



# 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 Spring Move-Out 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 Spring 2026 Move-Out.

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

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

### Move-Out Waste Streams:

1. [Cardboard Recycling](#)
2. [Electronics Waste Drop-Off Pilot \(George Mason Students Only\)](#)
3. [Aerosol Cans and Liquid Household Cleaners Drop-Off Pilot \(George Mason Students Only\)](#)
4. [Move-Out Trash 30-yd. Containers](#)
5. [Glass Recycling Program](#)
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8. [Standard Recycling Streams \(Cans and Bottles, Paper, Cardboard\)](#)

# CARDBOARD RECYCLING DROP-OFF\*

FAIRFAX CAMPUS: April 20 – May 13

*\*Available during Spring Move-Out only*



## FAIRFAX DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

## LOCATION DESCRIPTION

Blue Ridge	Grassy area by the main entrance, near Blue Ridge Market
Blue Ridge	Grassy area at the back of the building near walkway
Commons - Essex	Grassy area near main entrance/walkway
Commons - Grayson	Grassy area near main entrance/walkway
Dominion	Grassy area near main entrance/walkway
Hampton Roads	Grassy area near main entrance (facing Rapp. Parking Deck)
Liberty Square	Near bus stop facing Ike's Diner
Liberty Square	Near the main entrance (facing Lot R)
Northern Neck	Grassy area near the main entrance
Potomac Heights	Grassy area near the middle entrance/breezeway
Presidents Park – Lincoln Hall	Grassy area near the main entrance
Presidents Park – Monroe Hall	Grassy area near green railing
Presidents Park – Roosevelt Hall	Near entrance facing Ike's Diner
Presidents Park – Truman Hall	Grassy area near the middle entrance
Presidents Park – Washington Hall	Grassy area near recycling containers
Rogers	Grassy area near the main entrance/walkway on the courtyard
Taylor Hall	Near back entrance (facing Lot R)
Tidewater	Grassy area near the sidewalk by Dunkin Donuts
Whitetop	Grassy area near the walkway to the main entrance (facing Lot I)

### General Guidance:

- *Ensure all other waste materials are emptied/removed from cardboard items (ex. plastic sleeves)*
- *NO soiled/contaminated cardboard (ex. grease/liquids) accepted at drop-off locations*
- *Flatten all cardboard items before recycling*

## Accepted Cardboard Recycling

### Corrugated Cardboard & Molded Fiber Boxes

Moving/Shipping Boxes  
Egg Cartons  
Pizza Boxes

### Paperboard Boxes

Cereal Boxes  
Tissue Boxes  
Paper Cartons

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# ELECTRONICS WASTE DROP-OFF PILOT\*

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## FAIRFAX E-WASTE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Commonwealth Hall

Potomac Heights

Presidents Park – Harrison Hall

Whitetop

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## LOCATION DESCRIPTION

Under covered entrance

Under middle entrance/breezeway

Near walkway

Near back entrance (far side of Lot I)

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### General Guidance:

- All e-waste items must be clean/empty for recycling
- NO other waste materials are accepted at drop-off locations (ex. recycling)
- Bag or box all fragile e-waste items

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## Accepted E-Waste Recycling

### **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)

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## NOT Accepted

### **NO Other Hazardous Wastes**

Household Batteries  
Lightbulbs  
Printer Cartridges  
Cleaning Supplies/Aerosol Cans

### **NO Recycling, Compost, or Trash**

Glass Bottles and Jars  
Cardboard and Paper  
Cans & Bottles Recycling  
Food Waste and Drink Liquids

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[See the E-Waste Drop-Off Flyer](#)

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# AEROSOL CANS & LIQUID HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS DROP-OFF\*

*Fairfax Campus: Year-Round Availability*

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## FAIRFAX DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Commonwealth

Liberty Square

Potomac Heights

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## LOCATION DESCRIPTION

Covered entrance (lefthand side)

Breezeway/side entrance facing Ike's Diner

Middle breezeway/entrance facing Lot R

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## 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*

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## 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

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[See the Aerosol Cans Flyer](#)

[See the Liquid Household Cleaners Flyer](#)

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# SPRING 2026 MOVE-OUT TRASH 30-YD. CONTAINERS

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## FAIRFAX MOVE-OUT TRASH LOCATIONS (30 yd. Containers)

<i>Presidents Park</i>	<i>Shenandoah Neighborhood</i>	<i>Rappahannock Neighborhood</i>
Harrison/Monroe	Liberty Square (main entrance)	Hampton Roads (behind the hall)
Ike's Diner (loading dock)	Potomac Heights (Lot R)	Hanover Hall (behind the hall)
	Whitetop (Lot I)	Commonwealth/Blue Ridge
	Rogers (Aquia Creek Ln. Lot)	Northern Neck (behind the hall)
		Eastern Shore (behind the hall)
		Student Townhouses (by trash dumpsters in the parking lot)

### General Guidance:

- All other single-use plastics and polystyrene items should be disposed of in trash
- All mixed materials items should be disposed of in trash
- **NO hazardous items should be disposed of in trash (ex. e-waste)**

### Accepted Trash

#### *Single-Use Plastics & Polystyrene*

Plastics Packaging/Other Containers  
Cups, Plates, Bowls  
Straws, Cutlery  
To-Go Food Containers (ex. clamshells)

#### *Mixed Materials*

Chip Bags  
Condiments/Sugar Packets  
Drink Cartons  
Plastics Coated Paper (tear to test for coating)

### NOT Accepted

#### NO Recyclable Materials

White/Colored Paper  
Cardboard  
Aluminum Cans/Bottles  
Plastic Bottles/Jugs

#### NO Wet or Hazardous Waste

Liquids (ex. drink liquids, etc.)  
TVs/Monitors  
Mini Fridges and Microwaves  
Other Small E-Waste (ex. computer peripherals, etc.)

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# GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS RECYCLING PROGRAM

*Fairfax Campus: Year-Round Availability*



## FAIRFAX GLASS RECYCLING PROGRAM DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Glass Trailer #1</i>	<i>Glass Trailer #2</i>	<i>Permanent Glass Bins</i>
April 13 – April 26	Southside	Lot R	Liberty Square (facing Ike's Diner) Potomac Heights (middle breezeway)
April 27 – May 10	Rogers	Student Townhouses	
May 11 – May 24	Southside	Lot R	

### General Guidance:

- Lids and labels are fine
- Must be completely empty/clean
- NO misc. glass items (ex. Cups, tempered glass containers, etc.)
- NO bags used to transport glass bottles/jars for recycling (ex. Paper/plastics shopping bags)

## Accepted Glass Bottles and Jars Recycling

### *Glass Bottles*

Glass Beverage Bottles (all colors)

### *Glass Jars*

Glass Food Jars (all colors)

## NOT Accepted

### NO Misc. Glass or Ceramics

Tempered Glass Containers  
Ceramic Containers, Mugs, etc.  
Broken Glass Items

### NO Other Recycling, Compost, or Trash

Aluminum Cans, Plastics Bottles, etc.  
Food waste, Compostable Foodservice Ware, etc.  
Plastics Bags, Cups, Mirrors, etc.

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

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# COMPOSTING PROGRAM DROP-OFF

## Fairfax Campus: Year-Round Availability



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### FAIRFAX INDUSTRIAL COMPOST DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

#### *Bigbelly Solar Locations*

Southside Patio  
HUB Patio  
SUB I Patio  
Starbucks Northern Neck  
Merten Hall (Panda Express)  
Merten Hall (Manhattan Pizza)

#### *Accepted Items*

All Types of Food Waste (meat/dairy, processed foods, fruit and vegetable scraps, etc.)

BPI/CMA Certified Compostable Items (look for certification mark/logo)

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### FAIRFAX BACKYARD COMPOST DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

#### *On-Campus Compost Piles*

Potomac Heights Vegetable Garden  
Innovation Food Forest

#### *Accepted Items*

Fruit and Vegetable Scraps

Coffee Grounds and Loose Tea

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### **General Guidance:**

- All types of food waste can be dropped off at Bigbelly Solar Locations (YES meat/dairy)
- Only fruit and vegetable scraps can be dropped off at On-Campus Compost Piles (NO meat/dairy)
- NO recyclable materials should be disposed of in Compost (ex. Paper recycling, Cans and Bottles recycling, etc.)
- NO trash or hazardous waste should be disposed of in Compost (ex. Cigarettes, batteries, plastics packaging)

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# LDPE PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING DROP-OFF

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## FAIRFAX LDPE FILM DROP-OFF

Commonwealth

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## LOCATION DESCRIPTION

Covered entrance to the hall

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## SCITECH LDPE FILM DROP-OFF

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## LOCATION DESCRIPTION

Interior recycling/waste room (loading dock entrance)

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### **General Guidance:**

- *LDPE plastic film must be clean/dry (ex. Plastic shopping bag, wrap, bubble wrap, etc.)*
- *LDPE plastic film can easily stretch without tearing – test it to be sure*
- *NO food waste or LDPE plastic film contaminated with food waste/liquids*

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# ZERO WASTE STATIONS: STANDARD RECYCLING STREAMS

*All Campuses: Year-Round Availability*



## UNIVERSITY-WIDE CANS AND BOTTLES RECYCLING

<i>Bin Locations</i>	<i>Accepted Items</i>	<i>General Guidance</i>
Waste and Recycling Rooms inside Residence Halls	Aluminum Cans and Bottles	Must be clean/empty
'Zero Waste Stations' inside and outside of campus buildings	Single-Use Plastics Bottles and Jugs	Remove lids No food waste No glass

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE PAPER RECYCLING

<i>Bin Locations</i>	<i>Accepted Items</i>	<i>General Guidance</i>
Waste and Recycling Rooms inside Residence Halls	All White Paper (printer paper, notebook paper, etc.)	Must be clean/dry
'Zero Waste Stations' inside and outside of campus buildings	All Mixed Paper (envelopes, post-it notes, etc.)	No food waste No plastics coated paper (tear it to test for plastics coating)

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