Some items with poor markets such as glass and tires are crushed and shredded to be used as road base around the landfill.



Crushed glass is used as road base throughout the Corral Farm Facility.



Baled plastic bottles ready for shipment.

For recyclables, the Environmental Services staff further sorts and bales the material for shipment to buyers. Revenue is generated from the sale of most materials such as scrap metal, aluminum and steel cans, textiles, mixed paper, white office paper, newspaper, plastic bags and bottles (milk jugs, water bottles, and laundry detergent bottles). All of these materials are used to make new items. Metal is remade into vehicle frames, textiles into pet bedding and pillow stuffing, plastic bags into composite wood for decking material and more!

But some materials are so costly to process and recycle that the county has to pay to have these items removed or processed on site. This causes fees associated with some of the items residents bring in for disposal. These items include some electronics, tires, Freon containing items, mattresses and yard waste. Though the county pays for removal, it is still more cost effective than taking up landfill space at \$50-\$100 per cubic yard.

If you sort your recyclables from your trash and drop them off at the closest collection site, they will be reused or recycled and will stay out of the landfill. The county thanks you for your participation.

MOST COMMON INJURY AT COLLECTION SITES – BEE STINGS

How You Can Help Prevent Them

Especially during the spring and fall months, bees of all types are buzzing around. Not only can they be a nuisance, they can be dangerous as well. Site attendants do what they can to deter the bees from the recycling containers. Residents can do their part in reducing the number of bees by rinsing out their containers, especially containers holding sweet residue, such as soda, Gatorade, and fruit juice.



If we all work together in providing a clean material, then the most common injury at our processing center decrease in frequency. Please remember that once you sort your trash as a recyclable, it should no longer be treated as trash. Care should be taken to ensure that quality is high, and safe for county staff.

FRIGHTFUL WASTE: MAKING HALLOWEEN GREEN

Who said Halloween has to be all orange and black?

Like any holiday, Halloween offers an opportunity to go green without sacrificing an ounce of festive fun. Going green for Halloween is also a nice way to cut down on spending, as the average American is projected to spend over \$75 toward the October 31st festivities. With a bit of innovation, the staples of Halloween – costumes, candy, and trick-or-treating – can all be redone with the environment in mind without sacrificing the spooky spirit of Halloween.

FRIGHTENING, YET FRUGAL COSTUMING

It's estimated that the textile and apparel industry accounts for 10 percent of the world's entire carbon impact. To cut back on your carbon footprint this Halloween, **create a do-it-yourself costume**. More often than not, it's possible to assemble a similar retail costume with thrift store items and things from around the home. This saves money and ups the creativity factor, which is a must if you're planning on entering a costume contest. By “upcycling” an old umbrella and hoodie, you can create an easy and spirited bat costume (pictured right).



Save your child's costume to swap with another family next year, rather than throwing it in the trash. It's too late for this year's first-ever Halloween Costume Swap Day, sponsored by [Green Halloween](#), [KIWI magazine](#), and [Swap.com](#). But if just half the 25 million children who celebrate Halloween in the U.S. exchanged costumes, they'd reduce landfill waste by 6,250 tons.

CANDY BAGGAGE

Ready for a scary statistic? According to World Watch, Americans throw away 100 billion plastic bags every year. Avoiding plastic bags is an environmentally conscious choice whether it's Halloween or a regular trip to the grocery store. Trick-or-treating offers a chance to go plastic-free and show off your creativity. Using an old pillowcase or sewing a t-shirt will make your child's candy bag stand out from the rest and it'll hold more candy and be more durable.

WALK

Instead of driving your kids around trick or treating, ask them to walk or better yet walk with them if you feel that it would be safer. This would save you fuel and provide you with an opportunity to increase your involvement, while being environmentally friendly. In more rural areas, try setting up a communal trick-or-treating location such as a local school. If you must drive, try car-pooling.

EAT OR COMPOST YOUR PUMPKIN

Americans buy more than 1 billion pounds of pumpkins at Halloween, and the vast majority of those end up in the trash. If you don't already compost, fall is the perfect time to start! You can add post-Halloween jack-o-lanterns to your compost bin, along with fallen leaves, food scraps, and other biodegradable yard and household waste. Compost creates excellent soil for your garden.

TELLING YOUR COMMUNITY

By letting your neighbors and other community members know about how and why it is important to be eco-friendly, it can help others learn to be environmentally conscious. Start by telling your friends about your

attitude towards the environment and encourage them to follow suit. With a little do-it-yourself work and imagination, All Hallow’s Eve can go green, too!

FAQ

Q: When do collection site hours change?

A: The hours at the Remote Collection Sites change with Daylight Savings Time (November 2, 2014). The hours for each of the sites are noted below:

	Corral Farm Collection Site	*Remote Collection Site	Remington Recycling Site
Monday	7 am – 3 pm	*9am – 5pm	*12pm –5pm
Tuesday	7 am – 3 pm	7 am – 3 pm	Closed
Wednesday	7 am – 3 pm	7 am – 3 pm	10 am – 3 pm
Thursday	7 am – 3 pm	*9am – 5pm	Closed
Friday	7 am – 3 pm	7 am – 3 pm	10 am – 3 pm
Saturday	7 am – 3 pm	7 am – 3 pm	7 am – 3 pm
Sunday	7 am – 3 pm	7 am – 3 pm	10 am – 3 pm
*Fall Hours <i>Hours change with Daylight Savings Time</i>			

Q: What holidays are the landfill and collection sites closed?

A: The landfill and collection sites will be closed on the following days:

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| Thanksgiving | Thursday, November 27 |
| Christmas Eve (Half Day) | Wednesday, December 24 (CLOSE at Noon) |
| Christmas Day | Thursday, December 25 |
| 2015 New Year’s Day | Thursday, January 1, 2015 |

<p>CORRAL FARM RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SITE 7 days/week 7am-3pm</p> <p>REMOTE RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION SITE Mon & Thurs 9am-5pm (winter hrs) 11am-7pm (summer hrs) Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat, Sun 7am-3pm</p>	<p>REMINGTON RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING SITE Monday 12pm-5pm (winter hrs) 2pm-7pm (summer hrs) Wed, Fri, Sun 10am-3pm Sat 7am-3pm Tues, Thurs Closed</p>	<p>CORRAL FARM BULK RECYCLING AREA Sunday closed</p> <p>CORRAL FARM LANDFILL (COMMERCIAL) Mon-Sat 7am-3pm</p>
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