



A Comprehensive Guide For Waste Reduction

Lafayette **PRIDE** Guide

Parish

Residents

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Environment

mission statement

In this booklet, you'll find everything you need to know about recycling and properly disposing of waste, compiled and printed by Lafayette Consolidated Government's (LCG) Environmental Quality Division. Regulations and laws dealing with the improvement of Lafayette Parish's environment are also covered and include local ordinances as well as Louisiana statutes or federal laws and regulations enforced by the Environmental Quality Division. The division's jurisdiction includes the City of Lafayette and unincorporated Lafayette Parish.

Taking time to handle and recycle waste results in a cleaner and healthier environment for all Lafayette Parish citizens. We'll tell you what you, your family, organization or group can do to improve the environment around you. It can be as simple as reducing litter or scheduling a presentation about recycling or waste reduction at your office.

At LCG, we encourage you to recycle items whenever you can. However, not everything is recyclable, so we also ask that you learn what can and can't be recycled. Please recycle what you can, and properly dispose of the rest.

There are three keys to creating a successful recycling community:

- **REDUCE** potential waste whenever possible. For example, buy only enough paint needed for a particular job. Pay attention to the expiration date and quantity when buying food, and try to consume the food before it expires and has to be thrown out.
- **REUSE** items whenever possible. For example, repair or refurbish an old bike or lawn mower instead of throwing it out, and give old clothes, furniture, and working appliances to a charitable organization, like Goodwill Industries® or the Salvation Army®.
- **RECYCLE** items whenever possible if you can't reduce or reuse. For example, if that old bike or lawn mower can't be repaired, it can become recycled metal if all fluids like oil and gasoline are drained from the engine or if tires are removed from the bike.

The chart below describes what services are available to residents within LCG's jurisdiction. Each service is in turn detailed in its own section of this booklet, as listed in the Table of Contents. Details on what household products, such as glass and plastic, are recyclable through the city's curbside recycling program and recycling drop-off program are included in the recycling section.

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CITY OF LAFAYETTE RESIDENTS AND THOSE IN UNINCORPORATED LAFAYETTE PARISH

SERVICE AVAILABLE	CITY OF LAFAYETTE	UNINCORPORATED LAFAYETTE PARISH	CONTRACTOR	HOW-TO
Garbage	Twice-weekly pickup	Weekly pickup	Service provided by BFI	Utilities must be connected. See "Garbage"
Recycling	Weekly curbside pickup	Twelve drop-off stations	Service provided by the Recycling Foundation and Environ. Quality Div.	See "Recycling at Home" or "Recycling in an Apartment or Rural Area"
Appliance pickup	Monthly curbside pickup	Monthly curbside pickup	Service provided by BFI	See "Appliance Pickup"
Yard waste pickup	Weekly curbside pickup	Weekly curbside pickup	Service provided by BFI	See "Yard Waste Pickup"
Tires	Two free drop-off stations	Two free drop-off stations	Service provided by LCG and Colt, Inc.	See "Tire Disposal"
Large items (sofas, chairs and more)	Picked up by BFI on garbage day	Picked up by BFI on garbage day	Service provided by BFI	See "Large, Bulky Items"

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Dear Lafayette Parish Residents,

I've said many times that it is important for Lafayette Parish residents to have too much pride in this community to litter and dispose of waste in an improper fashion.

That is why I am very excited that the name of this booklet, a guide which provides information to properly dispose of or recycle everything that you may generate at your home, has been named the "PRIDE Guide," which is short for Parish Residents Interested in their Direct Environment.

Included in this guide are practices that individuals can use to make Lafayette a cleaner, more appealing place for all its citizens to live...and for all the visitors who come to our wonderful city and parish. Recycling strengthens our environment and our economy. Less waste in the landfill means not having to construct a new place to put our garbage, which translates into savings for all consumers by keeping garbage disposal rates stable. When any item is remade into another product, value is added each time it is handled and processed – meaning jobs and revenue are generated.

In September 2004, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality awarded our recycling program, spearheaded by Lafayette Consolidated Government's Environmental Quality (EQ) Division, as the best comprehensive municipal recycling program in the state. The EQ Division coordinates and oversees the programs in this booklet. We are currently trying to sign up more civic groups for our "Adopt-a-Road" program, whereby any group "adopts" a stretch of road in Lafayette Parish and pledges to clean the litter on that portion of the road several times a year. There are 19 Adopt-a-Road groups currently signed up. We also want residents to know what improper activities and situations should be reported to the Environmental Quality Division.

Lafayette is a premiere city in which to live, but there is always room for improvement. Please use this guide to do your part in making Lafayette the cleanest, most vibrant city and parish it can be.

Sincerely,

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message from City/Parish President

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recycling at home

curbside pick up

CITY RESIDENTS,

PLEASE CALL

291-8529 FOR

CURBSIDE BINS.

Lafayette has one of the longest-running, most efficient recycling programs in Louisiana. Several things are accomplished when Lafayette's citizens recycle: (1) less waste going to the landfill (in Jeff Davis Parish) helps to keep Lafayette's garbage rates stable; (2) we save energy and natural resources by recycling; and (3) jobs are created in Lafayette and in other cities that are in the "recycling loop" of making new items from recyclables.

Items for recycling are picked up weekly at the curb for residents in the City of Lafayette. You must live in a house, a duplex, or triplex within the city. The determining factor as to whether you have curbside recycling available to you is if you have the "total environmental charge" on your Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) monthly bill.

The Environmental Quality Division's Recycling Section oversees the curbside recycling contract with the Recycling Foundation. If you have problems with your recycling service or if you have recycling questions, please call the Environmental Quality Division at 291-8529.



PAPER

Curbside recycling requires that you separate items into two or three colored bins. The program began using three bins. All bins are labeled on the front as to what recycling items they should hold. We are currently changing over to using two colored bins. The important thing to remember is to keep your paper together in one neat stack in one bin. All the other items to be recycled that are listed below can be mixed in together in the other bin. After placing paper at the bottom of one bin, if you need extra space, say for plastic or cans, simply place the items on top of your papers.



GLASS
CANS
PLASTIC

PAPER Newspaper, magazines, phone books, catalogs, cereal/soft drink boxes, and writing paper.

CARDBOARD BOXES Remove tape or staples from the bottom of boxes, and flatten following the seams of the box. Lay the flat boxes on the ground and place recycling bins on top of the cardboard.

GLASS Food and beverage bottles and jars only. Rinse and throw away tops. **No drinking glasses, window pane glass, coffee mugs, ashtrays, vases.**

ALUMINUM CANS Cans only, rinse. **No aluminum foil or pie pans.**

TIN/STEEL CANS Food and beverage cans, rinse and throw away top. **Please, after the top has been removed with a can opener, throw it away. The small, thin piece of metal, which is the top of the can, is dangerously sharp and cuts fingers of personnel who have to handle it.**

PLASTIC Plastic bottles that have the "number(s) one or two" recycling symbols (shown to right) on the bottom of the container. Rinse, throw away top, and flatten — step on it. **Please note: bottles only with the numbers one and two. For example, a milk jug is a #2 bottle, a #2 butter tub is not a bottle. The plastic make-up of non-bottles is different from that of bottles; we simply cannot get rid of non-bottles through available recycling markets.**



REPLACEMENT BINS NEEDED? QUESTIONS? If your bins are old and falling apart, call the Environmental Quality Division, and we will bring you new ones — there's no charge. Call 291-8529.

recycling in an apartment or rural area

If you live in unincorporated Lafayette Parish or in an apartment, you do not have curbside recycling, but you can still recycle. There are 12 recycling drop-off stations throughout Lafayette Parish. The service is provided by Lafayette Consolidated Government's Environmental Quality Division and the Recycling Foundation.

The first three sites listed below are all 22-foot, multi-compartment recycling containers that accept the same items that are accepted in Lafayette's curbside recycling program. You may also drop all the recyclables that are accepted curbside at the Recycling Foundation at 500 Guidry Street in Lafayette.

The other eight recycling sites are at fire stations located in Lafayette. These sites do not accept glass for safety reasons. The fire stations use large, flip-top, blue and green carts which are labeled "paper" (green cart), or "plastic and cans" (blue cart). The details about what exactly goes in each cart is affixed to the top of each cart. The locations for the recycling drop-off containers are listed below:

DROP-OFF STATIONS

*Scott Park (enter from Cormier Street)

*Youngsville Park (enter from 3rd Street)

*Milton Park (enter from Picard Drive)

*The Recycling Foundation, 500 Guidry Street

**Fire Station #3, 100 Cooper Drive

**Fire Station #4, 300Azelle Street

**Fire Station #5, 2001 Johnston Street

**Fire Station #6, 100 Montrose Avenue

**Fire Station #7, 345 Kaliste Saloom Road

**Fire Station #11, 1115 Ambassador Caffery Parkway

**Fire Station #12, 2856 Verot School Road

**Fire Station #13, 6507 Johnston Street

* Accepts all recyclables collected with Lafayette's curbside collection

** Accepts only paper, aluminum and steel/tin cans, and plastic #s 1 and 2 bottles

For details on exactly what type of paper, glass, cans, and plastic is accepted, see section titled "recycling at home – curbside collection"



recycling at work

Recycling is now available for businesses in Lafayette Parish. For more information on what can be recycled and how to get your businesses started on recycling, please call the Environmental Quality Division of Lafayette Consolidated Government at 291-8529.

recycling at school

It's easy for schools in Lafayette Parish to recycle paper. For more information on how your school can recycle, please call the Environmental Quality Division of Lafayette Consolidated Government at 291-8529.



tires

Tires will not be picked up by your garbage hauler. Tires were banned from landfills in 1992, which is why your garbage hauler will not pick them up at your residence. There are two drop-off locations to properly dispose of tires. There is no charge at either site. The tire drop-off program is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Lafayette Consolidated Government's Environmental Quality Division.

THE TWO SITES TO DROP OFF TIRES ARE

- (1) Colt, Inc. at 1223 Delhomme Avenue in Scott (hours are Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
- (2) Lafayette Consolidated Government's South District Public Works Yard at 1017 Fortune Road in Youngsville (hours are Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

- + Most tires can be disposed of for free. However, there is a limit of five tires per customer, per day at each site.
- + All the following tires can be dropped off: car, truck, motorcycle, ATV, golf cart, 18-wheeler, or any "specialty" tire up to 500 pounds.
- + Tires on-the-rim are acceptable at either of the two sites.
- + You must go into the office at either location, with your driver's license and your license plate number to indicate that you are a resident of Louisiana.
- + For further details or to ask any questions, call Colt, Inc. They are a tire processing/recycling company. The phone number is 235-0353.

oil, automotive batteries, antifreeze, & gasoline

Other locations around town also accept used oil, batteries, and antifreeze (see the chart below for locations and specifications). The Prop Shop in Lafayette at 1501 General Mouton Avenue accepts used gasoline and can be reached at 235-5761.

- + U.S. Filter in Opelousas will dispose of 35- to 55-gallon drums of oil for a fee. Call 1-800-960-6377.
- + Oil and antifreeze must be kept free of other fluids. Aaron Oil Co. also collects drums of oil for a fee. Call 1-800-486-3105.
- + It's always a good idea to call the location listed before stopping by.
- + Quantities listed represent the maximum amount accepted.
- + No automotive fluids should be mixed because it's a problem to dispose of. Call the Environmental Quality Division at 291-8529 if you have mixed automotive fluids.

USED OIL, ANTIFREEZE AND BATTERIES					
COMPANY	LOCATION	PHONE	OIL	ANTIFREEZE	AUTOMOTIVE BATTERIES
Advance Auto Parts	1601 Cameron Street	593-0944	5 gal.	No	Yes
Advance Auto Parts	1114 SE Evangeline Thruway	593-9054	5 gal.	No	Yes
Advance Auto Parts	3804 Moss Street	593-8958	5 gal.	No	Yes
Ambassador Lube Express	4040 Ambassador Caffery	989-5258	10 gal.	No	No
AutoZone	301 E. Third Street	234-5271	5 gal.	No	Yes
AutoZone	4300 Johnston Street	989-8903	5 gal.	No	Yes
Auto Zone	2304 W. Pinhook Road	232-9284	5 gal.	No	Yes
Dale's Auto	4005 Moss Street	235-5640	10 gal.	No	Yes
Firestone	3812 Ambassador Caffery	981-3006	No	No	Yes
Firestone	1200 W. Pinhook Road	261-0090	1 gal.	Yes	Yes (1 per person per day)
Firestone	4505 Johnston Street	984-0775	1 gal.	Yes	Yes (1 per person per day)
Master Lube, Inc.	500 W. Pinhook Road	233-8283	5 gal.	5 gal.	Yes
Moody's Lube Express	3435 W. Pinhook Road	839-8119	10 gal.	No	No
O'Reilly's Auto Parts	4796 Johnston Street	981-6014	10-15 gal.	No	Yes
O'Reilly's Auto Parts	1010 N. University Avenue	237-6014	20 gal.	No	Yes
Pep Boys	5639 Johnston Street	988-1022	1 gal.	1 gal.	Yes*
Riverside Shell	4403 Johnston Street	984-9840	5 gal.	5 gal.	Yes
South College Car Care	101 S. College Road	234-6997	1-2 gal.	No	Yes
Stan's Auto Center	106 Camille Street	981-5033	5 gal.	5 gal.	Yes
Superlube & Tune Up	1503 Moss Street	233-4222	10-15 gal.	10 gal.	No
Wal-Mart	1229 NW Evangeline Thruway	237-1689	5 gal.	No	Yes*
Wal-Mart	2428 W. Pinhook Road	231-1972	5 gal.	No	Yes
Wal-Mart	3142 Ambassador Caffery	989-0262	5 gal.	No	Yes

* Where quantities are noted, they represent the maximum amount accepted. * This list is not all-inclusive. Other locations may exist.

rechargeable batteries & cell phones*

Several locations around town accept rechargeable batteries (examples: batteries for cell phones, power tools, and wireless phones). See the listing below for locations and contact information. Call ahead to find out what types of batteries they accept. Single-use batteries cannot be recycled.

BATTERY PLACE

5545 Cameron Street
232-5002

BEST BUY*

5627 Johnston Street
216-0501

CENTENNIAL WIRELESS

1885 W. Pinhook Road
230-7999

CENTENNIAL WIRELESS

5405 Johnston Street
230-3200

CINGULAR WIRELESS*

3807 Ambassador Caffery
988-1891

CINGULAR WIRELESS*

2429 W. Congress Street
266-9978

CINGULAR WIRELESS*

114 Youngsville Highway
837-5566

OFFICE DEPOT*

4670 Johnston Street
988-6503

OFFICE DEPOT*

1879 W. Pinhook Road
234-9900

RADIOSHACK

5725 Johnston Street
984-9776

RADIOSHACK

3802-A Johnston Street
981-4346

RADIOSHACK

200 Production Drive
233-1104

RADIOSHACK

1215 N.W. Evangeline Thruway
234-7680

VERIZON WIRELESS*

5725 Johnston Street
988-4506

See Section — “oil, automotive batteries, antifreeze, & gasoline” for car batteries

* These locations accept both rechargeable batteries and cell phones.



computers

Computers, monitors, keyboards and printers can be brought to the Lafayette Charter High School at 516 E. Pinhook Road, which participates in the Computers for Louisiana’s Kids program. The program is coordinated by the Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council and works with school districts to implement computer training, repair and recycling programs to provide students with marketable job skills. Donated computers are tested and repaired or salvaged for recyclable materials. Call the school at 261-8981 to find out when drop-off is available.

propane bottles

Look in your telephone directory Yellow Pages under the heading **Gas — Propane** for your nearest propane retailer. Please call regarding acceptance of **USED PROPANE CYLINDERS** and possible disposal fee.

paint & other household chemicals



The best way to dispose of paint is to use it all up. Buying only the amount of paint needed for a specific job reduces leftover paint. Donate excess paint to a neighbor or to a theater group if you can identify someone who can use it. Use water-based (latex) paint as opposed to oil-based paint, if possible. Oil-based is more hazardous. Liquid hazardous waste, including paint, cannot be disposed of in the garbage, nor poured down the drain. However, latex paint can be dried and disposed of on your regular garbage collection day. Oil-based paint cannot be dried (see details below).

DRYING LATEX PAINT

- + Acquire the least expensive type of cat litter possible. A two-pound bag will dry about three, one-gallon cans which are each half-full.
- + If a gallon can is more than half full, pour some into another can to make sure you are working with a half-full, one-gallon can (the contents will expand).
- + Pour about two inches of cat litter into the can and stir it thoroughly. You will add two inches and stir thoroughly about four times to completely absorb/dry the half-gallon of paint.
- + It takes one week for the paint to completely dry. Once it is dry, put the dried paint in a box that fits about four cans. Leave the paint in the can, and leave the top off the can.
- + Call BFI (232-5730) the night before your next scheduled garbage day to notify them that you are putting a box of dried paint out at your address for disposal.

OIL-BASED PAINT & OTHER CHEMICALS

- + Liquid household hazardous waste (household chemicals) cannot be disposed of in your regular garbage, nor poured down the drain.
- + Liquid products that cannot be put in the garbage include oil-based paint; also, any paint solvents such as stains, mineral spirits or paint stripper; insecticides and pesticides, and other liquid chemicals.
- + Never dispose of liquid chemicals by pouring them down the drain at your home, shop, or office.
- + There is currently no method to dispose of liquid chemicals — latex paint can be dried and disposed of as described above. LCG's Environmental Quality Division is working to establish a disposal method and will widely publicize the information once a disposal system is established.

large quantities of Waste petroleum products

To find out about recycling large quantities of waste motor oil, gasoline or other automotive fluids, contact U.S. Filter Recovery at 1-800-960-6377 or Aaron Oil Company at 1-800-486-3105.

You can dispose of the following materials in quantities of 35 gallons or greater for a fee:

- + Waste motor oil
- + Oily water
- + Antifreeze
- + Other waste automotive fluids
- + Clean and contaminated gasoline
- + Clean and contaminated diesel fuel

In some cases, materials may need to be tested before they are collected. Some of the materials on the list may not be ready for disposal until after several weeks.

Prices vary depending on product and amount, so call for information on charges and to schedule pickups.

construction debris

Construction debris is just what it sounds like – bricks, processed wood (2x4s, etc.), shingles, flooring tiles and any other waste that is generated from constructing a new building or tearing down an old one. For smaller repair jobs you are conducting around your home, you can place the smaller quantities of construction debris at curbside for collection by BFI. You must, however, properly package construction debris. If you have wood to dispose, simply stack larger pieces neatly at the curbside; nothing can be over six feet (6') in length. Smaller scraps of wood (and other debris) can be put in your garbage can, but the weight of the can cannot exceed 50 pounds.

Shingles from a smaller building's roof – a small shed, for example – could be placed into cardboard boxes or yard bags. Be sure that the boxes are sturdy enough and are well taped to ensure that they hold together, and be sure that nothing weighs over 50 pounds.

For a larger construction job, you may need to rent a construction dumpster from one of the garbage companies that operate in Lafayette and surrounding parishes. If you want to dispose of construction debris yourself, a list of the available construction and demolition landfills are listed below. You must, of course, load the material onto your truck or trailer. The landfills are permitted by the state and are very strict as to what they accept from the public. Nothing but construction material can be dropped off at their facilities. If you mix in things such as household garbage, clothing, plastic containers, etc., they will reject the whole load and you will have to go back home and separate the construction debris from the "other" waste on your trailer.

The sites that accept construction debris for a fee are:

ANGCO, INC

4042 NE Evangeline Thwy, Carencro
896-0302

DEROUEN'S TYPE III FACILITY

525 Rue LePere, Duson
873-6336

GORDON'S LANDFILL

614 Coteau Rd, New Iberia
365-9034

ACADIANA C & D FACILITY

2505 Allen Rd, Maurice
898-2197

GREENPOINT, INC.

1469-A Old Spanish Hwy, Cade
560-5433

SCOTT CONSTRUCTION DUMP

210 Gene Rd, Scott
232-8392

You should always call ahead before going to any of the sites above.

yard waste collection & free compost

Lafayette Parish is so fortunate to have the Compost Facility. The facility is run by the Environmental Quality Division of Lafayette Consolidated Government. Waste going to landfills is reduced by 30 percent by diverting wood waste and other "green waste" to the Compost Facility at 400 Dugas Road. The compost operation works for Lafayette's citizens and for the environment. For example, less waste going to landfills helps to keep Lafayette's garbage rates stable by allowing us to use current landfills longer. Also, citizens come to pick up — for free — nutrient-rich "cured compost." It's environmental enhancement the natural way.

- + **Curbside collection in the City of Lafayette and in unincorporated Lafayette Parish:** these residents have their yard waste collected once per week by BFI. If you need to know what day yard waste is collected in your neighborhood, please call the Environmental Quality Division at 291-8529.
- + Never mix in garbage with yard waste. No processed wood, no empty cans, no old mops on a wooden handle. Nothing. The yard waste program is intended strictly for tree waste and other "green waste" from your yard.
- + Do not tie or bundle any branches; simply place larger branches in a neat pile near the curb. No branch or tree trunk can exceed 18 inches (18") in diameter, and cannot be longer than six feet (6') in length. No single piece of wood can weigh over 50 pounds, which means that branches/trunks that are 18" in diameter should be cut to lengths of about two feet (2').
- + Smaller items such as grass trimmings and shrub trimmings, and small twigs from trees should be containerized. You may put smaller items in a garbage can, but leave the top off so the BFI employees can identify it as yard waste. Otherwise, place smaller items in a yard bag. Please place yard waste as far away from garbage cans as possible so it will be easily identifiable as separate yard waste, not to be confused by BFI drivers as garbage.
- + Anything that you as the homeowner generate, without hiring out the work, will be picked up by BFI as long as it meets the specifications described above. When you generate a large pile of yard waste, you should call BFI at 232-5730 to notify them that the large pile is out at your home. They will dispatch a "mechanical arm" truck to your house to remove the material.
- + Any time you hire out work, especially cutting a tree down, you must make arrangements with the contractor who performed the work to have the material removed from your property. The removal of a tree or large quantities of woody waste should be included in a price you received from the contractor you will be hiring.
- + Anyone who brings yard waste to the Compost Facility at 400 Dugas Road in north Lafayette Parish is required to pay \$6.00 per cubic yard (equivalent to a half-ton pick-up truck bed full). BFI, independent contractors, even citizens in the City and Parish of Lafayette must all pay the \$6.00 per cubic yard. It's the way that the yard waste contract is structured; the money is used to operate the Compost Facility.

Free compost is available Mon. - Fri., 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - noon
Drop-off hours are Mon. - Fri., 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, 7 a.m. - noon



appliances, lawn mowers & scrap metal

Residents in the City of Lafayette and unincorporated Lafayette Parish receive once per month collection of large appliances at their home. To have an appliance picked up at your home, please do the following: (1) Call the Environmental Quality Division or BFI and find out which week of the month your area is scheduled for appliance pick-up. (2) Wait until the week you are scheduled, then call BFI to alert them that you are placing an appliance in front of your house. (3) Put the appliance out in front of your house. Large appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers and water heaters can also be dropped off at the three locations below. Other scrap metal such as bicycles, swing-sets and lawnmowers can be dropped off at the three locations. Lawnmowers must have all motor oil drained, and the gas tank and the tires must be removed before mowers can be dropped off. Smaller appliances such as microwaves, blenders and toasters cannot be recycled — dispose of them with your garbage.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT PUBLIC WORKS YARD
1017 Fortune Road
291-7072

SOUTHERN SCRAP RECYCLING
4802 Cameron Street
233-1038

I-49 SCRAP
Highway 182, Broussard
839-8700

IT'S ALWAYS A GOOD IDEA TO CALL BEFORE DROPPING OFF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL.

Several locations will purchase metal scraps. Mostly metals with a higher value such as aluminum, brass, copper and stainless steel. Some of the businesses below may purchase other lesser-valued scrap metal. Call ahead to see if your scrap has a dollar value.

SOUTHERN SCRAP RECYCLING
4802 Cameron Street
233-1038

I-49 SCRAP
Highway 182, Broussard
839-8700

LOUISIANA SOUTHWEST SCRAP AND SALVAGE
4400 Cameron Street
233-1247

D & L RECYCLING
6212 Cameron Street
233-6063

LOUISIANA SCRAP METAL
2200 Cameron Street
233-0112

business/commercial garbage

Commercial establishments, institutions and all other non-residential structures are required to use a container with a capacity of one or more cubic yards equipped with self-closing lids and designed to be mechanically dumped. Those establishments which do not produce more garbage than may be contained in a one cubic yard container may utilize a maximum of three 32-gallon plastic bags collected twice weekly.

All business and commercial buildings and premises are required to maintain their properties in a clean and sanitary condition and arrange for private pick-up of solid waste. If a business has arranged a recycling pick-up, recyclables must also be stored in a clean and sanitary manner. The use of residential curbside collection services for solid waste and recyclables is prohibited for commercial and non-residential establishments.

The owner of a building being erected or repaired, or the job contractor, shall provide for storage and collection of construction debris, solid waste or industrial refuse from the site. No such debris or waste can be placed curbside for residential collection unless proper contractual notification has been made between the official solid waste collector for Lafayette Consolidated Government and the owner or job contractor.

To learn more information about non-residential and commercial solid waste and recyclable collection please contact the Environmental Quality Division at 291-8518 or 291-8529.

residential garbage collection

Single family homes, duplexes and triplexes in the **City of Lafayette** have curbside collection twice a week and **unincorporated Lafayette Parish** have curbside collection once a week.

- + Place containers on neutral ground or within the premises immediately adjacent to the street the night before or by 4 a.m. the day of collection.
- + No container should be placed on the street, sidewalk or in any ditch.
- + Container must not be more than 35 gallons.
- + Place all garbage into bags inside the container so the lightweight items don't fly away.
- + Please keep the lids or covers for all containers secure to reduce access to the contents from insects and other scavengers.
- + Containers must be removed from collection points within 24 hours after collection.

To learn more about the curbside garbage collection or to see a map of collection areas by day please visit the Lafayette Consolidated Government's website at <http://www.lafayettela.gov> and click on the Curbside Collection Maps link on the left side of the page. For any questions, comments, or concerns about curbside garbage collection, please contact the Environmental Quality Division Code Enforcement Section at 291-8518.

large, bulky items

Sofas, chairs and mattresses are "bulky items," which are picked up on your regular garbage day by BFI – twice per week in the City of Lafayette and once per week in the unincorporated parish. Other large items that do not fit into your garbage can will be picked up by BFI if they are properly prepared and packaged. For example, old carpet will be picked up if it is rolled and tied. The roll must not exceed six feet in length and must not weigh over 50 pounds. The specifications for all large bulky items are listed below.

- + Sofas and chairs will be picked up no matter their weight.
- + Excluding sofas, chairs and televisions, no single item can weigh more than 50 pounds.
- + All items must be less than six feet in length.
- + Small, loose items must be bagged or otherwise containerized, and must conform to the weight and length requirements above.
- + Televisions cannot be recycled, they must be disposed of with your garbage.

environmental outreach & education

Call the Environmental Quality Division to schedule anything below. Phone 291-8529.

WHAT YOU CAN DO "HANDS-ON"

- + **ADOPT-A-ROAD** – Any type of group can select a stretch of road, anywhere within Lafayette Parish, and keep it litter free by cleaning it several times a year. All supplies are provided to accomplish your mission of transforming Lafayette Parish into a cleaner community. Twenty groups have signed up and Lafayette Parish is cleaner for their efforts.
- + **STORM DRAIN MARKING PROGRAM** – Any type of group can label storm drain catch basins, which alerts the public not to dump any waste into the drains. The Environmental Quality Division supplies all the necessary material to affix the label "No Dumping – Drains to Bayou" to storm drains. Several hundred storm drains have been marked, but many more await your group, as you do your part to keep Lafayette Parish's waterways clean.
- + **ANNUAL "TRASH BASH"** – Every spring, hundreds of volunteers – groups of all sorts and individuals – head out to some of the more littered roads and waterways in Lafayette Parish to pick up unsightly litter. In 2004, 290 volunteers collected 9 tons of litter. Seems like a lot, but more participants translates into a cleaner Lafayette Parish. Call and sign up today and take pride in Lafayette.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

The Environmental Quality Division offers environmental presentations for students of all ages in the classroom, as well as civic, scout or church groups. Any organization desiring to increase their knowledge and understanding of the topics listed below should call to schedule a presentation:

- + Recycling
- + Litter reduction
- + Local water quality and pollution prevention

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

- + **RECYCLING FOUNDATION** – See how the recycling industry truly operates. Learn the facts about where your milk jugs, beer bottles and soup cans go once they leave Lafayette to be "re-made" into another product. Fine tune and upgrade your recycling knowledge by scheduling a tour of the facility at 500 Guidry Street.
- + **COMPOST FACILITY** – Observe how tree branches, grass clippings and other "green waste" are turned into a desirable, totally useful, nutrient-rich soil additive instead of going into a landfill and just "sitting there" taking up valuable landfill space. Composting results in a cost savings for Lafayette's residents on their garbage bills . . . then they benefit twice by coming to get the end product, compost, free of charge. Waste reduction through composting is good for your wallet and for the environment. It's environmental enhancement the natural way. Learn more by signing up for a tour of the facility at 400 Dugas Road.
- + **CLOSED LANDFILL** – The "N. Dugas Landfill" in north Lafayette Parish operated from 1980 until 1988. Now it's closed and is being restored to a natural Cajun prairie using native grasses, plants and trees. See the natural beauty and learn how something that was once a waste site is now an asset to the Lafayette community.

lcg environmental quality division on the web

Please visit the Environmental Quality Division website at www.lafayettela.gov/PublicWorks/dpt575.asp and click on the following links for more information.

ADMINISTRATION View our mission statement and read a brief overview of the entire division.

CODE ENFORCEMENT Learn about local environmental codes and garbage collection as well as frequently asked questions.

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE Learn more about state and federal environmental requirements for local governments and water quality education opportunities.

RECYCLING Learn about local recycling programs, educational opportunities and a brief history of recycling in Lafayette.

COMPOSTING Learn about the Dean Domingues Compost Facility, how to receive free compost and view a brief picture overview of the composting process.

CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING STORMWATER Learn about local stormwater quality and how each citizen can participate in improving our local water quality and resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH View educational and tour opportunities as well as programs where everyone can participate in improving the environment of Lafayette Parish and Acadiana.

CURBSIDE COLLECTION MAPS Type in your address to see when curbside garbage, yard waste, white goods (appliances), and recycling collection is in your area. Also view a map of recycling drop-off points in Lafayette Parish.

Thank you for your participation in all of our programs and everyone's efforts in improving the environment and quality of life for all Lafayette Parish residents.

litter reduction & adopt-a-road

Litter. There's so much of it, and it detracts from the quality of life in Lafayette City and Parish. It's easy to complain about the problem, then simply become apathetic.

But there is something the citizens of our community can do to lessen litter and improve our quality of life.

The solution is called **ADOPT-A-ROAD**.

Becoming involved is simple. Civic, church and scout groups can sign up to keep a stretch of road litter free. Businesses and groups as small as three persons can sign up as well. Signs designate your group's stretch of road, demonstrating concern for the community. Participating sets an example for others.

By helping to keep our community clean, you can change other people's behavior. Something as simple as getting someone to think before pitching their trash can go far in reducing litter. Preventing it in the first place . . . Think of what we can do if each one of us does our part. Sign up today, **call 291-8529**.

local environmental regulation enforcement

To help provide a better environment and quality of life for all citizens of Lafayette Parish, Lafayette Consolidated Government has instituted local ordinances concerning such issues as those listed below:

- + tall grass
- + construction debris
- + junked items and machinery
- + litter and trash
- + noxious smoke and fumes
- + illegal dumping and waste disposal
- + open burning
- + rodent infestation
- + miscellaneous other public nuisances

To find out more information or to report a potential violation, please contact the Environmental Quality Division Code Enforcement Section at 291-8518. Thank you for your assistance in keeping Lafayette a clean and beautiful place to live.

stormwater quality pollution sources

Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a stormwater system that leads directly to local waterways including the Vermilion River. Anything that enters a stormwater system is discharged untreated into the waterways we could use for water activities including boating, fishing and swimming. If you observe any of the following activities and wish to report them please contact the Environmental Quality Division at 291-8529.

Potential Stormwater Quality Pollution Sources:

- + Chemical spills
- + Improperly dumped or disposed of hazardous wastes
- + Improperly treated sewage flowing into a ditch or coulee
- + Sediment-laden stormwater flowing from an active construction site
- + Suspicious liquids flowing into a ditch, coulee or bayou from an outfall pipe
- + illegal dumping of chemicals into storm drains or gutters

To find out more information on what each citizen can do to improve local water quality, please contact the Environmental Quality Division at 291-8529. Thank you for your efforts in protecting Lafayette's valuable water resources.

**NO PROBLEM TOO LARGE OR TOO SMALL. ANY DISPOSAL
NEED NOT ADDRESSED IN THIS PUBLICATION,
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