

Recycling Guidelines for Nelson County

Every effort is being made to provide recycling services that are affordable, efficient, and effective. For more information, call the Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator at 434-263-7098.

Note about Plastic Bags

In Nelson County, the only place to recycle plastic bags is Food Lion. If you carry your recyclables to collection sites in a plastic bag, please discard the bag into the garbage when you are through using the bag.

Corrugated Cardboard– Red Compactor

Corrugated cardboard has a “ZIG-ZAG” layer between two other smooth layers. At the staffed sites of **Rockfish**, Shipman & Massies Mill, red compactors flatten boxes for you. Remove Styrofoam & plastic bag inserts and discard them with your garbage. Do not put paper or smooth cardboard into a red compactor– those items should be put in the green container for mixed paper recycling.

Paper

Can you tear it? Plastic doesn't tear. You can recycle items such as newspaper, cereal boxes, phone books, paperback books (no hardbacks), junk mail, & paper animal feed bags. NOTE: There are no red compactors at Montebello and **Wintergarden**, so at these sites, you must flatten your cardboard boxes before putting them into the paper container. Cardboard has a higher commodity sale value when separated, but it is not practical to provide cardboard compactors at unstaffed sites.

Plastic Container Recycling- Available at Staffed Sites Only!

Most plastic containers from grocery stores can be recycled– water bottles, milk jugs, shampoo & detergent bottles, margarine tubs, plastic containers for cookies and strawberries, plastic plant pots, and containers up to the size of 5-gallon plastic tubs. Containers must be empty. Remove and discard lids in the garbage. NOT acceptable: Styrofoam containers (like meat trays and hot drink cups), containers for motor oil and hazardous chemicals, plastic items that are not containers, and plastic bags. Put these into the garbage. NOTE: Recycling for plastic containers is available only at **Rockfish**, Shipman, & Massies Mill. At other sites, all plastic containers must be put into the garbage.

Metal Cans

Aluminum, tin, steel, or bi-metal cans can be recycled. Make sure cans are empty and lightly rinsed. No paint cans, please!

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Glass

The closest facility to Nelson that recycles glass is in North Carolina, and sending bottles to North Carolina would be irresponsible. Besides cost (with diesel fuel at \$4.50/gal.), more greenhouse gases would result than if glass was land filled locally. Glass is inert-it does not pollute air or water– and it can be safely used as fill. Nelson is studying options to collect glass for re-use as fill, but recycle bins (about \$6,000 each) will have to be purchased, and a long-term plan must be approved by DEQ.

Thank you for recycling!

Nelson County Provides 2 garbage compactors on Wintergreen Mountain

1. Wintergarden Parking Lot just off Wintergreen Drive. NO construction type waste.
2. Blackrock Drive on the left leaving Blackrock Market and following Blackrock Drive approximately 1/3 mile from Wintergreen Drive. NO construction type waste.

Transfer Station 434-263-7097

Stoney Creek Residents use the Rockfish Compactor/Recycling Center

136 Rockfish School Road
Afton, VA 22920
434-361-2301
Tues-Sun 7:00 AM – 7 PM Staffed

NO Construction type waste.

This is a left turn off Rt. 151 N just past Rt. 6 East, Lions Field on corner and Rockfish Community Center just past site. Enter the site from the rear.

ALL CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS must be taken to the Nelson County Landfill located on:

972 Morse Lane
Arrington, VA 22922
Transfer Station 434-263-7097
M-F 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Sat. 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM

This is 7 miles South of Lovingson on Rt. 29, you will need to turn left and switch-back to Morse Lane on the North side and turn right.