



Zero Waste Mason

Join Mason's collaborative campus-wide program that aims to reduce waste generation at the source and improve waste diversion at the bin.

Patriot Packout's Waste Disposal Guide

This is a resource for George Mason University students to learn how to appropriately dispose of their waste, recycling, and compost during the spring 2025 move-out period.

Please visit the [Zero Waste Mason](#) webpage for additional disposal locations, waste stream information, and detailed sorting guidance.

Use the [Waste Disposal Map](#) to find the on-campus disposal locations listed below!

Move-Out Waste Streams:

1. [Electronics Waste Drop-Off Pilot \(George Mason Students Only\)](#)
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ELECTRONICS WASTE DROP-OFF PILOT*

FAIRFAX CAMPUS: April 21 – May 14 (PPO 2025)

***Available to George Mason students only.**



FAIRFAX DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Outdoor Drop-Off

Commonwealth Hall
Potomac Heights
Rogers Hall
Harrison Hall

Accepted Items

Broken Small Appliances
Broken Electronics

General Guidance

All e-waste items must be clean/empty (NO food waste)
NO other waste accepted (recyclables, trash, or other hazardous items)
Bag/box fragile items

ACCEPTED E-WASTE

BROKEN Small Appliances

Vacuums
Microwaves
Mini Fridges
Fans
Small Kitchen Appliances (rice maker, etc.)
Small Household Appliances (hair dryer, etc.)
Lamps (NO Lightbulbs)

BROKEN Electronics

Computers/Laptops
Computer Peripherals (keyboard, etc.)
Phones
Tablets
Monitors/TVs
Chargers/Wires
Printers (NO Ink Cartridges)

NO ITEMS (NOT ACCEPTED)

NO Other Hazardous Waste

Household Batteries
Lightbulbs
Printer Cartridges
Cleaning Supplies/Aerosol Cans

NO Recycling, Compost, or Trash

Glass Bottles and Jars
Cardboard and Paper
Aluminum Cans and Plastic Bottles
Food Waste and Drink Liquids

See the E-Waste Drop-Off Pilot Flyer

Visit the Zero Waste Mason page: go.gmu.edu/zerowaste

AEROSOL CANS AND LIQUID HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS DROP-OFF INITIATIVE*

Fairfax Campus: Year-Round Availability

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FAIRFAX DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Outdoor Drop-Off

Liberty Square (breezeway)

Potomac Heights (breezeway)

Commonwealth (entrance)

Accepted Items

Household Cleaning
Supplies

Household Aerosol Cans

General Guidance

All containers must be lidded/sealed

Dispose of the items in the designated bin
for cleaning supplies bin or aerosol cans bin

Make sure bin lids are completely closed
before leaving

NO ITEMS (NOT ACCEPTED)

NO Other Hazardous Waste

Household Batteries

Lightbulbs

Printer Cartridges

Electronics Waste

NO Recycling, Compost, or Trash

Glass Bottles and Jars

Cardboard and Paper

Aluminum Cans and Plastic Bottles

Food Waste

[See the Aerosol Cans Flyer](#)

[See the Liquid Household Cleaners Flyer](#)

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MOVE-OUT TRASH 30-YD. CONTAINERS

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MOVE-OUT TRASH LOCATIONS (30 yd. Containers)

Presidents Park

Harrison Hall

Ike's Diner (Loading dock)

Shenandoah Neighborhood

Liberty Square

Potomac Heights (Lot R)

Whitetop (Lot I)

Rogers (Subway Lot)

Rappahannock Neighborhood

Hampton Roads

Hanover Hall

Commonwealth Hall

Northern Neck

Eastern Shore (Circle)

Student Townhouses

ACCEPTED TRASH

Single-Use Plastics

Single-Use Cups, Plates, Bowls

To-Go Food Containers (ex. Clamshells)

Straws, Cutlery

Plastics Packaging/Other Containers

Mixed Materials

Plastics Coated Paper (tear it to test for plastic coating)

Condiment/Sugar Packets

Chip Bags

Milk/Drink Cartons

NO ITEMS (NOT ACCEPTED)

NO *Recyclable Materials*

White/Colored Paper

Cardboard

Aluminum Cans/Bottles

Plastic Bottles/Jugs

NO *Wet or Hazardous Waste*

Liquids (drinks, etc.)

TVs/Monitors

Mini Fridges and Microwaves

Other E-Waste (computers, etc.)

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GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS RECYCLING PROGRAM

Fairfax Campus: Year-Round Availability



DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Glass Trailer #1</i>	<i>Glass Trailer #2</i>	<i>Glass Bins (April 14-June 8)</i>
April 14 – April 27	Southside	Lot R	Liberty Square (facing Ike's Diner)
April 28 – May 11	Rogers	Student Townhouses	
May 12 – May 25	Southside	Lot R	Potomac Heights (Breezeway)
May 26 – June 8	Rogers	Student Townhouses	

ACCEPTED GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

<i>Locations</i>	<i>Accepted Items</i>	<i>General Guidance</i>
<u>Rotating Trailers (biweekly, Saturday – Sunday)</u> Rogers & Townhouses/ Southside & Lot R	All colors: Glass Bottles Glass Jars	Lids and labels are fine Must be empty/clean NO misc. glass items (cups, other containers, etc.) NO paper/plastic bags
<u>Move-Out Bins</u> Liberty Square & Potomac Heights		

[See the Glass Bottles and Jars Recycling Program Flyer](#)

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COMPOST DROP-OFF

Fairfax Campus: Year-Round Availability



INDUSTRIAL COMPOST DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

<i>Bigbelly Solar Location</i>	<i>Accepted Items</i>	<i>General Guidance</i>
Southside Patio	All Food Scraps (meat/dairy, processed foods, veggie scraps, etc.)	NO recycling streams ('Paper', 'Cans and Bottles', etc.)
HUB Patio		
SUB I Patio		
Starbucks Northern Neck	BPI/CMA Certified Compostable Items	NO trash or hazardous waste (single-use plastics cups, cigarettes, batteries etc.)
Merten Hall (Panda Express)		
Merten Hall (Manhattan Pizza)		

BACKYARD COMPOST DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

<i>On-Campus Piles</i>	<i>Accepted Items</i>	<i>General Guidance</i>
Potomac Heights Vegetable Garden	Fruit and Vegetable Scraps	NO Certified compostable items (to-go containers, etc.)
Innovation Food Forest	Coffee Grounds/Loose Tea	NO Meat/dairy, processed foods
		NO other waste (single-use plastics cups, cigarettes, batteries etc.)

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LDPE PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING DROP-OFF

Fairfax and SciTech Campuses: Year-Round Availability



FAIRFAX CAMPUS DROP-OFF

Outdoor Drop-Off

Commonwealth (Entrance)

Katherine G. Johnson/Colgan Hall
(Loading Dock)

Accepted Items

LDPE Plastic Film
(shopping bags, bread bags, pillow
film, etc.)

General Guidance

Must be clean/dry
LDPE plastic film can easily
stretch without breaking

SCITECH CAMPUS DROP-OFF

Outdoor Drop-Off

Katherine G. Johnson Hall
(Loading Dock)

Accepted Items

LDPE Plastic Film
(shopping bags, bread bags, pillow
film, etc.)

General Guidance

Must be clean/dry
LDPE plastic film can easily
stretch without breaking

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STANDARD RECYCLING STREAMS

All Campuses: Year-Round Availability



CANS AND BOTTLES RECYCLING

<i>Bin Locations</i>	<i>Accepted Items</i>	<i>General Guidance</i>
Residence Hall Waste and Recycling Rooms Outside of Campus Buildings Designated Bins Inside Buildings	Aluminum Cans and Bottles Single-Use Plastics Bottles and Jugs	Must be clean/empty Remove lids No food waste No glass

PAPER RECYCLING

<i>Bin Locations</i>	<i>Accepted Items</i>	<i>General Guidance</i>
Residence Hall Waste and Recycling Rooms Designated Bins Inside Buildings	White Paper (printer paper, etc.) Mixed/Colored Paper (envelopes, post-it notes, etc.)	Must be clean/dry No food waste No plastics coated paper (tear it to test for plastics coating)

CARDBOARD RECYCLING

<i>Bin Locations</i>	<i>Accepted Items</i>	<i>General Guidance</i>
Residence Hall Waste and Recycling Rooms Designated Bins Inside Buildings	Cardboard boxes Paperboard boxes (shoe boxes, cereal boxes, etc.) Fiber items (egg cartons, etc.)	Flatten all boxes before recycling No food waste (must be clean/dry)

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