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Reduce & Reuse in Alexandria

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WASTE MANAGEMENT HIERARCHY

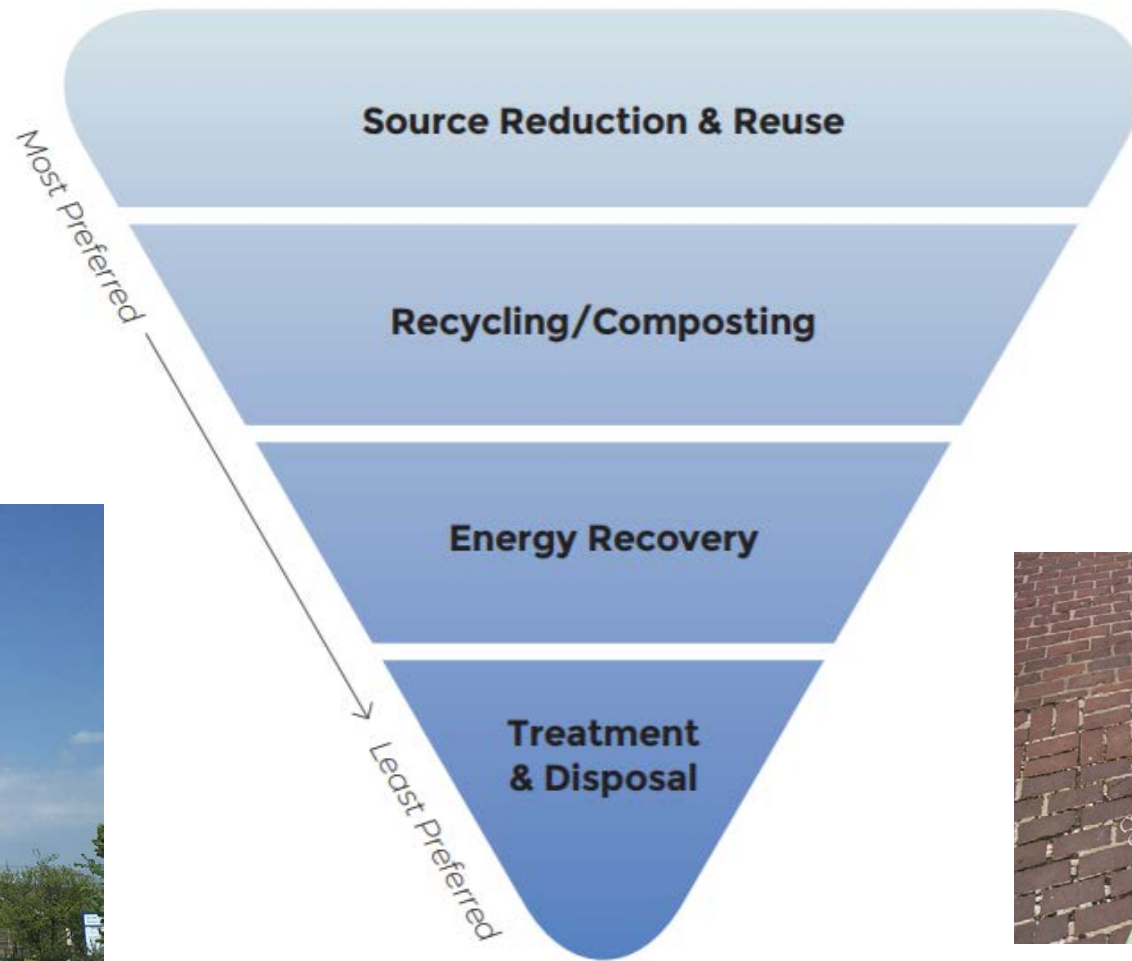
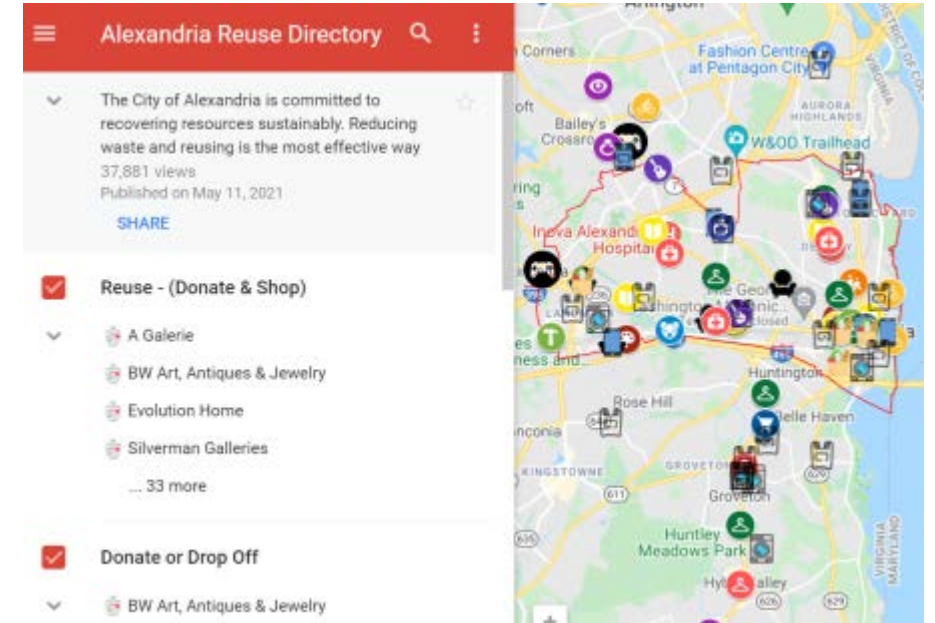


Figure 10 U.S. EPA Waste Management Hierarchy



Reuse Directory

- [Online Interactive Reuse Directory Map](#)
- [Shop & Consign Directory](#)
- [Shop Package Free & Refill Directory](#)
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The more info on City of Alexandria's Resource Recovery programs, visit <https://www.alexandriava.gov/reuse/reuse>

[Click here to see the Reuse Directory by Map](#)

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Store Name	Types of Donations	Drop Off/Pick Up	Address	Hours
BW Art, Antiques, & Jewelry	Artiques	Drop Off	108 N Fayette St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Mon - Thurs: 11AM-6PM, Fri & Sat: 11AM-5PM
Evolution Home	Artiques	Drop Off	861 S Pickett St, Alexandria, VA 22304	Mon - Sat: 10AM-6PM, Sun: 11AM-5PM
Artistic Artifacts	Arts & Crafts	Drop Off	4730 Edmonstone Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304	Tues - Fri: 10AM-5PM, Sat: 10AM-4PM
Upcycle Creative Reuse Center	Arts & Crafts	Drop Off	3280-D Edmonstone Ave, Alexandria, VA 22314	Thurs: 2PM-5PM, Sat: 10AM-5PM
Bellen & Babson	Baby & Maternity Items	Drop Off	3913 Mt Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304	Tues - Sat: 10AM-5PM
City's Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Unit	Batteries, Paint, Pesticides, Motor Oil, Large Appliances with Refrigerator, etc.	Drop Off, Pick Up Large Appliances for customers receiving City Service	3224 Cobble St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Mon & Sat: 7:30AM-5:30PM
Phoenix Bikes	Bicycles and Parts	Drop Off	909 S Brimfield St, Arlington, VA 22204	Tues - Fri: 10:30AM-6PM, Sat: 10:30AM-5PM
Village City Bicycle Cooperative	Bicycles and Parts	Drop Off	2011 Mt Vernon Ave, Alexandria, VA 22304	Tues: 12PM-6PM, Wed: 10PM-6PM, Thurs: 10PM-6PM
Alexandria Libraries	Books, AudioBooks, CDs, and DVDs	Drop Off	Bookle Central Library, Barrett Branch Library, Bookle Book Vendors Branch to Branch	Mon - Sat: 9AM-4PM
Habitat for Humanity - ReStore	Building/Construction Materials	Both	869 S Pickett Street, Alexandria, VA 22304	24/7
Secure the Call	Cell Phones	Mail In	6930 Carroll Ave - Suite 430, Takoma Park, MD 20912	24/7
109 Kids Consign	Children & Maternity Items	Drop Off	122A S Royal St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Mon - Sat: 10AM-5PM, Sun: 12PM-5PM
Current Boutique	Clothing	Both	4009 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Mon - Fri: 12PM-6PM, Sat: 11AM-6PM
Robert Secondary	Clothing	Drop Off	3734-D N Kings Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22305	Mon: 10AM-5PM, Tues - Thurs: 10AM-5PM
Immanuel Church on the Hill	Clothing	Drop Off	2006 Seminary Rd, Alexandria, VA 22304	24/7
Green Drop	Clothing & Household Items	Both	7260 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22306	Mon - Sat: 10AM-5PM
Twig Thrift Shop	Clothing & Household Items	Drop Off	206 N Columbus St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Wed - Fri: 10AM-5PM, Thurs: 6PM-8PM
Catholic Charities Closet House Thrift Shop	Clothing & Household Items	Drop Off	123 S West St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Thurs & Fri: 10AM-4PM
Look Again Reuse Shop	Clothing & Household Items	Drop Off	4000 King St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Tues - Fri: 10AM-5PM, Sat: 10AM-5PM
Goodwill of Greater Washington Retail Store	Clothing, Furniture, Household Items	Drop Off	6210 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22305	Mon - Sat: 10AM-5PM, Sun: 10AM-5PM
The Salvation Army Donation Center	Clothing, Furniture, Household Items	Both	6228 Little River Tpke, Alexandria, VA 22302	Mon - Sat: 9AM-6PM, Sun: 11AM-4PM
Best Buy	Electronics	Both	3401 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22305	Mon - Sat: 10AM-8PM, Sun: 11AM-6PM
Office Depot	Electronics	Drop Off	6011 N Kings Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22305	Mon - Fri: 8AM-6PM, Sat: 10AM-5PM
Stylen	Electronics	Drop Off	2201 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22305	Mon - Fri: 8AM-6PM, Sat: 9AM-5PM



Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Donate, Sell

Trash as a last resort



1 Consider donating, repairing, or selling if possible before disposal. Trash as a last resort.

Best Option

Donate - Furniture

🚚 Drop off this item for donation.

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Goodwill of Greater Washington Retail Store

6220 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22303 · (703) 647-8402



The Salvation Army Donation Center

6528 Little River Tpke, Alexandria, VA 22312 · (703) 642-9279



ALIVE! Family Assistance Program

801 S Payne St, Alexandria, Virginia, United States of America · (703) 837-9800



Eisenhower Consignment

4926 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia, United States · (703) 304-7845



Other Options

Donate and Shop - Building Materials

🏠 Drop off this item for donation or pick-up. You can also purchase second-hand building materials.

Please visit the [ReStore website](#) and fill out appropriate forms prior to your visit to see what items are accepted and not accepted.

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1 Donate, sell, or repair if possible. Trash as a last resort. Do not include in residential or commercial recycling.

Best Option

Repair - Clothes

👕 Consider repairing this item. Check with locations for more information about costs for services.

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Vintage Mirage

117 S Columbus Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 · (703) 535-8200



Yates Dry Cleaning

407 E Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22301 · (703) 683-6103



Techy's Tailoring LLC

3301 Mount Vernon Avenue Ste. 202, Alexandria, VA 22305 · (703) 535-5477



Luis Tailoring

117 S Henry St, Alexandria, VA 22314 · (571) 501-1077



Alexandria Cleaners

3107 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia, United States · 703-751-7083



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Best Option

Repair - Game Consoles

🔧 Consider repairing this item. Check with locations for more information about costs for services.

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Tech Doc

201 King St - Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314 · (703) 362-5873



Asurion Phone & Tech Repair

4656C King St, Alexandria, VA 22302 · (571) 970-5490



Best Buy - Geek Squad

3401 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22305 · (703) 519-0940



Other Options

Drop-off - Video Games

🚗 Consider donating, repairing or selling used video games, plus consoles, controllers & related gear. The City's Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Center also accepts these materials.

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GameStop - Plaza at Landmark

6244 Little River Tpke, Spc 6244 G, Alexandria, VA 22312 · (703) 256-0405



Game Stop - Baileys Crossroad

3519 S Jefferson St/Baileys Crossroads, VA 22041 · (703) 578-9449



Upcycle Creative Reuse Center

- Donate Materials
- Tinker Time
- Shop materials for projects
- Leftover Halloween Candy to Gingerbread House Decorating Party

<https://www.upcyclecrc.org/>



Library Fix-It Clinic



Library Fix-It Clinic



- Computers and mobile devices
- Electronics and small appliances
- Knife sharpening
- Bike maintenance
- Jewelry
- Sewing and stuffed animals
- Plant help and diagnostics from Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia





Reduce Food Waste

12/8/2023



Plastic Free July Campaign





5 EASY STEPS TO REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE



Say no to plastic straws at restaurants

Bring a reusable bag whenever you shop



Pack your lunch in reusable containers

Buy more bulk food and fewer
packaged products at grocery stores



Use reusable water bottles instead of
disposable bottled water



Plastic Free July

As you prepare for the work week, join us for the [#NoPlasticChallenge](#) this July and help us Reduce waste! Bring a **reusable mug and utensils** to work and consider **skipping the disposable** coffee cups and cutlery. Share with us a picture of your reusable mug at work! [#PlasticFreeJuly](#)



Plastic Free July

Have you been participating in the [#NoPlasticChallenge](#) this July? It's not too late! One great way to reduce your impact is by using a **reusable water bottle**. Here's our staff in front of the Masonic Temple artwork @UpcycleCRC created using plastics and caps that would've otherwise been thrown away as trash. [#PlasticFreeJuly](#) [#AlexandriaVA](#)



Plastic Free July

Reduce your impact this [#PlasticFreeJuly](#) by using a **reusable tote bag** instead of plastic bags at the store. If you drive, a good tip is to keep a **stash of reusable tote bags in your trunk** or put your shopping list in a bag so you're less likely to forget! Some stores will give you a discount for every reusable bag you bring and use.



Plastic Free July

Packing your lunch in a **reusable container** is a great way to reduce single use waste. It is never too late to join us this [#PlasticFreeJuly!](#) Meal prepping can often help save money too!



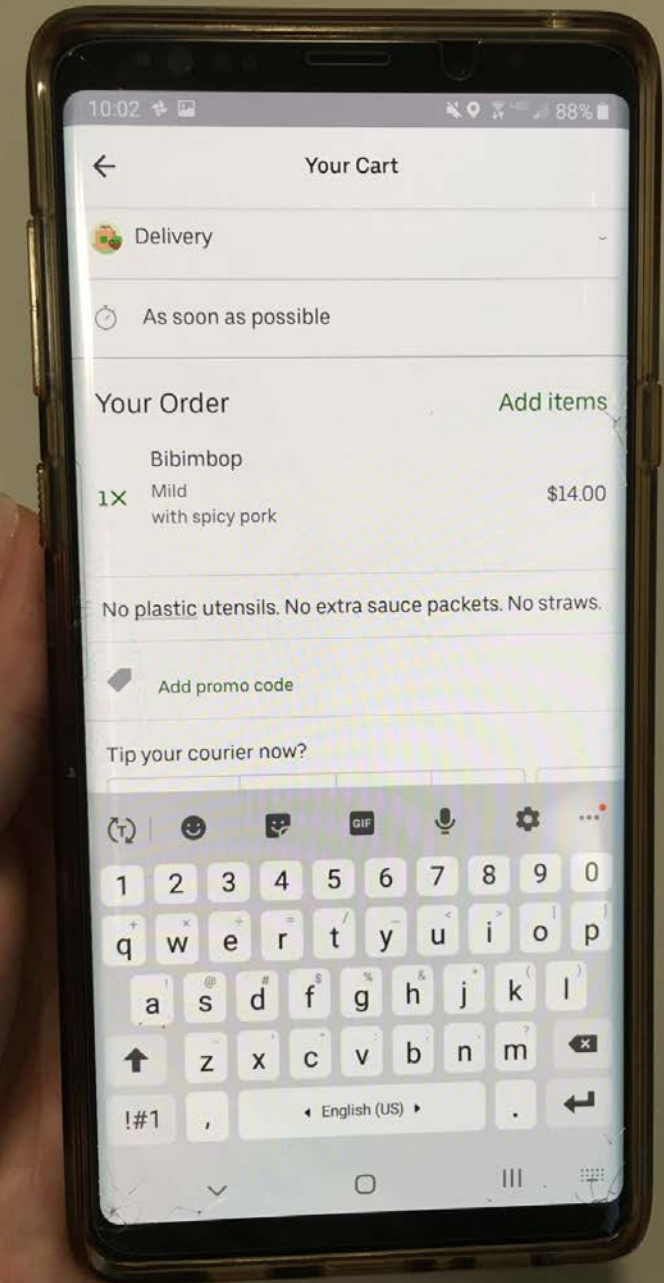
Plastic Free July

How have you been reducing your impact this [#PlasticFreeJuly](#)? One great tip is to always ask your server, "**no straws please!**" when ordering a drink. Drinking tap water is also another great alternative to bottled water. [#NoPlasticChallenge](#)




Plastic Free July

Ordering food for delivery can often lead to disposable packaging waste. But when you do order in, consider adding a note to your store - **“No plastic utensils. No extra sauce packets. No plastic straws.”** Every small action adds up. #PlasticFreeJuly



Reduce Food Waste

Helpful Food Waste Reduction Links & Tools



Guest-imator Tool

Try this Save the Food dinner party calculator that estimates how much food you need to keep your guests happy and healthy. Just tell it who's coming to dinner and find out exactly how much to make.




Interactive Food Storage Guide

Save the Food's interactive storage guide provides tips, tricks, and information to keep your food fresh and tasty for as long as possible.




Food Waste Reduction Workshop Video

Watch this virtual video workshop where City staff explains the importance of reducing food waste and offer techniques and alternatives to throwing out this regenerative resource.



Recipes

Check out these recipes from Save the Food for everything from overnight avocados to cheese rinds.



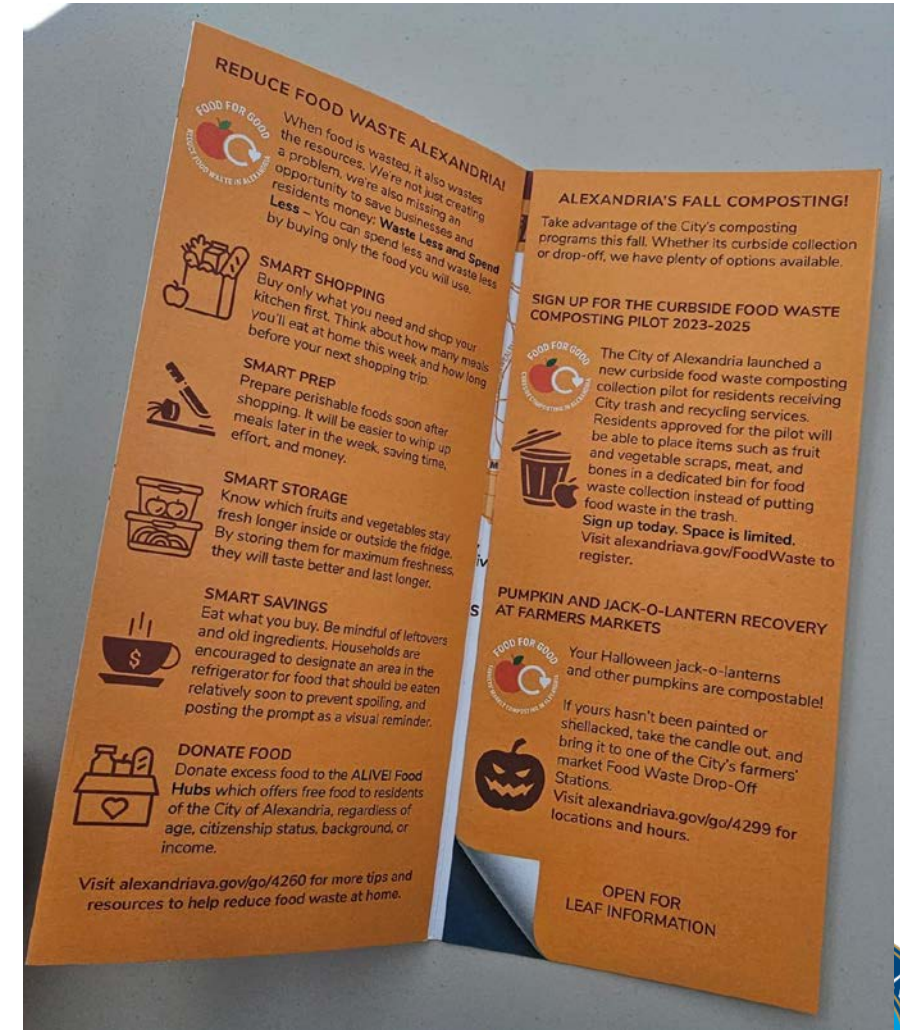
Meal Prep Mate

Visit Save the Food's Meal Prep Mate tool to help make a shopping list, portion meals, and maximize what's in your fridge to help reduce food waste.



Donate Food

Donate excess food to the ALIVE! Food Hubs which offers free food to residents of the City of Alexandria, regardless of age, citizenship status, background, or income.



REDUCE FOOD WASTE ALEXANDRIA!

When food is wasted, it also wastes the resources. We're not just creating a problem, we're also missing an opportunity to save businesses and residents money: **Waste Less and Spend Less** - You can spend less and waste less by buying only the food you will use.

SMART SHOPPING
Buy only what you need and shop your kitchen first. Think about how many meals you'll eat at home this week and how long before your next shopping trip.

SMART PREP
Prepare perishable foods soon after shopping. It will be easier to wrap up meals later in the week, saving time, effort, and money.

SMART STORAGE
Know which fruits and vegetables stay fresh longer inside or outside the fridge. By storing them for maximum freshness, they will taste better and last longer.

SMART SAVINGS
Eat what you buy. Be mindful of leftovers and old ingredients. Households are encouraged to designate an area in the refrigerator for food that should be eaten relatively soon to prevent spoiling, and posting the prompt as a visual reminder.

DONATE FOOD
Donate excess food to the ALIVE! Food Hubs which offers free food to residents of the City of Alexandria, regardless of age, citizenship status, background, or income.

Visit alexandriava.gov/go/4260 for more tips and resources to help reduce food waste at home.

ALEXANDRIA'S FALL COMPOSTING!
Take advantage of the City's composting programs this fall. Whether its curbside collection or drop-off, we have plenty of options available.

SIGN UP FOR THE CURBSIDE FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING PILOT 2023-2025

The City of Alexandria launched a new curbside food waste composting collection pilot for residents receiving City trash and recycling services. Residents approved for the pilot will be able to place items such as fruit and vegetable scraps, meat, and bones in a dedicated bin for food waste collection instead of putting food waste in the trash. **Sign up today. Space is limited.** Visit alexandriava.gov/FoodWaste to register.

PUMPKIN AND JACK-O-LANTERN RECOVERY AT FARMERS MARKETS

Your Halloween jack-o-lanterns and other pumpkins are compostable!

If yours hasn't been painted or shellacked, take the candle out, and bring it to one of the City's farmers' market Food Waste Drop-Off Stations. Visit alexandriava.gov/go/4299 for locations and hours.

OPEN FOR LEAF INFORMATION



Package Free Alexandria





Reduce Yard Waste

Promoting grasscycling

12/8/2023



Reduce Construction Waste

ENVIRONMENT

Builders Recycling Guide

Use our advanced search below for a listing of companies that recycle construction and demolition (C&D) materials in the DC Metro area.

Filters:

ENTER LOCATION (Street Address, City, State or Zip) Search by Street, City, State or Zip		SEARCH RADIUS Change Radius
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MATERIALS

<input type="checkbox"/> Antiques and architectural salvage	<input type="checkbox"/> Ceramics	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Crushing & Processing
<input type="checkbox"/> Appliances	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-ferrous metals only
<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt pavement	<input type="checkbox"/> Deconstruction Services	<input type="checkbox"/> Other reusable building supplies
<input type="checkbox"/> Bricks	<input type="checkbox"/> Dirt/sand/clean fill	<input type="checkbox"/> Paint
<input type="checkbox"/> Bricks/blocks	<input type="checkbox"/> Doors and windows	<input type="checkbox"/> Pallets
<input type="checkbox"/> Building supplies and salvage	<input type="checkbox"/> Drywall	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing hardware and fixtures
<input type="checkbox"/> Cabinetry	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical components	<input type="checkbox"/> Roofing
<input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Flooring	<input type="checkbox"/> Siding and exterior trim
<input type="checkbox"/> Carpet	<input type="checkbox"/> Gravel/stone	<input type="checkbox"/> Vinyl/PVC
<input type="checkbox"/> Carpet padding	<input type="checkbox"/> Marble	<input type="checkbox"/> Window/plate glass
<input type="checkbox"/> Ceiling tiles	<input type="checkbox"/> Metals	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood products
<input type="checkbox"/> Ceramic tiles	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed C&D debris	<input type="checkbox"/> Woody debris

Hide Advanced Filters

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<https://www.mwcog.org/environment/planning-areas/recycling-and-solid-waste/builders-recycling-guide/builders-recycling/>



Reduce Holiday Waste

'TIS THE SEASON TO RECYCLE

	REUSE	RECYCLE	TRASH
GLOSSY	❄️	❄️	
METALLIC	❄️		❄️
WAX-COATED	❄️		❄️
PLAIN	❄️	❄️	
TISSUE	❄️		❄️
PAPER TUBE	❄️	❄️	
PAPER BOX	❄️	❄️	

Wrapping Paper Recycle Guide

Purchase wrapping paper made with recycled materials that will also be recyclable and reuse tissue and wrapping paper. Remember, metallic/glitter wrapping paper are not recyclable.



Keep Tangles Out of the Bin

Please remember to keep items that tangle out of the recycling bin this holiday season. Reuse ribbons & bows or place them in the trash.



Recycle Shipping and Gift Boxes

This holiday season, remember to empty, flatten, and recycle your shipping and gift boxes. When you flatten boxes it makes more room in your recycling bin.



Recycle While Cooking

Cooking this holiday season? Did you know items such as milk cartons, aluminum cans, and baking sheets can be recycled. Just make sure they are rinsed and dry before placing in the bin.

Reduce Holiday Waste



**Use Natural
Materials in your
Holiday Decor**



**Gift Experiences
Instead of Stuff**



**Shop With a
Reusable Bag**



**Gift in Reusable
and/or Recyclable
Containers or Wrap**



Picture credit: Call2Recycle

**Safely Dispose of
Batteries**



Thank You!

Questions & Answers

More information on Resource Recovery can be found at:

www.alexandriava.gov/ResourceRecovery

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