

Why Recycle?

Most household garbage is sent to landfills or dumps. With people producing more and more waste, landfills are filling up faster than we can find new sites for them. By recycling we can substantially reduce the amount of household garbage and help to preserve our landfills. Waste reduction hinges on the participation and support of everyone. To be effective, it must incorporate the “3R’s”:



Reduce the amount of garbage you discard by purchasing durable, long-lasting goods and products which can be used again after its original use is completed.

Reuse containers and products; repair what is broken or give it to someone who can repair it. Donate unwanted items to charity or community groups.

Recycle as much as possible, which includes buying products with recycled content. Purchasing products made from or packaged in recycled materials saves resources for future generations.

Town of Black Mountain
160 Midland Avenue
Black Mountain, NC 28711



Town of Black Mountain Curbside Recycling

Town Hall Sanitation: (828) 419-9300
160 Midland Avenue, Black Mountain, NC 28711
GDS: (828) 253-3929
1070 Riverside Drive, Asheville, NC 28804

When to Recycle...

Recyclables will be picked up every other week on the same day as refuse collection at residences and commercial customers within the town limits. Your street location determines when your recyclables will be collected. **Please check the enclosed recycling calendar for your scheduled recycling collection day.**

- ◆ Commercial customers limited to hand-loaded only.
- ◆ The Town does not provide services for industrial or manufacturing operations.

Recyclables need to be placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled recycling day. Please do not put recyclables out any earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before collection, and remove any containers from the curb promptly after collection.

Call Town Hall at 419-9300 if your recyclables are not picked up on your scheduled recycling day.

Remember—

Recyclables must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m.



How and What to Recycle...

For your convenience, mixed paper, magazines, newspapers, inserts, cans, glass and plastic recyclables can be mixed together in a single blue bag or recycling bin. Place all recyclables in a transparent blue recycling bag or your recycling container.

Recycling containers are available for purchase at Town Hall for a small fee.



These items can be recycled in Black Mountain:

- ◆ **Corrugated cardboard:** (moving boxes, shipping boxes, etc) Boxes must be flattened and no larger than approximately 3' x 3' with a stack no higher than approximately 3'. Place cardboard next to or under your blue bags or recycling container.
- ◆ **Aluminum, steel and tin cans:** Should be empty with all food and liquid removed. **Aerosol cans** are accepted as long as they are empty.
- ◆ **Aluminum pie tins and aluminum food trays:** Please make sure they are washed and clean of food waste.
- ◆ **Clear, green and brown glass.** Bottles & jars only. It is not necessary to remove any labels. Please remember to discard lids and remove all food and liquid.
- ◆ **Plastic bottles and jugs ONLY** Plastic bottles only with a neck that is smaller than the base. Flatten the bottle when possible. Remove and discard caps and lids. NO cups, jars, tubs, trays or bags.
- ◆ **Newspapers** and inserts, too.
- ◆ **Mixed Paper and Paperboard:** Magazines, catalogs, telephone books, office paper, junk mail, cereal boxes, etc., may be placed in the same blue bag or container as your other recyclables and tied securely.



Things to remember when preparing your recyclables:

- ◆ Remove and discard all caps, rinse all bottles and cans, and if possible, flatten plastic jugs and soda bottles.
- ◆ All boxes **MUST** be broken down, flattened and bundled.
- ◆ Tie blue bags securely.

Do Not...

Do not use plastic grocery bags or paper bags.
Do not place soiled items out for recycling.

Items that are not picked up as recyclables:

(These items should be included with regular household garbage.)

Aluminum Foil, Dried Paint, Plastic Bags, Plastic Wrap, Dishes or Cookware, Drinking Glasses, Broken Window or Mirror Glass, Baby Diapers, Carbon Copy Paper, Pet Food Bags, Hardcover Books, Juice Boxes, Black Frozen Food Containers, Paper Towels, Spiral Bound Notebooks, Wax Paper, and Nursery Plant Containers.



Other Recycling Options...

Cardboard:

In addition to curbside collection, cardboard dumpsters are located at 10 Rec Park Drive off of Blue Ridge Road for citizens to dispose of their cardboard once it has been flattened. Please note these dumpsters are for Black Mountain residents only.

Mattresses/Box Springs:

Mattresses and box springs are now accepted for recycling at the Buncombe County Landfill. The Town of Black Mountain offers recycling pickup of mattresses and box springs on the last Wednesday of each month. In order to arrange for mattress/box spring recycling pickup call 419-9300.

Fluorescent Lightbulbs:

Residents can drop off used compact and regular fluorescent light bulbs at the Black Mountain Fire Department. If you have broken fluorescent lamps they are also accepted. **BULBS FROM BUSINESSES OR SCHOOLS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Please note:

- ◆ If any bulbs are broken, please sweep up the contents. **DO NOT** use a vacuum cleaner. It will spread vapors and contaminate the vacuum. Place the contents in a ziplock bag, wipe the area with a wet paper towel or cloth and bring it to the Fire Station.
- ◆ Please make sure the broken bulb and towel are sealed in the plastic bag when brought into the Fire Station. Ventilate the room where the lamp was broken.
- ◆ When the unit is broken the mercury is released. It is released as a vapor and there will be very little left in the powder.
- ◆ 100% of these lamps are recycled.