



Rush County

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

RECYCLING GUIDE

Your guide to waste reduction, reuse
and recycling in Rush County

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ALUMINUM

You can recycle aluminum over and over again, and there is really no limit to it. Aluminum cans can actually be recycled and put back onto the shelf at your local grocery store in just about 2 months.

PAPER

Each American uses around 680 pounds or 85 million tons of paper each year, and most people just throw it away instead of recycling it for further use. 2000 pounds of recycled paper can actually help to save 17 trees, over 350 gallons of oil, and a lot of landfill space. That also means less air pollution! 24 trees are cut down to make 1 ton of newspaper. Recycling a stack of newspapers just 3 feet high saves one tree.

CARDBOARD

Recycling cardboard only takes 75% of the energy required to make new cardboard. One ton of recycled cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.

PLASTIC

Enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the earth four times. Plastic bags that are thrown into the ocean can kill over a million sea creatures a year. Over 25 billion Styrofoam coffee cups are thrown away each year, just by Americans! Styrofoam never decomposes.

GLASS

Glass is 100% recyclable and can be used again and again. Any color can be recycled. A modern glass bottle would take 4,000 years or more to decompose - and even longer if it's in the landfill.

Rush County **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**



OUR MISSION

The Rush County Solid Waste Management District intends to manage its waste efficiently and effectively to diminish the required disposal capacity, to conserve natural resources and to avoid pollution of the environment by effectively promoting and supporting practices that will reduce, reuse, recycle, reclaim and compost materials.

ADMINISTRATION

Daily operation of the District is managed by Lisa Carpenter, Executive Director, who recognizes the importance of connecting residents and organizations with accurate and timely information related to waste diversion and disposal. The public is encouraged to contact the District with questions.

Lisa Carpenter,
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The Rush County Solid Waste Management District is governed by Indiana Code 13-21-3.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The composition of the District's Board of Directors is dictated by state statute and includes the Rush County Commissioners, Mayor of Rushville, Rush County Council Member, Rushville City Council Member, and alternating between a Glenwood Council Member and a Carthage Council Member. Each Board Member serves by virtue of his or her elected office.

Directors provide leadership, oversight, and direction to the Executive Director to ensure the mission of the organization is achieved. The Directors currently meet every quarter at 8:15am at the Rush County Courthouse Assembly Room. See www.cleangreenrush.org for the meeting schedule.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mike Pavey, Chairman
Rushville Mayor

Ron Jarman, Vice Chairman
Rush County Commissioner

Kenny Aulbach
Rush County Commissioner

Jeff Wilson
Rush County Commissioner

Kyle Gardner
Rush County Council

Jemmy Miller
Rushville City Council

Denny Richardson
Town of Glenwood Council

PROGRAMS

The most important service the District provides to the residents and organizations of this community is its role as a clearinghouse of information related to the recycling and proper disposal of solid waste. Daily, the District fields phone, email, and other inquiries from residents about recycling and disposal options.

Additionally, the District provides several waste management services to ensure residents have effective and practical ways to recycle valuable materials like paper, metals, glass, plastics-keeping those items from landfills and incinerators. The District's household hazardous waste program gives Rush County households a way to properly dispose of material that threatens our soil, air, and water if not handled properly.

SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE SMILEY AVENUE SITE 225 S SMILEY AVE, RUSHVILLE

RECYCLING

The District currently provides a recycling drop-off site located at Smiley Avenue. Users of the recycling drop off site are asked to abide by the rules posted and not place materials other than those listed in the recycling bins. Additionally, material should not be placed on the ground outside of the recycling bins. Materials accepted at the Recycle Site:

PAPER	METAL	PLASTICS	GLASS	CARDBOARD
Newspaper/Office Paper/Junk Mail/ Folders/Softback Books-staples and window envelopes are accepted	Aluminum and Steel Cans-Rinsed and clean, labels can remain	Plastics-Recycle Number 1-5 & 7. (We can not accept Number 6 plastic), Rinsed and clean, labels can remain	Food and Beverage Glass Bottles and Jars-Rinsed and clean, labels can remain	Cardboard Boxes/ Paper Board (cereal boxes)
			<i>*Keep glass separate and place in its own container. All glass collected goes to Knauf Insulation and is used in their manufacturing process.</i>	<i>*Keep cardboard separate and place in its own container.</i>

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TOX-AWAY DAYS

The first Saturday of each month provides an opportunity for all Rush County residents to dispose of household hazardous waste along with other items that can be safely disposed of by reusing or recycling. The Tox-Away Center is located at 225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville. The hours of operation are 8:00am-12:00pm on the first Saturday of each month. If a holiday falls near or on the first Saturday, contact the District for the next Tox-Away Day.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE



COMMON HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTES

Oil Based Paints/Stains
Pool/Spa Chemicals
Propane Tanks
Pesticides/Herbicides
Fire Extinguishers
Butane Lighters

Adhesives
Electronics
Household Cleaners
Mercury
Vehicle Batteries
Rechargeable Batteries

Cleaners/Solvents
Automotive Fluids
Oil Filters
Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Household hazardous waste should not be poured down a drain or sent to the landfill or incinerator. Storing them in a garage or basement is dangerous and impractical.

Latex paint should not be brought to the Tox-Away Center for disposal as it is not hazardous. For proper disposal, mix an absorbent material (cat litter, dirt, sand) with the paint and allow it to harden. Once solidified, it is safe for disposal with normal household trash; lids should be left off the paint cans so trash haulers can recognize that the paints have been hardened.

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SHARPS NEEDLES AND LANCETS

Used needles and lancets are dangerous because they can injure people, spread germs and disease. Do not flush needles, put needles in recycling, or throw loose needles in the trash. For proper disposal, the District will provide a free sharps container. They can be picked up at the Rush County Health Department, 101 E 2nd St, #105, Rushville, or during Tox-Away Days. When full, return during Tox-Away Days for proper disposal and receive a new container.

STYROFOAM

Clean styrofoam to include cups, food packaging, packing materials, peanuts, etc. are accepted.

CAR SEATS

Children's car seats and booster seats are accepted. Remove all straps and fabric from the seats.

ALKALINE BATTERIES

Alkaline batteries to include AA, AAA, C, D are accepted. Also, 9-Volt batteries are accepted but the terminals should be taped and covered.

PRINTER CARTRIDGES AND TONER

Any type or condition of printer cartridges and toner are accepted.



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SERVICE PROVIDED AT THE RUSH COUNTY HIGHWAY GARAGE 1352 EAST STATE ROAD 44, RUSHVILLE

TIRES

When purchasing new tires, you pay a fee for disposal of old tires-let the store dispose of them. Unwanted tires left outside collect rainwater, which breeds mosquitoes and other unwanted pests. Burning tires releases toxic fumes into the environment. It's best to dispose of them properly. Free tire disposal is available to Rush County residents only. No Businesses. Take tires to the Rush County Highway Garage, Mon-Fri, 7:00am-10:30am and 12:00pm-3:30pm. You must stop in the office when you arrive with your tires. We accept any amount, any size, on or off the rim.



DISASTER DEBRIS

Rush County faces several natural, man-made and technological hazards and threats that may produce significant accumulations of debris.

These threats include but are not limited to:



• DAMAGING WINDS



• FLOODING



• TORNADOES



• EARTHQUAKES



• ICE STORMS



• ACTS OF TERRORISM/
EXPLOSIONS



• INFECTIOUS
HUMAN AND ANIMAL
DISEASES

After a disaster, collect debris and place at curb according to the diagram.



FEMA

www.fema.gov

Debris removal guidelines

In efforts to expedite the debris removal process, please follow these rules

Placing debris **near or on trees, poles or other structures** makes removal difficult. This includes fire hydrants and meters.

Debris separation

Please separate debris into the **six categories**, shown below.

Electronics

Television, computer, stereo, phone, DVD player

Large Appliances

Refrigerator, washer/dryer, air conditioner, stove, water heater, dishwasher

Hazardous waste

Oil, battery, pesticide, paint, cleaning supplies, compressed gas

Vegetative debris

Tree branches, leaves, logs, plants

Construction debris

Building materials, drywall, lumber, carpet, furniture, plumbing

Household garbage

Bagged garbage, discarded food, paper, packaging.

Do not leave doors **unsealed or unsecured**

Debris should be placed curbside

Debris should not **block roadway**



US Army Corps of Engineers

www.usace.army.mil

A to Z

RECYCLING GUIDE

ADOPT A HIGHWAY

Call INDOT at 1-855-463-6848 to find out how your group or organization can help keep our roads clean.

AEROSOL CANS

Aerosol cans that are empty or contain cleaning agents or paint need to be disposed of properly. See "HHW" for disposal.

ALUMINUM CANS

Aluminum cans are recyclable in all curbside recycling programs or at any co-mingled recycling drop-off location. See "Recycling Bins Coming" for comingled recycling bin locations. Aluminum may also be taken to one of the following recyclers:

Market Sheet Metals

2 S Market St, Carthage
765-565-7188

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

AMERICA RECYCLE'S DAY

America Recycle's Day is held every year on November 15th. America Recycle's Day is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to the promotion of recycling programs in the U.S. One day to get our neighbors, friends and community leaders excited about what can be accomplished when we all work together. This day serves as a reminder to not only recycle, but also to buy the products that are made from recycled materials.

ANTIFREEZE

Antifreeze is considered hazardous and should be disposed of properly. See "HHW" for disposal.

APPLIANCES (WITH FREON)

Appliances that contain freon (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, and dehumidifiers) require special handling. Many utility provider companies will offer a rebate to current customers and will remove these items free of charge. Or, dispose of it at one of the following locations:

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765-938-1342
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Market Sheet Metals

2 S Market St, Carthage
765-565-7188

APPLIANCES (W/O FREON)

Smiley Avenue Disposal Site

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-932-2575

Market Sheet Metals

2 S Market St, Carthage
765-565-7188

ARTS & CRAFTS SUPPLIES

Check with your local daycare center, preschool, or church to see if they will accept the supplies. If not, the below locations will accept them.

Goodwill

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

AUTOMOBILES

Market Sheet Metals

2 S Market St, Carthage
765-565-7188



ASPHALT

Fairland Landscape Supply

208 S Franklin St, Fairland

317-427-0024

www.fairlandlandscapesupply.com

ALKALINE BATTERIES

Household batteries such as AA, AAA, C, D 9-Volt need to be recycled. Tape terminals on 9-Volt Batteries.

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave,

Rushville

765-938-1342

www.cleangreenrush.org



AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES

All auto or marine battery dealers are required to accept used acid cell batteries. A new battery is subject to an additional fee if an old battery is not provided for an exchange. Acid batteries are hazardous and should be disposed of properly.

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville

765-938-1342

www.cleangreenrush.org

RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

Rechargeable batteries are hazardous and need to be disposed of properly. To recycle rechargeable batteries, visit the following location:

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville

765-938-1342

www.cleangreenrush.org

BICYCLES

Goodwill

1548 N Main Street, Rushville

317-524-4313

www.goodwill.org

The Giving Krue

411 W 5th St, Rushville

317-757-9715

Market Sheet Metals

2 S Market St, Carthage

765-565-7188

BOOKS

Books can be donated to a charity, library, church, school or shelter. Or visit one of the following locations:

Goodwill

1548 N Main St, Rushville

317-524-4313

www.goodwill.org

The Giving Krue

411 W 5th St, Rushville

317-757-9715

The Open Resource

103 N Main St, Rushville

765-251-8048

BRANCHES

See "Leaves".

BREAD BAGS (PLASTIC)

Kroger

202 S Main St, Rushville

765-932-5511

www.kroger.com

BRICK

Many local excavating companies can use brick as a fill material. Check with them before disposal. For a very small amount of brick, the following location will accept for a fee:

Smiley Avenue Disposal Site

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville

765-932-2575

BUBBLE WRAP

Kroger

202 S Main St, Rushville

765-932-5511

www.kroger.com

BUILDING MATERIALS

Do you have left over building materials from a remodeling project or new construction? If so, donating those items to a not-for-profit charity is a great option.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore

1141 W US Hwy 40, Greenfield

317-318-9458

www.indyrestore.com

BUTANE LIGHTERS

Butane lighters contain hazard waste and should never be disposed of in the trash. See "HHW" for disposal.



CARDBOARD

Corrugated cardboard, chipboard (thicker than cardstock, usually the back of a pad of paper), paperboard (cereal boxes, cracker boxes, etc.) are all acceptable in cardboard recycling containers. Flatten cardboard to save space. Please read the instructions on the bin to make sure cardboard is accepted. See Recycling Bins for more information.

CD'S & DVD'S

Working CDs and DVDs can be donated to the following. Broken or scratched must be disposed of in the general trash. They can not be recycled.

Goodwill

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

CELL PHONES

Make sure you terminate your cell phone service, delete stored information, and remove the SIM card before donating your phone.

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

CEREAL BAGS (PLASTIC)

Kroger

202 S Main St, Rushville
765-932-5511
www.kroger.com

CFL'S

(COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHTBULBS)
See "Fluorescent Bulbs"

CHEMICALS

Hazardous chemicals that are identified by the words, "harmful, toxic, corrosive, or flammable" will need to be disposed of properly.
See "HHW" for disposal options.

LIVE CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS

Smiley Avenue Disposal Site

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-932-2575

Hoel Roofing & Bugs Bins

1419 Commerce Drive, Rushville
765-561-4023
765-376-0929

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Non Working Christmas Lights

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org



WORKING CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Goodwill

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

CLEAN FILL

Dirt, rock, clean concrete from a construction project can all be reused as clean fill. Look around your neighborhood for signs that say, "fill dirt wanted" or "wanted, clean fill". Or, visit the following location:

Fairland Landscape Supply

208 S Franklin St, Fairland
317-427-0024
www.fairlandlandscapesupply.com

CLOTHING

There are many places to donate unwanted clothing. Drop boxes are popping up all over town benefitting Special Olympics and other causes. Other options include:

Goodwill

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

The Giving Krue

411 W 5th St, Rushville
317-757-9715

CLOTHING (CONSIGNMENT)

There are used clothing or consignment stores in Rush County.

Still Stylish

837 W 3rd St, Rushville
stillstylishconsignment.com

Wear-House Resale Boutique

103 N Morgan St, Rushville
wearhouseboutique.com

COMPOSTING

Composting is the natural process of decomposition and recycling of organic material. Compost is a great fertilizer for gardens, flower pots and flower beds.

Easy Backyard Recipe:

- 3 parts brown
- 2 parts green
- A dash of soil

1. Mix ingredients into a bin or pile
2. Keep compost moist but not wet
3. Stir ingredients occasionally

Green - Nitrogen Sources

Fresh grass clippings
Garden trimmings
Fruits / Vegetables

Brown - Carbon Sources

Dry leaves / grass
Chipped brush or twigs
Sawdust

If the compost pile has a bad odor, add more brown materials. If the compost pile is too dry, add water or more green materials. Mix completed compost in with soil.

COMINGLE RECYCLING

Refers to placing all recycle material together with no separation of items.



COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

1.2 million computers and TV's are discarded by Hoosiers annually. There are at least 5 toxic materials found in today's electronic devices. As of January 1, 2011, electronics are prohibited from being discarded by Indiana households, public (including charter) schools, and small businesses and therefore, must be recycled. Computers and TV's can be dropped off at one of the following locations:

Goodwill (Reusable)

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

CONCRETE

See "Clean Fill"

COOKING OIL

Never pour cooking oil/grease down the drain. It can cause severe damage to septic systems and wastewater treatment plants. See "HHW" for disposal.

CRAYONS

Used crayons can be donated to shelters for other kids to use. Also look at ways to melt them down and reuse them in an art project.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Curbside recycling might be available in your area. Contact your waste hauler to see if they provide residential recycling service. If your waste hauler does not provide curbside recycling, drop off your recycle material to the Smiley Avenue Recycle Site

DETERGENT BOTTLES

Most curbside recycling programs and co-mingle recycling bins will accept plastics numbered 1-7 (no #6). Check the number on the bottom of the container, inside the chasing arrows symbol or a recycle triangle, to determine if it is recyclable or not. Containers must be rinsed and clean of debris. See "Recycling Bins (Comingle)" for a listing of comingle recycling bin locations.

DISINFECTANTS

Unused disinfectants can be hazardous. Please read the label and if they are, please dispose of them properly. See "HHW" for disposal.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING

Document shredding is a great way to avoid identity theft and continue responsible recycling. Shredded paper is acceptable in recycling bins, however, please use a paper bag to contain the scraps. Your confidential documents can be destroyed at the following site:

Shares, Inc. Shredding

832 Elston Drive, Shelbyville
317-398-8497
www.sharesinc.org

DRY CLEANING BAGS

Kroger

202 S Main St, Rushville
765-932-5511
www.kroger.com

EARTH DAY

Celebrate Earth Day each year on April 22nd. Earth Day has been a valuable tool for inspiring citizens and organizations to take a part in protecting the environment, cleaning up their community, or starting recycling programs. Do your part and start your recycling efforts on this day or learn what activities are going on in your community and take part!



ELECTRONICS

See "Computers and Electronics"

EYEGLASSES

Donate your old eyeglasses and sunglasses to help people with eyesight difficulties worldwide.

(Sunglasses can be non-prescription.)

Collection facilities include the following:

Midwest Eye Consultants

620 E 11th St, Rushville
765-932-5553
www.midwesteyeconsultants.com

Twenty/20 Vision Care

1818 N Main St, Rushville
765-932-4800
www.twenty20visioncare.com

Yaryan Eye Care

114 W 3rd St, Rushville
765-204-5858
www.yaryaneyecare.com

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

These items are considered hazardous waste and need to be disposed of properly. See "HHW" for disposal.

FLAGS

It is important to properly dispose of your flag. Collection boxes for retired flags can be found at the following locations:

American Legion Post 150

221 N Perkins St, Rushville
765-938-3838

Rush County Courthouse

101 E 2nd St, Rushville

FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS & SOLIDS



These items are considered hazardous waste and need to be disposed of properly. See "HHW" for disposal.

FLEA MARKETS

Many flea markets will accept a variety of items. In some cases, they may purchase the items from you.

FLUORESCENT BULBS

Fluorescent tubes and Compact Fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) contain mercury and should not be thrown in your regular trash. See "HHW" for disposal.

BROKEN FLUORESCENT BULBS

Ventilate area, pick up large pieces, use duct tape to pick up small particles, place in a closed container, wipe with wet cloth. See "HHW" for disposal.

FURNITURE DONATION

If your furniture is reusable, you can donate it (no mattresses or box springs). If it is not reusable, large items can sometimes be hauled away by your waste hauler or street department during heavy pickup week (for Rushville city residents only). See "Heavy trash pickup".

Goodwill

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

The Giving Krue

MUST CONTACT TO DONATE
317-757-9715

FURNITURE RESTORATION

If you have a piece of furniture that you love but it is starting to look worn and torn, think about refinishing it or reupholstering it.

GARAGE SALES

Garage sales are a great way to get reuse out of an item and make a little money in the process. One man's trash is another man's treasure.

GARBAGE REMOVAL SERVICES

Various waste haulers serve the citizens of Rush County with curbside service or temporary roll off containers. Do a Google search for a more extensive list depending on your waste disposal needs.

Best Way of Indiana

800-354-1830
www.bestway-disposal.com

Bowles Construction

765-938-1151
www.bowlesconstruction.net

Bug's Bins

765-376-0929
www.goby-dolphin-8syg.squarespace.com

Caldwell's

765-740-4300
www.caldwells-inc.com

Republic Services

317-917-7300
www.republicservices.com

Rumpke

800-582-3107
www.rumpke.com

Waste Management

800-453-5575
www.wm.com

GARDEN POTS

Pots and containers that have the recycle symbol on the bottom are recyclable, but are not considered "food grade plastic". Therefore, a separate collection is necessary for these items and they can not be placed in a curbside or co-mingle recycling bin. Please check for garden pot recycling events on our website or visit the following locations:

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

GLASS

Clear, brown, blue & green glass bottles and jars can be recycled in most curbside recycling programs or dropped off at any comingle recycling bin. For glass dropped off at Smiley Ave, 225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville, it will be sent to Knauf Insulation to use in their manufacturing



process. Window glass, light bulbs, microwave glass, and clear drinking glasses are not recyclable; they are chemically different than the glass in bottles and jars and are contaminated to recyclable glass. See "Recycling Bins (Coming)" for a listing of comingle recycling bin locations.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

The District employs a "leave it lay" policy for grass clippings. Mulching mowers do a great job of shredding the grass blades so they decompose more quickly. See also "Leaves".

HANGERS (WIRE)

Wire hangers have a life span of over 100 years. Most metal recyclers, electronics recyclers, or donation centers will accept wire hangers. The following location will also accept them if they are in original form and not rusted:

Deans Dry Cleaning & Laundry

837 W 3rd St, Rushville
317-398-9741

Market Sheet Metals

2 S Market St, Carthage
765-565-7188

HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP

For Rushville Residents, the Street Department offers heavy trash pick-up in the fall. They will pick up furniture, appliances, wood and metal. Anything with Freon in it, such as refrigerators or air conditioners, must be tagged as having had the Freon and the compressor removed. The Street Department does not collect televisions or computers. Waste haulers also provide heavy trash pick-up. Call your hauler for more information.

HHW = Household Hazardous Waste

HHW stands for "Household Hazardous Waste". HHW is a household product that is considered flammable, ignitable, corrosive, harmful or toxic. Items included, but not limited to is chemicals, lead acid and rechargeable batteries, fluorescent bulbs, etc. will need to be disposed of properly. You can take them to the following location:

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

JUNK MAIL

Are you tired of junk mail? You can have your name removed from the mailing lists that are sold to solicitors. To sign up for this service, contact one of the following organizations. Junk mail is recyclable in comingle curbside recycling programs or drop-off locations. See "Recycling Bins (Comingle)" for a listing of bin locations.

41 Pounds

www.41pounds.org

DMA Mail Preference Service

www.dmachoice.org

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL

Keep America Beautiful Is an organization that follows a practical approach that unites citizens, businesses and government to find solutions that advance our core issues of preventing litter, reducing waste, and beautifying communities. To learn more about this organization, go to **www.kab.org**.

LATEX PAINT

Latex paint or water based paint is NOT hazardous. Cleanup instructions for latex paint will instruct users to "clean-up with soap and water". Unwanted latex paint can be disposed of with your normal trash, as long as it is in a solid form. You can mix sand or kitty litter in with the paint to solidify it. Mix it and leave the lid off in a well ventilated area until dry.

LAWN MOWERS

Market Sheet Metals

2 S Market St, Carthage
765-565-7188

LEAVES



Mowing over fall leaves and mulching them into your grass returns needed organic matter to your soil and is easier than raking. Leaves can also be applied to your home compost bin. Besides mulching and composting, the following options are available for leaf disposal in certain areas:

Smiley Avenue Disposal Site

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-932-2575

City of Rushville Residents

Place at curb for collection

LITTER

Highway Litter

See "INDOT"
Greenfield
855-463-6848
www.in.gov/indot

County Road Litter

Contact Rush County SWMD
Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

City Street Litter

Contact Rushville Street Department
Rushville
765-932-2575
www.cityofrushville.in.gov

MAGAZINES

Magazines are recyclable in most comingle curbside recycling programs or drop-off locations. Please read the instructions on the side of the comingle bin to make sure the appropriate items are being recycled. See "Recycling Bins (Comingle)" for a listing of bin locations.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Medical supplies that can be used at home such as oxygen machines, heart monitors, wheelchairs, ect can be rented instead of purchased. If they are purchased but no longer needed, check with local nursing homes, hospitals, and other agencies to donate them.

MEDICATIONS

All medications either a controlled substance, non-controlled substance or over the counter medication are hazardous to our environment if flushed down the toilet or thrown in the trash. There is also a need to ensure that these medications do not fall into the wrong hands. Therefore, the preferred way to dispose of them is at the following location.

CVS

101 W 1st ST, Rushville
765-932-4070

MERCURY

Mercury is one of Indiana's primary pollutants of concern. Mercury contamination can affect

the human central nervous system, kidneys, and liver. Some items containing mercury include: mercury thermostats, mercury thermometers, antiseptic products containing threose or merbromin, fluorescent light bulbs, oil-based paint and clothes irons. See "HHW" for disposal.

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METALS

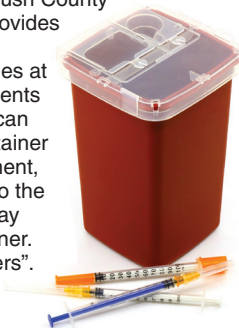
There are many places that will pay you money for scrap metal. Call or visit the following location:

Market Sheet Metals

2 S Market St, Carthage
765-565-7188

NEEDLES

The District and the Rush County Health Department provides sharps containers to dispose of used needles at no charge to the residents of Rush County. You can pick up an empty container at the Health Department, fill it up, and return it to the District during Tox-Away Days for a new container. See "Sharps Containers".



NEWSPAPERS

Recycle newspapers in your curbside program or any drop-off recycling location. Some organizations will hold a newspaper collection drive as a fundraiser. See "Recycling Bins (Comingle)" for a listing of bin locations.

OIL

Used motor oil can be recycled at the following locations:

Advance Auto Parts

207 S Main St, Rushville
765-932-8630

Autozone

206 S Main St, Rushville
765-932-3194

O'Reilly Auto Parts

1798 N Main St, Rushville
765-932-2010

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

OIL-BASED PAINT

Oil-based paint is hazardous and needs to be disposed of properly. See "HHW" for disposal.

OIL FILTERS

Oil filters can be recycled at the following locations:

O'Reilly Auto Parts

1798 N Main St, Rushville
765-932-2010

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

PACKING PEANUTS/SHIPPING MATERIALS

Packing peanuts and shipping materials can be recycled during Tox-Away Days.

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

PAINT

Paint is typically either oil-based or water-based (latex). To determine which type of paint you have, if it's not clearly indicated on the label, the oil-based paint will be labeled as "flammable" or "combustible" and must use turpentine for clean-up. Latex paint will be able to be cleaned up with soap and water. See "latex paint" for disposal options. Oil-based paint is hazardous and needs to be disposed of properly. See "HHW" for disposal.

PAPER

Paper can be recycled in any curbside recycling program or comingle drop-off location. Please read the instructions on the side of the comingle bin to make sure the appropriate items are being recycled. See "Recycling Bins (Comingle)" for a listing of bin locations.

PET WASTE

Pet waste is a health hazard and a water pollutant. If left laying in the yard, bacteria from pet waste can wash directly into storm

PET WASTE (...Continued)

drains and drainage ditches and eventually into our waterways completely untreated. Pet waste does not make a good fertilizer and is actually toxic to your lawn, causing burns and unsightly discoloring. Beyond your grass, dog feces is one of the most common carriers of heartworms, whipworms, roundworms, parvo and several other diseases. The preferred method to dispose of pet waste is

- 1) to scoop it up and flush it down the toilet so that your sewage treatment plant or your septic system can treat it.
- 2) seal the waste in a plastic bag and throw it in the trash.
- 3) bury small quantities in your yard where it can decompose slowly. Dig a hole one foot deep, put 3" - 4" of waste at the bottom and cover with at least 8" of soil. Keep your hole away from vegetable gardens.

PESTS

Stop pests without the use of toxic chemicals! Try these handy tips below:



Ants - Put chili powder, dried bay leaves, or lemon peels at point of entry; put lemon juice in holes.

Fleas - Sprinkle non-iodized salt on carpets; it kills the larvae but won't hurt rugs.

Flies - Put out a well-watered pot of basil. Also, lemon wedges with cloves inserted.

Mice & Rats - Put mashed potato powder or buds in strategic places. Place a separate dish of water alongside the buds. Another option is to put Irish Spring bars of soap near entry points.

Mosquito Repellent - Plant basil around the house

Moths - Place cedar chips or equal parts of dried rosemary and dried mint in locations where clothes are stored.

Roaches - Put equal parts of powdered sugar and baking soda in small containers.

Spiders - Add 10-15 drops of peppermint oil in a spray bottle of water. Spray where spiders tend to hide.

PHONE BOOKS

Phone books can and should be recycled.

These can be recycled in your curbside recycling program or in recycling drop-off bins. Please read the instructions on the side of the bin to make sure the appropriate items are being recycled.

PLASTIC

There are many different types of plastic. Plastics recycled in Rush County includes #1 - 7 (no #6). The most common #6 is Party Solo Cups. This number can be found inside of the small triangular recycling symbol located on the bottom of the item. If you do not see the recycling symbol, it is not recyclable. Plastics numbered 1 - 7 (no #6) are able to be recycled in your curbside recycling program or in any drop-off co-mingle recycling container. Caps do not need to be removed, nor do labels. Please read the instructions on the recycling bin at any drop-off location to make sure the item you are recycling is accepted in that bin. See "Recycling Bins (Comingle)" for a listing of bin locations.

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS

A great way to reduce the amount of plastic bags consumed is to use reusable cloth shopping bags. Keep them in your car so that you have them ready the next time you go shopping. Do not use plastic bags to hold your recycle materials. Plastic bags can be recycled at the following location:

Kroger

202 S Main St, Rushville
765-932-5511
www.kroger.com

PLASTIC TABLEWARE

Plastic tableware that is not used and still in original container or wrapped with plastic.

The Giving Krue

411 W 5th St, Rushville
317-757-9715

PLASTIC WRAP

Plastic wrap can be recycled at the following location but it must be clean and free of any food residue:

Kroger

202 S Main St, Rushville
765-932-5511
www.kroger.com

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

See "Medication"

PRINTER / TONER CARTRIDGES

These cartridges can be recycled instead of thrown into the trash. Bring during Tox-Away Days.



Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

PROPANE TANKS

Propane tanks are considered hazardous waste and need to be disposed of properly. See "HHW" for disposal.

PURDUE EXTENSION - RUSH CO.

The Purdue Extension Office is located at 101 E 2nd St, Rushville, 765-932-5974. The Extension Office serves the residents of Rush County for educational needs. Instructors and Educators are available for classroom programs or adult classes held at the Extension Office. Visit their website: www.extension.purdue.edu/rush

QUESTIONS?

If you haven't found the answer you are looking for in this Guide, please call the District Office at 765-938-1342, and we will be happy to help you find the answer you need.

REFRIGERATOR

See "Appliances".

RECYCLE

Recycling is the process of taking a product at the end of its useful life and using all or part of it to make another product. The internationally recognized symbol for recycling includes three arrows moving in a triangle. Each arrow represents a different part of the recycling process, from collection to remanufacture to resale. Recycling is a simple way that you, as a consumer, can help out the environment, create a profitable market for recycled goods and help preserve natural resources from being depleted.

RECYCLING BINS *(comingle)*

Comingle recycling bins are designed to collect a variety of recyclable materials, without having to sort items. Please check the instructions on the side of the recycling bin to make sure the item you are recycling is accepted in that bin. Typically, a comingle bin will accept paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass, tin cans, and plastic. Plastic items must have a recycling symbol on the bottom

of the item. Plastics numbered 1 - 7 (no #6) are accepted. All items must be clean and free of debris. Comingle bins can be found at the following location:

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

RESEALABLE ZIPPER BAGS

Kroger

202 S Main St, Rushville
765-932-5511
www.kroger.com

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Goodwill

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

SHARPS CONTAINERS

Sharps containers can be picked up, filled, returned, and exchanged for an empty container. Pick up a new container at the Rush County Health Department. Turn in the filled container to Rush County SWMD, 225 S Smiley Ave, during Tox-Away Days.

SHOES

There are clothing and shoe donation boxes that are placed around the county that benefit local charities. If they are still in good condition, donate them to a charity or sell them in a consignment store. See "Clothing".

Changing Footprints

310 Julian St, Rushville
765-969-6757
www.changingfootprints.org

Goodwill

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

The Giving Krue

411 W 5th St, Rushville
317-757-9715

Still Stylish

837 W 3rd St, Rushville
stillstylishconsignment.com

Wear-House Resale Boutique

103 N Morgan St, Rushville
wearhouseboutique.com

SHREDDING

See "Document Shredding"

SMALL APPLIANCES

Toasters, irons, can openers, coffee makers are accepted at the following locations:

Goodwill

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

The Giving Krue

411 W 5th St, Rushville
317-757-9715

SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors contain mercury and are considered hazardous. See "HHW" for disposal.

SOURCE REDUCTION

Source reduction is the highest goal in the management of municipal solid waste - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Source Reduction is a subset of Waste Reduction, which includes recycling and other strategies that decrease disposal quantities and pollution risk. Addressing pollution or product waste as products are being designed, produced or used is the best way to prevent waste from occurring. It includes smart purchasing - buying only what you need to complete a project and purchasing items with less packaging.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Use Facebook Marketplace to donate or sell unwanted items.

STEEL CANS

Steel cans (tin cans) are recyclable in all curbside recycling programs and comingle drop-off recycling bins. Please read the instructions on the side of the comingle bin to make sure the appropriate items are being recycled.

See "Recycling Bins (Comingle)" for a listing of bin locations.

STYROFOAM

Clean styrofoam-packing, packing peanuts, food, and beverage is only accepted during Tox-Away Days. Do not place in your curbside recycle container or in the comingle recycle bins.



SYMBOLS

Different recycling symbols mean different things.



The universal recycling symbol is the mobius loop which is the three arrows that represent the recycling process; collection, processing, and reuse. A percentage within the recycling symbol indicates the amount of recycled material used in the product.

TELEVISIONS

As of January 1, 2011, electronics, including televisions, are prohibited from being discarded by Indiana households, public (including charter) schools, and small businesses and therefore, must be recycled. Electronics can be taken to the following location:

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

THRIFT STORES

Purchase items at local thrift stores. The funds received are used to assist the less fortunate in our community.

TIRES

When purchasing new tires, you pay a fee for disposal of old tires. Let the store dispose of them. Unwanted tires left outside collect rainwater, which breeds mosquitoes and other unwanted pests. Burning tires releases toxic fumes into the environment. It's best to dispose of them properly. You can take tires to the following locations:

Rush County Highway Department

1352 E St Rd 44, Rushville
765-938-1342

A & E Tire Recycling

4343 N Shadeland Ave, Indianapolis
317-770-8473
aandetirerecycling.com

T & T Tire Removal

1518 N Co Rd 450 East, Milan
765-561-0054

TOYS

Good clean toys can be donated to be the below organizations. Also, contact daycare centers to see if they want them.

Goodwill

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

The Giving Krue

411 W 5th St, Rushville
317-757-9715

TRANSMISSION FLUID

Advance Auto Parts

207 S Main St, Rushville
765-932-8630

TRASH

See "Garbage Removal Services". For heavy trash pick up, contact your local waste hauler or if you live within the city limits of Rushville, there is a "heavy trash pick-up" in the fall. Contact the Rushville Street Department or visit their website to get more information.

Rushville Street Department

519 E 9th St, Rushville
765-932-2575

Smiley Avenue Disposal Site

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-932-2575

TRASH BAGS

Do not bag recyclables. Put recycle materials loose into your recycle bins.



TREE LIMBS

See "Leaves"

USE AND USE AGAIN

Remember to always buy products made from recycled materials, when available! In order to keep recycling going, it is important to "**Close the Loop**" and buy recycled products. By doing this we are using less natural resources. Look for recycled content items, especially when buying paper products.

VCR

As of January 1, 2011, electronics, including VCR's, are prohibited from being discarded by Indiana households, public (including charter) schools, and small businesses and therefore, must be recycled. VCR's can be taken to one of the following locations:

Goodwill (REUSABLE)

1548 N Main St, Rushville
317-524-4313
www.goodwill.org

Rush County SWMD

225 S Smiley Ave, Rushville
765-938-1342
www.cleangreenrush.org

VASES

Donate glass, ceramic, and plastic vases so they can be used for bouquets that are delivered to healthcare facilities for their patients.

Random Acts of Flowers

1057 E 54th St, Suite F, Indianapolis
317-282-0144
rafindy.org

WEBSITES

The Rush County Solid Waste Management District's website is www.cleangreenrush.org. This website is kept up-to-date on upcoming collection events and other important information. The following are some environmental websites of interest:

www.Earth911.com
www.indianahhw.org
www.in.gov/idem/recycle
www.circularin.org
www.call2recycle.org
www.kab.org

X-RAYS

If you have an old X-ray, don't throw it away. They contain silver and are considered hazardous. Contact your local physician and ask if you can return it for proper disposal. Another option is to contact a local school to see if they would like an X-ray for their health or anatomy classes.

YARD WASTE

See "Leaves".

ZERO WASTE

Zero waste is a goal many communities are striving to achieve. Zero waste is recycling everything that can possibly be recycled, composting food scraps and finding a use for unwanted items.

Acceptable items constantly change.
Any questions, contact the District office
at 765-938-1342
or recycle@rushcounty.in.gov.





WHAT GOES IN *Your* BIN?

LEGEND



**RCSWMD Recycling
Drop Off Program**



**City of Rushville
Recycling Program**

A ✓ denotes that the program accepts the item for recycling.

GLASS

This chart shows what materials are accepted in select recycling programs available locally.

Question?

Call the District or the recycling program provider directly.
Do your part to ***recycle right!***



Glass Bottles/Jars
[Clear, Green & Brown]



Window Glass/Mirrors



Cookware



Light Bulbs



Ceramics



CARTONS

Milk Cartons



**Juice/Soap & Broth
Boxes**



Egg Substitute Cartons



Wine Cartons



METAL

Food/Drink Cans
Note: Labels may remain



Aerosol Cans



Scrap Aluminum & Tin



Magnets



MUST BE RINSED

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PAPER

✓	✓	Office/School Paper Note: Staples are okay
✓	✓	File Folders
✓	✓	Newspaper
✓	✓	Junk Mail Note: Window envelopes are okay
✓		Kraft Paper/Paper Bags
✓		Shredded Paper Note: Must be bagged
✓	✓	Softback Books
✓	✓	Cardboard Note: Must be flattened, clean & dry
✓	✓	Chipboard Example: cereal and cracker boxes
✓	✓	Telephone Books
		Hardback Books
		Paper Towels/Napkins
		Wrapping Paper

PLASTIC

✓	✓	Water/Soda & Sports Drink Bottles
✓	✓	Milk Jugs
✓	✓	Coffee Containers
✓	✓	Condiment Containers
✓	✓	Yogurt/Butter & Cheese Tubs
✓	✓	Detergent Bottles
✓	✓	Shampoo/Conditioner Bottles
		Plastic Shopping Bags
		Shrink Wrap/Plastic Film Note: Must be clean and dry
		Flower Pots
		Styrofoam/Polystyrene & Egg Cartons

MUST BE RINSED

TIPS FOR REDUCING YOUR WASTE



REDUCE

- Look for products that eliminate unnecessary packaging
- Read labels to find chemicals with reduced toxicity
- Avoid disposable items

REUSE

- Consider reusable products
- Maintain and repair durable products
- Reuse bags, containers, and other items
- Borrow, rent, or share items used infrequently
- Sell or donate goods instead of throwing them out

RECYCLE

- Choose items that can be recycled and recycle them
- Select products made from recycled material
- Compost yard trimmings and food scraps

RESPOND

- Educate others on waste reduction and recycling
- Be creative-find new ways to reduce waste

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County Solid Waste
Management District
on Facebook to keep
up with new services,
activities, and other
great information
regarding the
environment.



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