

“USED OIL” CONTINUED FROM OTHER SIDE yellow pages under “Oil Change & Lube” or “Auto Repair & Service”) accept used oil in quantities of less than 5 gallons and sometimes used filters from the public. Businesses should check under “Oil-Used & Waste” for used oil collection services. When bringing fluids for recycling, never mix fluid types. Cooking oil from restaurants is recyclable - search the NM RecyclingDirectory for recyclers.

Antifreeze

Some auto service centers (see above) will accept used antifreeze for recycling. Businesses should check under “Oil-Used & Waste” for antifreeze collection services.



Tires

When you purchase new tires, ensure that the tire retailer will recycle your old tires. Several landfill and transfer stations accept a limited number of scrap tires from citizens, usually for a small fee.



Fluorescent Bulbs

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) contain a small amount of mercury and must be disposed of properly. They come in many shapes and sizes, from the curly light bulb size to the long, circular tubes. Contact your local government to ask if they have a collection program. Home Depot, Ace Hardware and Lowe’s accepts CFLs in limited quantities. You can search the NM Recycling Directory, using the search item of “Compact Fluorescents”. The NM Environment Department has comprehensive information on the hazards and proper handling of this material at www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swb/doc/fluorescent.html.



Other Items

Other Options

1. Contact the solid waste, sanitation, or public works department serving your area for recycling contacts. Many of these contacts can be found in the New Mexico Recycling Directory at www.recyclenewmexico.com.
2. Check the yellow pages under recycling, scrap, waste, or an individual material or product.
3. Contact waste haulers or landfills about recycling options.
4. Visit the New Mexico Recycling Directory for information on recycling businesses and entities and the specific materials they handle at www.recyclenewmexico.com.

Other NMED and NMRC Publications Online

NM Construction Recycling Guide
NM Organics Recycling Guide
Backyard Composting Brochure
Rural Recycling Resource Kit

Be sure to visit the recycler locator Web site at www.recyclenewmexico.com



Online tips to do your part!

www.recyclenewmexico.com
www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swb

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What Do I Do With It Now?

A Quick Guide to Recycling Resources



**Unsure where to take items for recycling or proper disposal?
Be sure to visit
<www.recyclenewmexico.com>
as the first step to locate a recycler.**

Household

Appliances and Other Scrap Metal

Recycle scrap metal by contacting local scrap dealers or waste haulers; check your local yellow pages under "Scrap Metals" or "Recycling". Some dealers may pay you for your materials. Some may require that refrigerant (Freon) be removed. Search the online NM Recycling Directory under "Appliances".



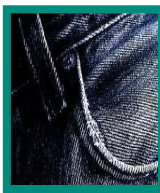
Paper, Cardboard, Bottles and Cans

Contact your local government office, waste hauler, or landfill to find recycling centers, or check the yellow pages for "Recycling Centers". Search the online NM Recycling Directory. Most communities offer recycling for cardboard and aluminum cans. Mixed paper recycling opportunities as well as plastic #1 and #2 bottles can be recycled in most of the larger communities. Glass and plastics #3-#7 are hard to recycle as there are few end markets in the region.



Brush, Leaves and Lawn Clippings

Contact your local government, waste hauler, or landfill about mulching or composting options for yard trimmings. Search the online NM Recycling Directory under "Yard Trimmings". Most landfills and many convenience stations accept tree trimmings to become mulch. Practice mulching or start a compost pile at home - download a copy of the state Backyard Composting brochure at www.nmenv.state.nm/swb. For a local training, contact the Master Composter program at www.nmcomposters.org.



Clothing, Toys, Household Goods, Etc.

Practice "reuse" by donating gently used items. Check with local charities and organizations to find a donation center.

Computers, Printers, Televisions, Cell Phones, Electronics

You can find out where to recycle your old electronics equipment by searching the NM Recycling Directory at www.recyclenewmexico.com and search by "Electronics". Office Depot offers an electronics mail back program. If you buy a new piece of equipment, check to see if the manufacturer has a "Take Back" program where they cover the cost to have you ship the old equipment to them for recycling. Other retailers such as Best Buy and Radio Shack accept certain items as well. Goodwill has an electronics recycling program.



Household Hazardous Waste (includes paints, cleaners, pesticides, etc.)

Some communities accept Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) periodically or regularly from their residents - contact your local government to find out. You can also visit the NM Recycling Directory and search by "Household Hazardous Waste". The most common HHW item is paint, which can be handled in several ways. If it is still usable, contact your local Habitat for Humanity or see if your local government provides a paint exchange area at the drop-off station. If there are no outlets, you should open the paint can, add cat litter, sand or dirt and allow to completely dry out. It is then safe to dispose of in the trash. Companies such as Rinchem, Safety-Kleen and Envirosolve can host a community HHW drop-off day.



Rechargeable Batteries

Rechargeable batteries commonly found in cordless power tools, cellular and cordless phones, laptop computers, camcorders, digital cameras, and remote-control toys should not be thrown in the trash. A number of companies will accept your old rechargeable batteries as well as your cell phones. The Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation hosts a comprehensive online directory at www.call2recycle.org. Regular batteries are not recyclable in most communities. For more information on battery recycling, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's web site at www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservematerials/battery.htm.



Automotive

Auto Batteries (lead acid)

Discarding or improperly disposing of a lead-acid battery is illegal in New Mexico. Most businesses that sell lead-acid batteries accept old ones for recycling. And most local government drop-off stations accept the batteries as well. You can search the New Mexico Recycling Directory at www.recyclenewmexico.com and search by "Battery".



Used Oil & Used Oil Filters

(including transmission fluids, brake fluids, power steering fluids and greases)



New Mexico law prohibits dumping used oil on land or into storm drains or waterways. It also may not be used as a dust suppressant. Many communities have collection centers for used oil and oil filters. It is illegal to dump more than 5 gallons at a landfill. Homeowners are encouraged to recycle all of their used motor oil. Many auto service centers (listed in the (CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE)