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# LIVING A LOW-WASTE LIFE:

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you need to get  
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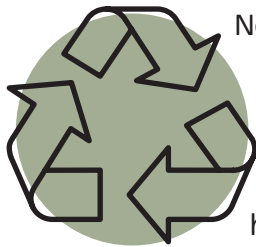


IT'S WHAT  
WE DO HERE.

# HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Methow Recycles has produced this guide to move our community past recycling and into the broader world of reducing waste. Recycling will always be an important part of the solution, but not creating waste in the first place is where we need to start. This guide is here to help you take small steps to reduce the amount of stuff you put in your trash, with local and regional resources, tips and ideas, in addition to our trusted recycling guide.

This guide introduces you to what low-waste living looks like in our rural community and what a zero-waste Methow could look like.



No action is too small to make a difference when it comes to reducing waste! It all adds up to something much larger and soon, we're well on our way to changing some of our wasteful habits and making a truly positive impact for our planet.



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## WHAT IS LOW-WASTE LIVING?

*More than just recycling, low-waste living is about using our planet's resources wisely by using our stuff wisely. It's about reusing before buying new and repairing before throwing away.*

*The Okanogan County landfill will not be open indefinitely. The less we send to the landfill the more we can preserve this beautiful valley we call home.*



## A WORD ON WASTE

Many people are surprised to know that we have a landfill in our county, located just on the other side of the Loup. The Okanogan Central landfill opened in 1994 and accepts non-hazardous municipal solid waste. It is managed by the Public Works department where a team of sixteen people oversee all of the handling, hauling, processing, and administrative end of trash collection for the entire county.

We often don't want to think about where our waste goes but imagine if it didn't go to an area where people manage and properly care for it, if our waste was just indiscriminately burned or dumped.

As we look to a low-waste future, landfills have an important role to play in the management of the end-life of our things. Trash is not bad, it's just another resource that needs good stewardship and part of that is being mindful of what we send to the landfill.

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# WHAT IS ZERO-WASTE?

You've likely heard the term zero-waste. It's become the catchphrase of a global movement to reduce waste and yet, what the term actually means can still be confusing.

Think of zero-waste as an aspirational goal. It's a place we hope we reach as a community by doing tangible things to reduce waste on a large scale, like composting or recycling or having a place to put useful things to be reused by others. Yet until producers make products and packaging 100% recyclable or compostable, there will still be trash to manage.

So even though the term implies "no waste," having a place to put the things that truly are trash and having that place managed responsibly is a crucial part of zero waste.



## HISTORY OF ZERO-WASTE

We may think that zero-waste is a new concept but being mindful of what we throw out and using our things wisely is nothing new.

Our grandparents likely lived the same values that zero-waste living encourages. We are living in a time of consumerism where things are made quickly and cheaply, but that lifestyle takes a toll. Raw materials like aluminum, steel, and timber that go to make cans and paper are extracted only to be thrown into a landfill moments later. We need to do better and use our planet's resources wisely. Reducing our waste, reusing what we can, repairing items when they're broken, refusing things in the first place, and recycling the rest are tangible actions we all can take to do just that.



## REFUSE AND REDUCE

To refuse is to not create waste in the first place. Before you make a purchase think: Can you borrow it? Buy second hand? Is the product you're about to buy easily repaired? Will it last a long time? Buying stuff mindfully leads to less trash on the other end and it saves time and money.

To reduce is to cut down on waste by

- Switching to reusable products that last
- Riding your bike
- Using public transportation like TranGo
- Carpooling

Reducing waste saves you money in the long run, sends less items to the landfill, and creates less emissions.

## BUYING IN BULK

Buying food in quantity saves you money and saves a LOT of packaging waste. All of the grocers in the Methow Valley offer in-store items in bulk and discounts on bulk orders. Items from butter to flour to oats to meat can be ordered in large quantities.

## LOCAL BUSINESSES WORKING TOWARD LOW WASTE

Locally-made Products  
Bulk items  
(food, self-care items)

**THE MAZAMA STORE**

Locally-made Products  
Bulk Items  
Natural Bakery  
Bring your own bag to receive  
a donation token

Established **HANK'S** 1975

Bring your own bag to receive  
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## LOCAL SECOND-HAND SHOPPING

- Thrifty Fox
- Rummage Room

## BRING YOUR OWN TO-GO CONTAINERS

Don't see one of your local restaurants? ASK

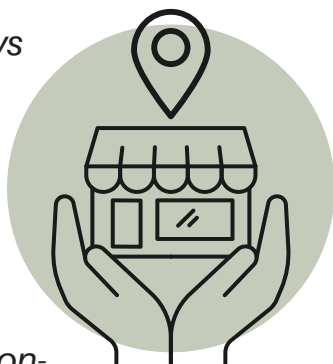
- Glover Street Market
- La Fonda Lopez
- Rocking Horse Bakery
- Cinnamon Twisp Bakery
- Carlos1800 Mexican Grill & Cantina
- Blue Star
- Mazama Store
- Jupiter
- Michael's



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# A SMALLER FOOTPRINT

One of the best ways to reduce waste is to buy local. This cuts down on fuel costs associated with hauling and unnecessary packaging. The local economy is strengthened as well, since local growers and makers receive direct support.



## METHOW VALLEY FOODSHED

A local online food hub and marketplace, the Methow Valley Foodshed features products from dozens of local and regional farmers, ranchers, and food producers. Order by 11 p.m. Tuesday and pick up your food any time after 9 a.m. Friday.



[www.bcslivestock.com/methow-valley-foodshed](http://www.bcslivestock.com/methow-valley-foodshed)

## METHOW VALLEY FARMERS MARKETS

The Methow Valley features three robust farmers markets full of produce, prepared food, crafts, and community.

**Twisp Farmers Market:** Runs from 2nd Saturday in April through the end of October. Rain or shine.

[www.methowvalleyfarmersmarket.com](http://www.methowvalleyfarmersmarket.com)

**Winthrop Farmers Market:** Runs every Sunday from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Rain or shine.

[www.winthropwashington.com/events/farmers-markets](http://www.winthropwashington.com/events/farmers-markets)

**Pateros Community Market:** Runs Friday from 5–8pm, May through the end of summer.

[www.facebook.com/PaterosMarket](http://www.facebook.com/PaterosMarket)

**Methow Makers Market:** Runs two Saturdays per month in the Confluence Park in Winthrop.

[www.facebook.com/methowmakersmarket](http://www.facebook.com/methowmakersmarket)

# REDUCE > RECYCLE

## WHAT YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT THE MATERIALS YOU USE EVERYDAY

It takes an enormous amount of energy to convert **ALUMINUM** from its raw state to what we use every day. It also happens to be one of the most recyclable materials. It can be recycled over and over again indefinitely. Unfortunately, only 45.2% of aluminum is recycled in the United States. The rest is sitting unused, buried in landfills. We need to rethink waste. Let's make the energy invested in the creation of aluminum worth it by recycling what we already have on hand so we don't have to extract so much of this resource.

**PLASTIC** is a petroleum product; it is made from oil. Once it is made, it cannot easily be unmade. It could become other products like toys and polyester fiber, but that is the end of its life. While it is worth recycling, plastic — more so than any other material — is one to use as little as possible, especially single-use plastics. It takes a lot of energy to extract from the ground, refine, and chemically process just to be tossed in a landfill moments later.

**GLASS** is essentially melted sand and can be recycled indefinitely with very little degradation, meaning each time it gets recycled it does not lose strength or structure. It is essentially the same product. It is rare for a rural community to be able to recycle glass as it is heavy, breaks easily, and is expensive to haul to the recycling processor. We're really proud of our ability to offer glass recycling and get it turned into new products!





# WASTE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

*For over 20 years, our community has been diverting waste through recycling. Recycling will always be worth doing. But to make the most impact, not creating waste is even more worth doing.*



Methow Recycles offers several waste prevention programs to help you generate as little waste as possible.

## REMAKE CENTER

The ReMake center is a building materials re-use site located at Methow Recycles. The ReMake center facilitates waste reduction by connecting people with new or gently used building and home improvement materials at bargain prices.

### How It Works

**To Purchase Items:** All items are price as marked. Sales are final and sold as-is. Proceeds from sales support the program.

**To Donate Items:** Building and home improvement materials in good repair are accepted for donation. In-kind donation slips are available upon request.

### REMAKE CENTER GUIDELINES\*

#### ACCEPTABLE:

- Building materials and hardware
- Siding
- Roofing > 4' long
- Corrugated metal > 4' long
- Solid wood doors
- Double pane windows
- Fencing materials
- Reusable lumber > 4'
- Light fixtures

#### NON-ACCEPTABLE:

- Items with missing parts
- Insulation/drywall/sheetrock
- Carpets and upholstered items
- Toilets
- OSB/particle board/MDF
- Plate glass
- Appliances
- Window blinds
- Hazardous materials

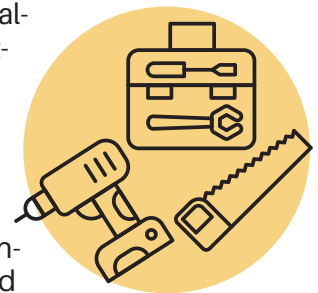
\*For a full list of acceptable items in the ReMake Center, please visit [www.methowrecycles.org](http://www.methowrecycles.org)

Construction waste adds a significant amount of material to the landfill, much of which is still in good repair. Using reclaimed materials for your building projects or home improvement needs is a fantastic way to conserve resources by keeping items in circulation. It's easy on the wallet too!



## SHARE LIBRARY

Sometimes old school values never leave us. Renting and sharing among communities is making a comeback as a way to build community, reduce consumption, and save space and money. Some items you'll find in the Share Library include hand tools, power tools, and homesteading and food preservation equipment.



So instead of buying items that you may only use once a year, borrow it from the Share Library instead!

### How It Works

- 1. Browse** our ever-growing inventory at [www.methowrecycles.org](http://www.methowrecycles.org) or stop by the recycling center to check out the library
- 2. Become a member:** Annual memberships are free and allow you access to our full catalog of items. We ask for a card on file in case items get lost.



*Reusing is nothing new in the Methow. This metal drive at the Twisp Grange is from the WWII era.*

## REGIONAL RESOURCES



Green Okanogan is a non-profit based in Tonasket. They operate a recycling center and a thrift store. Find them at 3 Rodeo Rd, Tonasket WA or visit [www.greenokanogan.org](http://www.greenokanogan.org)



### WASTE LOOP

Waste Loop serves the greater Leavenworth area. They manage a recycling center, run a residential compost program, and offer educational opportunities. [www.wasteloop.org](http://www.wasteloop.org)



### sustainable NCW

Sustainable North Central Washington serves the greater Wenatchee area. They are a great resource for waste reduction and education options outside of the Methow. [sustainablencw.org](http://sustainablencw.org)



Recycle your Styrofoam & foam packaging materials in Wenatchee. Please check the Waste Wizard on Sustainable NCW website [sustainablencw.org](http://sustainablencw.org)



The Twisp transfer station, operated by Okanogan County Public Works, has scrap metal recycling including large household appliances and hazardous materials. [okanogancounty.org](http://okanogancounty.org)



If you live in the Chelan area, repurpose your glass with 911 Glass Rescue, an entirely volunteer led effort by the Chelan Rotary Club. They pulverize glass into an aggregate that is used for landscaping. They are open Saturday mornings from 10-noon. [911glassrescue.org](http://911glassrescue.org)



Okanogan County operates the Central landfill and recycling facility in Okanogan, three transfer stations, and a light recycling facility in Ellisforde. For operating hours, call 509-422-2602 or [www.okanogancounty.org](http://www.okanogancounty.org)



# RECYCLING GUIDE



## ALWAYS

- Remove caps
- Thank your volunteers
- When in doubt, throw it out

**\$ additional cost**

## NEVER

- NO paper or boxes soiled with food
- NO toxic containers (e.g., automotive)
- NO styrofoam trays or blocks
- NO wax-coated cardboard boxes
- NO rigid plastic (e.g., toys, buckets, or pipes)

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# REUSE IT'S SUCH A FUN PART OF THE PROCESS

## STATE & NATIONAL RESOURCES

This is an abbreviated list. Seek out the many other companies and organizations offering waste reduction resources.



Recycle all kinds of cosmetics, home goods, office supplies, baby products, toys, and more for FREE through Terracycle's mail-in recycling service. [terracycle.com](http://terracycle.com)



Patagonia is an outdoor gear company that will buy back clothing in good repair and resell it at a discount. They also offer repair resources and services. [wornwear.patagonia.com](http://wornwear.patagonia.com); [patagonia.com/repairs](http://patagonia.com/repairs)



Send your old shoes back to Teva to recycle into something new! [teva.com/sustainability](http://teva.com/sustainability)



Chaco offers a great repair service for their sandals, with a two week turn around. You can choose to send in your sandals or repair them yourself. [chacos.com/sustainability](http://chacos.com/sustainability)



Recycle or donate unused or broken crayons through Crayola's recycling program. [www.crazycrayons.com/recycle-program/](http://www.crazycrayons.com/recycle-program/)



Threadcycle turns unusable clothing into various byproducts like bio-char. Recycle your unusable clothes at drop boxes located throughout the Seattle area. More info on this program at [kingcounty.gov](http://kingcounty.gov)



Nike will recycle your worn out shoes and Nike brand clothes. At participating stores only. [nike.com/sustainability/recycling-donation](http://nike.com/sustainability/recycling-donation)



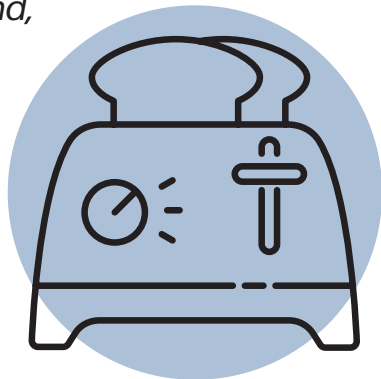
Lego Replay program. Donate used Lego toys through the Lego Replay program. [www.lego.com/en-us/sustainability/environment/replay](http://www.lego.com/en-us/sustainability/environment/replay)





# REPAIR

One byproduct of a fast-paced, modern life is that the things we use are often not made to last; they are intentionally created with a short lifespan in mind. Or, a newer, shinier model comes on the market and, without a strong investment in — or commitment to — our things, we simply replace our “old” things with the newer versions.



Fixing things is such a simple, tangible way to start rethinking our relationship with our stuff. It may not solve the world’s problems, but it is a good place to start. It is an ethic that allows us to change the way we consume things.

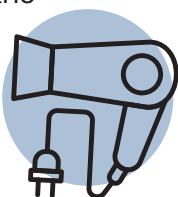
Start with one item you currently own that you really like and commit to keeping it for as long as possible. Why buy a new blender or space heater if you can extend its life?



Repair not only keeps materials out of the landfill, it keeps us from having to use more resources to produce more stuff. A study in Europe showed that if we extended the life of our smartphones by one year, the carbon emission reduction would be the

same as taking 2 million cars off the road annually. Extending the life of our items is good for the planet and we can save a lot of money as well.

Methow Recycles makes it easy for you to start repairing your things!



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Winthrop Library has two sewing machines available to use for your projects! Call 509-996-2685 for more details.

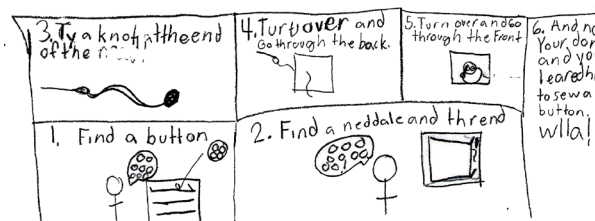


## REPAIR CAFÉS

Repair Cafés are free fix-it events that happen on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Check the events page on our website for up-to-date information

## TEXTILE WASTE

According to the EPA, in 2018, Americans sent 18,140,000 pounds of clothes and footwear to the landfill. Mending your clothes and socks goes a long way in reducing waste! Here is a tip from an enthusiastic student who wanted to illustrate how easy it is to sew on a button:



# ROT (COMPOST)

The most common items sent to landfills in Washington state are organic waste and food scraps. At 25%, it accounts for a quarter of the volume of waste every year. And, organic waste creates elevated levels of methane, a well-known greenhouse gas. If we want to drastically curb climate-harming pollutants, diverting our yard waste and food scraps from the landfill is THE place to start.



State legislators have taken note of this and passed the compost bill in 2022, which mandates a 75% reduction in landfill-bound organic waste by 2030.

How can you begin to divert your household's food and yard waste now? Here is how it all works.

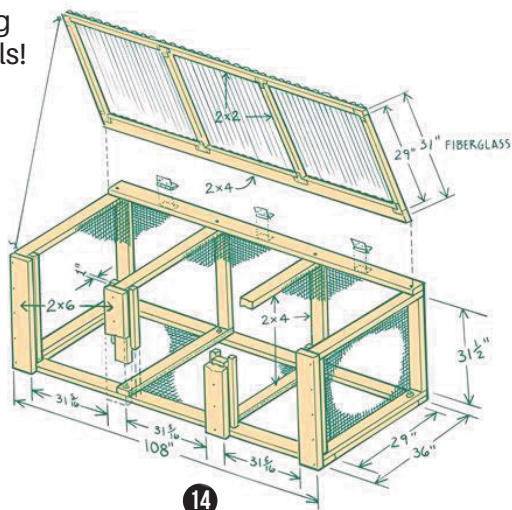
## THE BASICS:

Food Waste (Nitrogen) + Straw or Old Leaves (Carbon) + Water + Air = Compost

Add straw or old leaves to your household food waste, water every once in a while, turn it occasionally to get air circulating and you'll get compost.

## BUILD YOUR OWN

There are many resources online, including free plans, that help you start composting at home. Visit the ReMake Center for discounted building materials!



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# TROUBLESHOOTING YOUR COMPOST PILE

## Composting in Bear Country

We have an added challenge composting in bear country but even if you don't have a secure space to compost food scraps, adding only less-smelly items to your pile like paper towels, newspaper, old Poinsettias or bouquets, onion/banana/potato peels, and eggshells will make a difference in your waste output!



## Composting in the winter

Decomposition slows down significantly in cold temperatures. You can still add organic waste to your pile, it will simply freeze and begin to break down once temperatures warm up again. If your pile is inaccessible in the winter, consider buying a can with a lid on it to store your organic waste and then add it to your pile in the spring.

## LOCAL RESOURCES

**ACE Hardware** and **Twisp Feed Store** carry a variety of composters, if you don't have the space for a free-standing compost pile. **North Valley Lumber** and **Cascade Pipe** don't stock composters but can order various models.

**Poorman Plants**, **Glover Street Market**, and **The Mazama Store** carry small, counter-top compost bins.

**Methow Recycles** will begin a residential kitchen compost program in partnership with **B2G** compost in summer of 2023. Keep an eye out for subscriptions to this program!

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## Classroom in Bloom

is a local non-profit that manages and operates the garden at the Methow Valley School District and provides comprehensive education programs for elementary and high school students. Virtually all the food waste from the elementary school is composted in the school garden to use as fertilizer to grow food that is eaten in the elementary school. This amounts to over 22,000 pounds of food waste that's diverted from the landfill every year!! An incredible example of waste prevention in action!



## YOU CAN COMPOST!

There are many ways to compost! Choose what works best for you. How quickly your food waste breaks down depends on outside temperature, how moist the pile is, and how often you turn it. It is possible to compost in bear country and in the winter. Compost does not have to be smelly.

## 7 SIMPLE WAYS TO *really* REDUCE FOOD WASTE

Everyday ideas that make a real difference to your food footprint.

- 1 Create an “eat-first zone” in your fridge for food that perishes most easily.
- 2 Buy and eat **funny looking and imperfect** produce.
- 3 Shop smarter. **Plan meals** and use **grocery lists** to avoid impulse buys.
- 4 Make **soups, quiche and casseroles** out of leftover or wilting produce.
- 5 **Freeze leftovers** and bring them to work or school for lunch.
- 6 Designate one dinner each week as a “**use-it-up**” meal.
- 7 Understand expiration dates, they usually represent quality not food safety.



Food production in the US uses 10% of the total energy budget, 50% of land, and 80% of freshwater. And yet, 40% of food in the U.S. is wasted. Learn more on how to reduce food waste in your home at [holefoodrescue.org](http://holefoodrescue.org)

## FOOD STORAGE TIPS FOR THE FRIDGE

Even in the refrigerator, food breaks down but it breaks down more slowly because it is kept at a cooler temperature. Here is how to get the most out of your food in the fridge.

- Keep jars and containers completely covered or sealed so it doesn't dry out
- Store leafy greens and salads in sealed containers to keep from wilting and use within a week
- Label your leftovers with the date they were put in the fridge

## COMPOSTERS WHO MEAN BUSINESS

There are a handful of locals who have made a business out of creating compost.

**CASEY'S COMPOST.** Casey Smith of BCS Livestock composts sheep manure from his flock. It's getting a pretty popular reputation among gardeners! He offers his finished compost for sale. Call (509) 341-9345 or visit [www.bcslivestock.com](http://www.bcslivestock.com) to purchase some!

**C6 FOREST TO FARM BIOCHAR.** A Methow Valley-based non-profit with a new facility opening up in Leavenworth! BioChar is a type of charcoal made by burning organic material in the absence of oxygen (a process called pyrolysis). The benefit of this process is it makes the carbon resistant to decay so it remains in the charcoal instead of being burned and released into the atmosphere. When you add BioChar to your soil, that carbon can stay in your soil for centuries so BioChar is an important carbon “sink.”

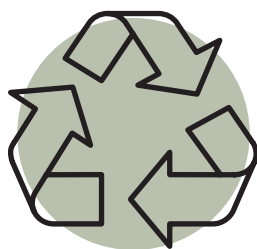
**B2G COMPOST, LLC.** In 2022, owner Kate Wynne diverted approximately 15 tons of organic “waste” from the landfill by composting clean kitchen scraps from local restaurants with spent brewer's grain from Old Schoolhouse Brewery and wood chips from local arborists. In 2023, she is scaling up capacity by composting in aerated static piles, so keep an eye out for opportunities to add your kitchen scraps to the mix and purchase finished compost.

**METHOW VERMICULTURE PRODUCTS.** Owner Darlene Saltee sells home worm composting kits as well as worm castings for fertilizer. You can buy worm castings at Methow Recycles. Contact Darlene to start your family composting with worms! [info@getdirtfood.com](mailto:info@getdirtfood.com); 509-997-3511



# WHY RECYCLE?

*Recycling extends the life of the materials we use to make things. It is resource conservation, reusing the materials we have already made so that we don't have to extract more resources from the earth. Recycling is an incredibly important part of low-waste living. It is also important to know what can be recycled in your community. This not only cuts down on contamination, but it also ensures that what you send to be recycled actually gets recycled.*



## WHY IS RECYCLING DIFFERENT IN CERTAIN COMMUNITIES?

Recycling can vary from place to place depending on a community's location, available markets for materials, and available haulers. Rural communities have added challenges because of our distance from recycling facilities and our low-volume (it may not be worth the money and energy to send a truck to a rural area for a small load of aluminum when there could be four times as much material available in an urban area).

# WHERE DOES OUR RECYCLING GO AND WHAT DOES IT BECOME?

## TIN/ALUMINUM /SCRAP METAL

**WENATCHEE:** gets melted down and reformed, sold to metal buyers across the country to become products like aluminum cans

## PAPER/CARDBOARD

**WENATCHEE:** gets manufactured into paper products like fruit and vegetable packaging, egg cartons, and bottle shippers

## PLASTIC BOTTLES

**SPOKANE:** gets sent to a processor in BC, Canada where it gets made into plastic pellets that will become any number of items

## COMMINGLED RECYCLING

**SPOKANE:** the various commodities get sorted and sent to different processors

## PLASTIC FILM

**NEVADA:** film gets manufactured into plastic lumber

## BATTERIES

**CALL2RECYCLE IN ARIZONA:** gets sorted by type then sent to processors across the country where recyclable components get recycled and hazardous materials are responsibly handled

## ELECTRONICS

**E-CYCLE IN LAKE STEVENS, WA:** gets dismantled and sorted into various parts for recycling or safe disposal

## WHY HAS THE METHOW VALLEY BEEN SO SUCCESSFUL IN RECYCLING?

You! You have made resource conservation a top priority by recycling your materials and diligently making sure they are empty, clean, and dry. Our buyers are committed to us because of the high quality of our recyclables. The fact that we continue to find homes for recyclables over two decades since our start is entirely due to you.



OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY  
VALUES WASTE REDUCTION,  
MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU TO  
RECYCLE WHEREVER YOU GO.  
LOOK FOR THIS STICKER IN LOCAL  
BUSINESSES!



## HOW TO RECYCLE IN THE METHOW VALLEY

There are three options for recycling:

1. **Bring it to Methow Recycles in Twisp**
2. **Sign up for curbside pick up through WasteWise**
3. **Buy a Blue Bag for recycling on-the-go**

Use the pull-out chart in the middle of this brochure as a guide for how to recycle every-day items.

### Blue Bags: Recycling on-the-go

Blue Bags allow you to recycle on your schedule. Buy a Blue Bag for \$5, fill it with recyclables (no glass or plastic film) and when it's full, drop the bag off at several locations around the valley.

## BLUEBAG IT

A great way for self-haulers to recycle all other plastics and cartons. Excellent for visitors and second home owners who need the convenience of multiple purchase and drop-off locations.

### WHAT'S A BLUEBAG?

BlueBags are 13-gallon plastic bags that enable you to recycle on your schedule and without sorting. See the Recycling Guide for accepted items.

### BUY IT

Bluebags for \$5.00 at participating locations listed in the right column.



### FILL IT

See the Recycling Guide on reverse side.

### DROP IT

Drop BlueBags in designated bins at any of locations listed in the right column.

### BUY & DROP LOCATIONS:

Methow Recycles  
Bluestar Coffee Roasters  
Hank's Harvest Foods  
Methow Cycle & Sport  
Mazama Country Inn

### What Is a "Virtual" Blue Bag?

If you use a lot of Blue Bags, there is a bin at the recycling center that allows you to dump the contents of your Blue Bag and keep the bag to reuse. Instead of paying \$5 for a new bag, you simply pay \$5 to dump it.

## METHOW RECYCLES RATES\*

### Pay as you go

\$7/carload, \$12/truckload. Cash, credit, and checks are accepted.

### Annual Pass

An annual pass allows you to pre-pay for your self-haul recycling so you can recycle quickly and easily for the entire year. Annual pass holders enjoy special open hours and other perks. Rates are:

Individual: \$75

Couple: \$150

Family: \$275

Rates are prorated per quarter.

*\*Rates current as of 4/15/2023*



## WHAT TO DO WITH HARD-TO-RECYCLE ITEMS

### LARGE APPLIANCES & APPLIANCES CONTAINING FREON

Twisp Transfer station accepts large appliances for recycling. Appliances with Freon will be charged a disposal fee of \$25.90 per item

### MOTOR OIL

Twisp Transfer Station accepts diesel, gasoline, engine oil, and kerosene. These are not considered hazardous materials and can be dropped off during normal operating hours. Must be in original containers!

## TIRES

Les Schwab and Twisp Transfer Station accept tires for a fee. Tires are sent to a processor to get shredded to become rubber chips, which can be used in new asphalt and playground surfacing.

## CAR BATTERIES

Napa Auto Parts accepts vehicle batteries for recycling with a rebate of \$5 per battery. No Lithium-Ion batteries. Twisp Transfer Station also accepts car batteries for recycling. No charge on the batteries.

## YARD DEBRIS

Twisp Transfer Station accepts yard debris as part of the apple maggot quarantine mandate. Kitchen scraps from food grown outside of the valley is not part of the quarantine. Only yard debris from within the Methow Valley needs to be properly disposed of to stop the spread of apple maggot.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

Twisp Transfer Station accepts hazardous waste. During winter hours (Sept. 1 - May 31), on the second Thursday of the month noon - 3 p.m.; during summer hours (June 1 - Aug. 31), on the second and fourth Thursday of the month noon - 3 p.m.



## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN METHOW RECYCLES AND WASTEWISE?

Methow Recycles is the recycler for the Methow Valley. All of the recycling generated in the valley comes to Methow Recycles to be baled, loaded on trucks, and sent out of the valley to be turned into new products.



WasteWise is the Methow Valley's hauler, offering curbside pick up service for both recycling and garbage as well as options for larger hauls.



Methow Recycles and WasteWise work together to manage waste, offer services to help you tread a little lighter and keep the Methow Valley beautiful.

## PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAMS

What is producer responsibility?

Producer responsibility programs make recycling easier for consumers by holding producers responsible for the recyclability of their items. Producers are responsible for the entire lifecycle of their item. This ensures that consumers aren't left with an item that is difficult to dispose of properly.

Examples of producer responsibility programs that we work with include Paint Care for paint recycling; Call2Recycle for battery recycling; E-Cycle Washington for computer, monitor, laptop, and e-reader recycling.



# METHOW RECYCLES

**METHOWRECYCLES.ORG**

**509-997-0520**

**THURSDAY & SATURDAY 10-4 PM**

We are committed to providing solutions and services to help you reduce waste and maximize recycling.

Individually, each of us makes many small decisions every day about what to waste, and our thoughtful participation matters. Since our valley has a million plus visitors every year, we have a powerful opportunity to share our values globally.

We are excited by this chance to make a big difference — please join us!



# WASTEWISE

**WASTEWISEMETHOW.COM**

**509-997-8862**

Locally owned and operated, WasteWise is committed to the responsible management of the valley's waste stream. We offer convenient and affordable waste disposal options for everyone in the Methow Valley including curbside recycling and garbage collection.



# OKANOGAN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING

**OKANOGANCOUNTY.ORG**

**509-422-2602**

The Okanogan County Solid Waste team encourages appropriate waste disposal. They operate the Central Landfill and Recycling Facility located in Okanogan as well as three transfer stations throughout the county and offers hazardous materials collection and yard waste disposal services



# TWISP TRANSFER STATION

**12 TWISP AIRPORT ROAD**

**509-997-2025**

Winter Hours: September 1 - May 31  
Tuesday & Thursday 10-4, Saturday 9-4

Summer Hours: June 1 - August 31  
Tuesday - Friday 10-4, Saturday 9-4