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Recycling in Rapid City:

How, What and Where

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Recycling in Rapid City

The Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at the Rapid City Landfill sells the following recycled materials:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Newspaper
- Aluminum
- Steel
- Plastic (#1, #2 only — look inside the recycling triangle on the container's bottom)

During calendar year 2007, the MRF received **\$445,000** for the sale of those materials—materials recycled by the citizens of Rapid City and its surrounding areas.

The MRF estimates that **only 25%** of the recyclable materials discarded in Rapid City are recovered and sold.

Are YOU recycling?

If not, please do.
Take the time, make the effort.
It's worth it.

This booklet may be downloaded and printed
from the Democracy in Action website:
www.sddia.org.

Please share this information widely.

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Rapid City Recycling Services

Recycle Your Glass, Plastic, Aluminum and Steel

Recyclables are collected on a variable schedule. If you have alley collection, your recyclables are collected every other week. If you have curbside collection, your recyclables will be collected any time they are placed out on your normal collection day.

Please recycle the following types of items:

- Glass – pickle jars, mayonnaise jars, beer bottles, baby food jars, etc.
- Plastic – milk, juice, ketchup, Cool Whip, cottage cheese, detergent, shampoo containers, etc. Please remove caps from bottles to aid in crushing.
- Aluminum – pop cans, beer cans, personal hygiene products, etc.
- Steel – coffee and food cans, empty paint cans, empty aerosol cans, etc.

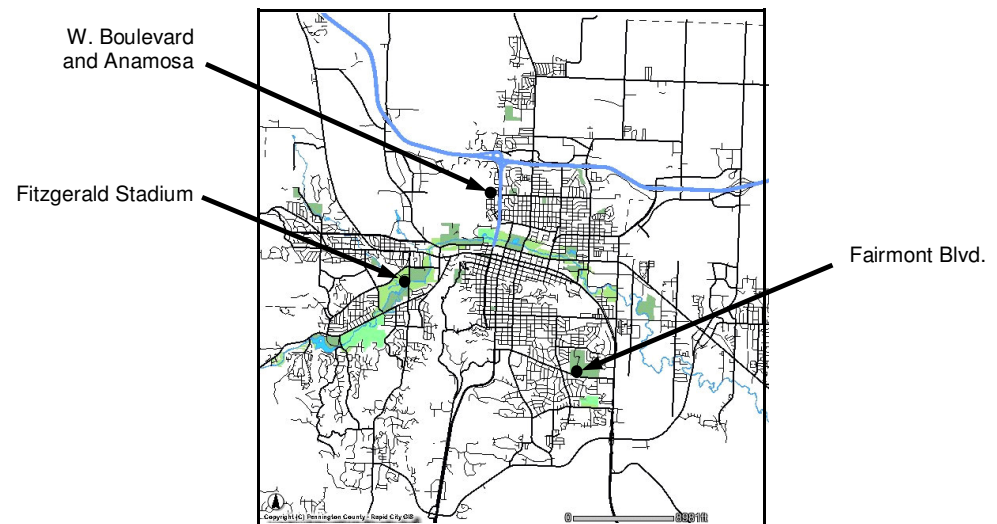
How: Please place items in your blue recycling container. First, remove all lids from containers and put the lids in the garbage. You may leave labels on containers. Rinse recyclables only to keep your containers clean and odor free!

Please, no paper, cardboard, or plastic bags in the blue containers or drop-off bins.

If you have questions about Rapid City's recycling service, please call the Rapid City Landfill and Material Recycling Facility at 394-4197 or 355-3496.

Drop-off Locations:

- Parking lot of Fitzgerald Stadium off Canyon Lake Drive
- West Boulevard and Anamosa Street
- Fairmont Boulevard yard waste site east of the Fire Station



Special Wastes

Automotive Wastes

Antifreeze

For small quantities, bulk up with cat litter, dirt or sawdust and put in the trash, or recycle at most facilities with auto repair services. Call your auto dealer or auto repair shop.

For large quantities (used oil, anti-freeze, waste water, slop fuel, used grease), recycle with **Tri-State Recycling Services, Inc.**, Newcastle, WY, 800-876-8645.

Car Batteries (Lead acid)

When you purchase a new battery, ask the dealer if they recycle old ones.

If not, recycle with:

Interstate Batteries, 1330 Jess St, 341-7181 (\$5 rebate for used batteries!)

Ace Steel and Recycling, 2830 Elgin, 342-8649

Batteries Plus, 1315 Haines Ave, Suite E, 718-6000

Gasoline

Small quantities (up to 5 gallons) may be left, *in a container*, at the Rapid City Landfill.

For larger quantities, contact **Tri-State Recycling Services, Inc.**, Newcastle, WY, at 1-800-876-8645.

Tires

Tires may be recycled at the **Rapid City Landfill**, 394-4197.

Fees are charged by size:

\$2.39 each - 16" and smaller

\$7.62 each - on rim or larger than 16"

\$185/ton - tractor or other large tires

You may also contact **New Deal Tire**, Groton, SD, where the Rapid City Landfill sends tires for recycling, at 605-397-8473. Fees at New Deal –\$1.05 (passenger tire), \$1.90 (truck), \$5.85 (semi) or \$105/ton if you drop them off. Pickup prices in Rapid City are \$1.80, \$3.30, \$10.00 or \$180/ton.

Waste oil (household quantities)

Check with your auto dealer or auto repair shop, or recycle with:

Wal-Mart - 342-9444 (up to 5 gallons by appt.)

O'Reilly's Auto Parts, 335 Mt. View Rd., 341-7038 (up to 5 gallons)

Freon Removal and Certification

This service is required for any automobile air conditioning unit that is decommissioned. Call your auto dealer. Average price is about \$110.

Electronics (Tech Trash)

Cell Phones

You may recycle cell phones at any **Rapid City Public School**, Or you may donate your cell phones to local shelters:

WAVI – Working Against Violence, 527 Quincy Street, 341-3292.

Standing Strong Woman House (Ohitika Najin Win), 388-3388

Or choose a charity at <http://www.collectivegood.com/>

Or <http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com>

Or <http://www.wirelessrecycling.com>

Or recycle them at: **Best Buy**, 2320 North Haines, 341-8220

or **Office Depot**, 1331 West Omaha, 341-0474

Computers

Rapid City has local options for recycling computers.

Abari Electronics will pick up computers and other electronic gear.

Call Patrick at 391-7315 and leave a message or e-mail

junk-pc@hotmail.com.

Office Depot takes computer monitors, printers and any other technology items, *excluding appliances*. You must buy boxes for \$10 (large), \$5 (medium), and \$1 (small), then fill them with any type of electronics. Office Depot then ships them to a tech recycling center to recover copper, glass, aluminum and plastic.

Office Depot, 1331 West Omaha, 341-0474

Computer Village refurbishes Apple Macs and re-sells them at low prices.

Computer Village, 601 12th Street, #2, 343-6264

Remote options include the following:

Dell has a recycling program that allows for the free return of all Dell brand products plus several convenient programs that accept any make or model of computer, monitor, printer or peripheral device.

Check at:

http://www.dell.com/content/topics/global.aspx/about_dell/values/environment/recycling.

Or consult **The Computer Takeback Campaign** for responsible electronics recyclers at: http://www.computertakeback.com?the_solutins/recyclers_map.html.

Another list of computer recyclers can be found at Basel Action Network: www.ban.org/pledge/Locations.html.

Printer/Ink Cartridges

Recycle these at:

Office Depot (\$3 credit per cartridge added to quarterly Rewards program), 1331 West Omaha, 341-0474

Think Toner, 1430 North Haines Ave, Suite 102, 343-6266

Best Buy, 2320 North Haines, 341-8220

Or, if you prefer not to recycle locally, check:

<http://www.recycle4charity.com>

Laser Printer Toner Cartridges

Recycle these with **Dakota Laser Tech**, which takes laser toner cartridges for refill while providing jobs for adults with disabilities. Laser Tech is affiliated with Black Hills Workshop.

Dakota Laser Tech, 1350 Concourse Drive, 343-6850

Household Items

Appliances

Appliances are **NOT** accepted at the landfill. If the company that sold you new appliances will not recycle the old ones, please take them to:

Pacific Steel and Recycling, 4280 South Highway 79, 343-0334, \$15 fee

NOTE: Any household appliance that contains Freon must have professional Freon removal and certification, available for a \$45 fee, from:

Karl's TV and Appliance, 8 Knollwood Drive, 343-3610

K&D Appliance Service, Inc., 3405 Edwards St, 394-9411

Batteries

You may place regular household alkaline non-rechargeable batteries (sizes AAA, AA, A, C, D, etc.) in your garbage or take to:

Ace Hardware, 1724 West Main, 342-5678

Best Buy, 2320 North Haines, 341-8220

Recycle rechargeable batteries at **Chris Supply** or **Batteries Plus**, which ship all kinds of rechargeable and non earth-friendly flashlight, camera, button and electronic batteries to a recycler.

Chris Supply, 114 East Boulevard, 342-5900

Batteries Plus, 1315 Haines Ave, Suite E, 718-6000

Recycle button batteries (watches, calculators, etc.) at local jewelry stores.

Clothing/Household Goods

Clean, usable clothing and household items donated to three areas thrift stores are sold to benefit programs and assist needy families. Clothing that doesn't sell is baled and sent to California, where it is sorted for climate and shipped to Africa, Philippines or Mexico. Some items are given to West River Community Action for distribution.

Rapid City Club for Boys Thrift Store

319 North 3rd Street, Rapid City

341-8878

9 am – 3 pm Monday - Friday; 9 am – 2 pm Saturdays

Cornerstone Rescue Mission Thrift Store

401 11th Street, Rapid City

716-2768

9 am – 5 pm Monday -Saturday

Salvation Army Thrift Store

621 East St Patrick Street, Rapid City

342-8849

Shop: 9 am – 5 pm Monday – Saturday

Drop-off: 9 am—4 pm Monday—Saturday

Standing Strong Woman House (Ohitika Najin Win), 388-3388. Please call for appointment and drop-off location.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs (including compact fluorescents, CFLs)

Newkirk's Ace Hardware West recycles 8-foot or shorter fluorescent bulbs as well as CFLs at **no charge**. Bring spent bulbs and the store will box and ship them to a facility equipped to recycle mercury.

Newkirk's Ace West, 1724 W. Main St., 342-5678

Fluorescent Light Bulbs (continued)

You may also recycle fluorescent bulbs with **Lighting Maintenance Company**.

The price to recycle is \$0.50 a bulb for CFLs and other bulbs with an overall length of 4 3/8" or less. Any bulb over 4 3/8" to 4' long costs \$1.05/bulb and 8' bulbs cost \$4.31. Cost includes packing, recycling, and freight to an out of state recycling facility.

Lighting Maintenance Co., 2221 South Highway 79, Rapid City, 343-1386

Drugs (see Pharmaceuticals)

Household Chemicals

Treat household chemicals like paint: mix with cat litter, dirt or sawdust until solid, and dispose of in your garbage. If you have questions, call the **Rapid City Landfill**, 394-4197.

Paint & Paint Thinner

Please mix oil base & latex paints with cat litter, dirt or sawdust until solid; put the dried paint in your garbage and the empty cans in recyclables. If you have questions, call the **Rapid City Landfill**, 394-4197.

Pharmaceuticals (prescription and over-the-counter drugs)

Return outdated or unused drugs to the place of purchase or place in a plastic container, add some water, fill with used coffee grounds, seal and put it in your regular garbage. (The SD Board of Pharmacy recommends these procedures.)

Plastic Bags

Plastic bags are recycled at Safeway, Family Thrift Centers and Wal-Mart.

Better yet, use cloth! Fiber/cloth grocery bags can be purchased at Safeway, Family Thrift and Wal-Mart.

Paper

Magazines and Office Paper (reuse, shredding, recycling and composting)

Before recycling or disposing of magazines, check with local doctor's and dentist's offices, thrift shops and the Rapid City Public Library to donate them.

Shredded and/or bagged office paper is accepted at **A to Z Shredding**, where it is shipped to paper recycling facility in Wisconsin.

A to Z Shredding, 300 Hills View Road, Box Elder, 716-5555 (Call to meet the mobile unit in town on Fridays.)

If you choose not to recycle newspapers through the city recycling service or drop-off recycling sites, magazines can be mixed with newspapers for recycling in large quantities at:

Ace Steel and Recycling, 2830 Elgin, M-F, 8-5 and Sat 8-noon, 342-8649

Pacific Steel and Recycling, 4820 South Highway 79, 343-0334

All paper collected by waste haulers as part of household trash is composted at the Rapid City Landfill. Please use the bins at the city drop-off sites for **newspaper only**. Magazines can go directly to the landfill with household trash.

Rapid City Landfill, 5555 South Highway 79, 394-4197

Catalogs and Mail

Recycle with magazines at **A-Z Shredding** (see **Magazines** above).

Minimize the number of catalogs you receive by contacting the companies that sent the catalogs and ask to be removed from their lists. You may also contact Catalog Choice. It is a free service sponsored by the Ecology Center, endorsed by the National Wildlife Federation and the Natural Resources Defense Council, funded by the Overbrook Foundation, the Merck Family Fund and the Kendeda Fund. You can find the service at www.catalogchoice.org.

DMACHoice.org is the Direct Marketing Association's Consumer Information site. Remove your name from mailing lists here: www.dmachoice.org/consumerassistance.php.

GreenDimes offers ongoing name removal from direct marketing lists, elimination of catalogs and other services for a membership fee. Find them at www.greendimes.com/greendimes/HowItWorks.

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Phone books

Throw these in your regular garbage. They'll be composted.

Cardboard (clean corrugated - no photo finish, waxed finish or cereal boxes)

Recycle cardboard at all city Yard waste/Recycle sites.

Building Materials

Donate quality used and surplus building materials to **Habitat ReStore** for retail sale; proceeds build Habitat homes. Also donate aluminum cans here! The store is open from 9 am – 3 pm Tuesday through Saturday (except Friday, 9 am—5 pm); donations are accepted from 8:30 am – 3 pm Wednesday through Saturday. If you have large or unusual items to donate, call to set up an appointment.

Habitat ReStore, 401 11th Street, 791-1880.

Metals

Aluminum

If, rather than recycling cans with Rapid City's recycling service, you want to donate proceeds from sale of aluminum cans to Habitat for Humanity, take your cans to **Ace Steel and Recycling** and, if you ask them, they will credit Habitat for your cans.

Ace Steel and Recycling, 2830 Elgin (on the service road near Menards), 342-8649

Another way to donate to Habitat is to deposit aluminum in containers at **Habitat ReStore**. Proceeds from the sale helps to build Habitat homes.

Habitat ReStore, 401 11th Street, 791-1880, 9 am – 3 pm Wednesday through Saturday

Scrap Metal

The **Rapid City Landfill** doesn't pay for—or charge for—scrap metals, and will accept any. Contact them at:

Rapid City Landfill, 5555 South Highway 79, 394-4197

Ace Steel and Recycling takes aluminum, iron, brass, copper, lead, die cast, insulated wire, old Christmas lights, old cars, etc Call Doreen at 342-8649 if you have questions.

Ace Steel and Recycling, 2830 Elgin (on service road past Menards), M-F, 8-5 or Sat 8-noon, 342-8649

Take large quantities of scrap metal to **Pacific Steel and Recycling**.

Pacific Steel and Recycling, 4280 South Highway 79, 343-0334

Miscellaneous Wastes

Biohazard Wastes

Biohazardous materials include used needles and biological wastes like blood, urine and tissue. If you need to dispose of such materials or clothing/fabric contaminated with them, please call the **South Dakota Department of Health** at 394-6027, or **Medical Waste Transport**, Sioux Falls, at 605-332-8718.

Pallets

The Rapid City Landfill will recycle pallets, composting them along with other yard waste. They charge \$20/ton to take them.

Rapid City Landfill, 5555 South Highway 79, 394-4197

Styrofoam Packing Peanuts (packing material)

UPS Store, 3213 West Main Street, 342-7379

Further Resources

Rapid City Code Enforcement: 355-3465

Rapid City Solid Waste Management and Materials Recycling Facility:
http://www.rcgov.org/pubworks/solidwaste/solid_waste_homepage.htm

City of Rapid City: www.rcgov.org

South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR):
Rapid City: 394-2229
Pierre: 1-800-438-3367

South Dakota Solid Waste Management Association (SDSWMA):
This organization promotes environmentally sound waste management.
Contact them at: <http://www.sdsdma.org/links.htm>.

Women's Voices for the Earth (WVE) is a national environmental health and justice organization working to reduce environmental toxics and to increase women's participation in environmental decision-making. There are lots of practical hints at: <http://www.womenandenvironment.org/>

BAN is the world's only organization focused on confronting the global environmental injustice and economic inefficiency of toxic trade (toxic wastes, products and technologies) and its devastating impacts. Browse their website at: <http://rethink.ebay.com/odcs/custom.htm?template=membersolutions#industry>.

The Rethink Initiative brings together industry, government, environmental and charitable groups to deal with the challenge of e-waste. Check it out at: <http://www.earth911.org/locator/ebay.html>.

Finally, when you recycle, do the research needed to keep children and other workers in other parts of the world safe.

Fifty to eighty percent of recycled electronics end up in China, India and developing nations in Africa where they are taken apart improperly by untrained workers without protective equipment. These workers and their families can be exposed to toxic substances that also end up in neighboring waterways. Unfortunately, the United States is the only developed country that has refused to ratify the 1994 Basel Convention banning the export of hazardous materials from wealthy countries to poor ones.

Read about it at: http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2005/11/1108_051108_electronic_waste.html. The article's title is, "Toxic 'E-Waste' Gets Cached in Poor Nations, Report Says," *National Geographic News*, November 8, 2005.

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Catalogs
Magazines
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Newspapers
White bond or office paper

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Computers
Electronic gear

Ace Hardware (Newkirk's Ace West), 1724 W. Main St., 342-5678
Compact fluorescent light bulbs
Fluorescent bulbs, tube style
Batteries, car
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Household goods

Dakota Laser Tech, 1350 Concourse Drive, 343-6850
Laser printer toner cartridges

Family Thrift Stores, 1516 East St. Patrick St., 343-3010,
855 Omaha, 343-6106
751 Mountain View, 399-1377
FTC Express, 3464 Sturgis Road, 343-2525
Plastic bags

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Building materials

Interstate Batteries, 1330 Jess St, 341-7181

Batteries, car

K&D Appliance Service, Inc., 3405 Edwards St, 394-9411

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Karl's TV and Appliance, 8 Knollwood Drive, 343-3610

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Compact fluorescent light bulbs

Medical Waste Transport, Sioux Falls, 605-332-8718.

Biohazardous materials

New Deal Tire, Groton, SD, 605-397-8473

Tires, all sizes (charges fee, will pick up in Rapid City)

Office Depot, 1331 West Omaha, 341-0474

Cell phones
Electronics
Inkjet printer cartridges
Computers

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Waste oil

Pacific Steel and Recycling, 4280 South Highway 79, 343-0334

Appliances, household
Magazines (shredded)
Office paper (shredded)
Scrap metal

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9 am – 3 pm Monday - Friday; 9 am – 2 pm Saturdays

Clothing
Furniture
Household goods

Rapid City Landfill, 5555 South Highway 79, 394-4197

Aluminum cans
Gasoline (up to 5 gallons)
Glass
Newspaper
Pallets
Scrap metal
Steel cans
Tires (charges fee)

Rapid City Schools (see telephone book for addresses and numbers)

Cell phones

Safeway Stores, 2120 Mt. Rushmore Rd, 348-5125

and 730 Mountain View Drive, 342-8455

Plastic bags

Salvation Army Thrift Store, 621 East St Patrick Street, 342-8849

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Used grease, automotive
Used oil, automotive (large quantities)

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Cell phones

Interested in reduce/reuse/recycle? Climate change?

Here are several websites that provide excellent information:

- To check out additional information about Rapid City's recycling and composting programs, go to www.rcgov.org. Go to "About the City" and click on "By Department." Go to "Public Works" and click on "Solid Waste/MRF."
- To check out how reduce/reuse/recycle can affect climate change, go to www.stoptrashingtheclimate.org and www.wecansolveit.org and www.climatecrisis.net.
- For a list of cities across the nation—including two in South Dakota—which have joined the US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, go to www.usmayors.org/climateprotection/about.htm.
- For information on natural lawn care, go to www.safelawns.org.
- To reduce the amount of junk mail you receive, go to www.donotmail.org.
- Want to know more about recycling plastic bags? Go to www.plasticbagrecycling.org.

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- The empowerment of women
- Protection of civil liberties
- Transparent and open government
- Civil public policy dialogue
- Native justice and racial reconciliation
- Responsible environmental stewardship
- Equal economic opportunity
- Access to affordable health care
- Strong public schools and higher education
- Advancement of the arts
- Global cooperation and peace

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