

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 almost 2,800 cars each week. In 2021, a total of 2,444 tons of material were collected and recycled.

<https://www.rivanna.org/mcintire-recycling-center/>



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

McIntire Road Recycling Center



*Serving the citizens of the
City of Charlottesville,
Albemarle County and
Town of Scottsville*

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**611 McIntire Road
Charlottesville, Virginia
22902**

Hours of Operation

March - November

Mon 8:30am-6:30pm

Tuesday - CLOSED

Wed-Sun 8:30am-6:30pm

November - March

Mon 8:30am-5:30pm

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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.

The McIntire Recycling Center is closed in observance of the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- Employee Appreciation Day (1/2 Day in October)



How can I find out more?

For more information about programs and services, including household hazardous waste collection, please visit www.rivanna.org, email info@rivanna.org, or call our Administration Office (434) 977-2970.

What can I bring to the McIntire Recycling Center?

- **Mixed Paper:** magazines/catalogs, wrapping paper, packing paper, junk mail, cereal boxes, old books, non-corrugated cardboard, colored paper, and telephone books
- **Office Paper:** white copy/printer paper, white envelopes, and shredded office paper
- **Newspaper**
- **Corrugated Cardboard:** (including pizza boxes)
- **Glass:** clear, blue, green, brown, and yellow (co-mingled)
- **Aluminum Beverage Cans**
- **Mixed Metals:** aluminum foil, pet food cans, and tin cans
- **Plastic #1:** water/soda bottles, and deli/food packaging
- **Plastic #2:** plastic milk jugs, detergent bottles, deli/food packaging (*#2 plastic motor oil, lawn and garden containers are **not** accepted*)
- **Plastic Films:** clean, dry stretchable, #2 and #4 plastic bags, film packaging, grocery bags, and resealable bags
- **Oyster Shells:** Oyster shells from restaurants and homes to be recycled back into oyster habitats in the Chesapeake by the Virginia Oyster Shell Recycling and Restoration Program.

Used Cooking Oil Collection

Help the Albemarle County Service Authority, City of Charlottesville, and Yourself(!) by bringing your used cooking oils, fats, and greases to our recycling centers. Flowable(liquid) fats, oils, and greases can be placed in the USED Cooking Oil tank where it will be disposed of through composting. Solid fats, oils, and greases can be put in the Compostable Food Waste bins.

Food Composting

McIntire accepts compostable food waste from households in compostable bags. We also offer complimentary bags to users of this program, ask the attendant.

For details about this program, check out <http://www.rivanna.org/composting>



For more information, 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!