A brief history

The McIntire Recycling Center has deep roots in Charlottesville. It began in the early 1970s with a glass recycling center at Barracks Road Shopping Center. Soon thereafter, recycling began in earnest with the formation of the Charlottesville Ecology Club. A glass recycling center was opened in February of 1973 at the corner of Ridge and South Streets. Fifteen to twenty 50-gallon drums of glass were collected the first day. As volume continued to increase, the Club relocated to the fire station on Rt. 250. Then in 1979, the recycling center moved to its present day location at McIntire Road. Over 691,000 pounds were received that first year.

In 1992, RSWA began operating the McIntire Recycling Center. Today, recycling is not just glass and aluminum cans. You can recycle just about anything: from your morning newspaper to plastic grocery bags!

Today the McIntire Recycling Center receives visits from over 1,300 cars each week. In 2018, a total of 4,333 tons of material were collected and recycled.

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Thanks for recycling at McIntire and doing your part! – RSWA staff
About Us

The Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (RSWA) is committed to providing recycling, solid waste, and hazardous waste disposal services specifically requested and funded by the City of Charlottesville and/or Albemarle County for city and county residents. Thanks to citizen recyclers and our source-separated method, we achieve over 98% recycling rate with little or no contamination!

The McIntire Recycling Center is closed in observance of the following holidays: New Year’s, Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.

What can I bring to the McIntire Recycling Center?

- **Mixed Paper/Brown Paper:** wrapping paper, packing paper, cereal boxes, and all non-corrugated cardboard
- **Office Paper:** junk mail, copy/printer paper
- **Newspaper, Magazines & Catalogs**
- **Corrugated Cardboard** (cannot have a waxy coating)
- **Old Books:** soft and hard back
- **Telephone Books**
- **Glass:** clear, blue, green, brown and yellow (co-mingled)
- **Aluminum and Steel Cans**
- **Plastic Bottles and Containers #1 & #2:** plastic milk jugs, detergent bottles, water/soda bottles, and deli/food packaging (#2 plastic motor oil, lawn and garden containers are **not** accepted)
- **Plastic Bags and Wrap:** clean, dry plastic bags, film packaging like paper towel wrap, grocery bags, and other flexible plastic

See our Plastics Recycling brochure for more details.

For a complete list, please visit: http://www.rivanna.org/recyclables-accepted/

If you have questions about where to deposit a recyclable item, the on-site recycling attendant will be happy to assist you!

Book Exchange Bin

Do you have books that you have finished and would like a place to take them for others to enjoy? The McIntire Recycling Center offers a free Book Exchange Program that lets you drop off your old books. Feel free to take books home to enjoy! Please, no wet or moldy books.

Composting

McIntire accepts compostable food waste from households in compostable bags. We also offer complimentary bags to users of this program at the McIntire composting kiosk. For details about this program, check out http://www.rivanna.org/composting

How can I find out more?

For more information about programs and services including household hazardous waste collection and the “Encore Shop” at our Ivy facility, please visit www.rivanna.org or email info@rivanna.org or call our Administration Office (434) 977-2976.