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Patriot Packout's Waste Disposal Guide

This is a resource for Mason students to learn how to appropriately dispose of their waste, recycling, and compost during the spring 2024 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 \(Mason Students Only\)](#)
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ELECTRONICS WASTE DROP-OFF*

FAIRFAX CAMPUS: April 15 – May 10 (PPO 2024)

***Available to Mason students only.**



FAIRFAX DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Outdoor Drop-Off

Commonwealth Hall
Potomac Heights
Whitetop 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*](#)

AEROSOL CANS AND CLEANING SUPPLIES PILOT*

Fairfax Campus: April 15 – May 10 (PPO 2024)

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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 and Cleaning Supplies Drop-Off Pilot Flyer](#)

MOVE-OUT TRASH 30-YD. CONTAINERS

Fairfax Campus: April 22 – May 10



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

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.)

GLASS RECYCLING PILOT

Fairfax Campus: Year- Round Availability



DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Dates

March 31 – April 13
 April 14 – April 27
 April 28 – May 11
 May 12 – May 25
 May 26 – June 8

Glass Trailer #1 Location

Southside
 Rogers
 Southside
 Rogers
 Southside

Glass Trailer #2 Location

Lot R
 Student Townhouses
 Lot R
 Student Townhouses
 Lot R

ACCEPTED GLASS

Locations

Rotate on weekly basis Saturday – Sunday:
 Rogers, Townhouses
 Southside, Lot R

Accepted Items

All colors:
 Glass Bottles
 Glass Jars

General Guidance

Lids and labels are fine
 Must be empty/clean
 NO misc. glass items (cups, other containers, etc.)
 NO paper/plastic bags

[See the Glass Recycling Pilot Flyer](#)

COMPOST DROP-OFF

Fairfax Campus: Year-Round Availability





COMPOST ONLY



SOLO COMPOST



NO RECYCLABLES



FOOD SCRAPS



SOBRAS DE COMIDA



BPI or CMA labeled
compostable items
also accepted.

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.)

[See the Composting at Mason Flyer](#)

LDPE PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING DROP-OFF

Fairfax and SciTech Campuses: Year-Round Availability



FAIRFAX CAMPUS DROP-OFF

Outdoor Drop-Off

Commonwealth (Entrance)

HUB (Mailroom)

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	Aluminum Cans and Bottles	Must be clean/empty
Outside of Campus Buildings	Single-Use Plastics Bottles and Jugs	No food waste
Designated Bins Inside Buildings		No glass

PAPER RECYCLING

<i>Bin Locations</i>	<i>Accepted Items</i>	<i>General Guidance</i>
Residence Hall Waste and Recycling Rooms	White Paper (printer paper, etc.)	Must be clean/dry
Designated Bins Inside Buildings	Mixed/Colored Paper (envelopes, post-it notes, etc.)	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	Cardboard boxes	Flatten all boxes before recycling
Designated Bins Inside Buildings	Paperboard boxes (shoe boxes, cereal boxes, etc.)	No food waste (must be clean/dry)
	Fiber items (egg cartons, etc.)	

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