

# SAVE Recycling Guide - Helena

Material	Where it Goes	Notes
Aluminum	Pacific Steel & Recycling, Transfer Station, City Drop-off Sites	Please empty cans. Clean foil okay.
Plastic	Transfer Station	Details on back page.
Steel and Tin Cans	Pacific Steel & Recycling, Transfer Station, City Drop-off Sites	Please empty, metal lids are okay
Corrugated Cardboard	Pacific Steel & Recycling, Transfer Station, City Drop-off Sites	Brown bags are okay, flatten boxes, <u>no paperboard</u> please
Glass	Transfer Station	Labels okay, no lids please
Newspaper, Catalogs, Magazines, Office Paper	Pacific Steel & Recycling, Transfer Station, City Drop-off Sites	Windowed envelopes and colored paper are okay
Electronics	Details below.	Many retailers have in house programs.
Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs),	Home Depot (1801 E Custer Ave), Lowes, Batteries Plus	Place bulbs in a plastic bag and drop them off in orange collection bins
Fluorescent Light Bulbs	SAVE Business recycling route, Batteries Plus	Call <b>449-6008</b> to arrange a pickup Costs may apply
Prescription Medication	Helena Law Enforcement Center (221 Breckenridge St.)	Drop off box in lobby. Call 457-8830 for more information.
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## Recycling Services & Events

**SAVE Business Recycling** – SAVE will collect all items listed on the front of this recycling guide from business, schools, and apartments. Call **449-6008** for more information, to sign up, or schedule recycling at an event.

**Helena Recycling:** Provides curbside and business recycling throughout the Helena area. Aluminum and steel/tin cans, newspaper, magazines, office paper, plastic bottles (types 1-7), and cardboard are collected. Call **457-2437** for details.

**City of Blue Bag Program:** The City of Helena will pick up recycling with curbside trash pick-up on the first full week of every month for residential customers. Bags are available at the Transfer Station and the Independent Record office downtown. Aluminum cans; steel/tin cans; and newspaper/magazines/office paper are collected in separate bags for free. Call **447-8084** for info or to sign up.

**Yellowstone E-Waste Solutions** – Electronics recycling collection provided monthly for businesses, including pickup. Contact **406-861-4920** for more information.

**Erase Your E-Waste City collections** – Held at the Transfer Station from 9am to 2pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Call **447-8084** for details.

### City Drop-off Site Locations

- Safeway (611 N Montana Ave)
- L&C County Fairgrounds (98 W Custer Ave)
- Independent Record (2222 Washington St)
- Capitol Hill Mall Parking Lot-East End (1600 11<sup>th</sup> Ave)
- At the median between the one-ways on the west end of Cruse Ave towards Park Avenue and directly across from Dale Harris Park.



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## Plastics Recycling

Plastics recycling is changing in Helena! The City of Helena is adopting a permanent plastics recycling program. While Lewis & Clark County is completing a solid waste study, an interim plastics collection program will take place at the Transfer Station beginning April 22nd. Call the Transfer Station at 447-8087 for more info.

**Transfer Station Recycling Permits** are free of charge for City of Helena residents. Renters within City Limits should ask their landlord about how to receive a permit.

### Items Collected Will Include:

- #1 **PETE** bottles – water bottles, soda bottles
- #1 **PETE clear** clamshells/trays – fruit containers, etc.
- #2 **HDPE** colored bottles – laundry detergent bottles, solid white milk jugs, etc.
- #2 **HDPE** natural bottles – translucent milk jugs

Please remove lids and separate based on these categories.

**Other Plastics** – SAVE can pick-up large volumes of other plastics such as shrink-wrap used to secure pallets. Call us at **449-6008** to arrange a pickup.

## Construction Materials

Constructing new buildings or remodeling old ones can create a lot of extra waste that can potentially be reused or recycled.

Local thrift stores offer pick-up services for large items. Call to schedule.

**Good Samaritan:** 442-0780 (3067 N Montana Ave)

**Helena Industries:** 442-2033 (2109 N Last Chance)

**The Habitat for Humanity ReStore** is located at 1531 National Avenue and is open Monday through Saturday from 9am to 5pm. The Restore sells leftover construction materials to benefit future Habitat for Humanity projects. Call 449-4663 for details.

Donations are usually tax deductible with a receipt.

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## Additional Items to Recycle

**Automotive Wastes** – The Transfer Station accepts oil and car batteries. They accept tires for a fee. Batteries Plus also recycles car batteries and will reimburse you \$7 each.

**Batteries** – Rechargeable batteries are accepted at most large-scale retailers, including Staples, Home Depot, Lowes, and RadioShack. Batteries Plus will additionally accept Alkaline batteries for free if under 1lb. (>1lb costs \$1/lb.)

**Carpet** – Used carpeting can be recycled at Pierce Flooring, located at 1401 Cedar Street. Please call them at **442-0404** to find out more information.

**Cell Phones** – Most manufacturers and retail locations recycle cell phones, even if the phone is not theirs. Many service providers support non-profits with the funds from these programs, including Verizon, AT&T, and Sprint.

**Latex Paint** – The City of Helena holds a paint exchange in May and September. At the exchange you can leave good, usable paint for others to use or pick up paint that others have left. The exchange is completely free of charge. Extra paint is used for community projects.

**Phone Books** – Accepted at the Transfer Station.

**Plastic Shopping Bags** – There are drop-off bins located inside the doors of most grocery stores. Using reusable bags will often confer a discount.



**Scrap Metals** – Pacific Steel & Recycling will accept scrap metal located at 1530 National Avenue and operates Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

**Yard Waste** – The City of Helena collects leaves, grass, and branches for composting at the transfer station. Make sure that the yard waste is not contaminated with other waste.

**Mercury Thermostats** – The Montana Department of Environmental Quality has partnered with County Sanitarians to offer free thermostat recycling services. Call Lewis & Clark County Public Health Department at 447-8356 for more information.

If you have an item not included in this list and you are wondering whether or not it can be recycled, please call the SAVE office at **449-6008** or email us at [Recycle@Savemobile.org](mailto:Recycle@Savemobile.org).



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