

Hard to Recycle Items

What is Certifiably Green Denver?

The Certifiably Green Denver Program provides education and recognition for environmental achievement. Our free services are available to any business in the City and County of Denver.

Certifiably Green Denver offers:

- Assessments to identify water conservation and energy-efficiency options
- Information and assistance to meet your business needs
- Public recognition for your environmental efforts

Why Participate?

Compliance - Proper management practices help minimize wastes, reduce downtime, and keep you in compliance with regulations.

Cost Savings - Less waste means lower disposal and operating costs. Efficient use of materials, water, and energy saves money.

Public Image - Superior environmental practices affect your image with customers, the community, and regulatory agencies.

Public Recognition!

Certifiably Green Denver publicly recognizes certified businesses through free advertising. This includes Internet listings and advertising in the newspaper, magazines, radio, and water bill inserts. Certified businesses receive a framed certificate and window decal.

Electronics and Paint and Scrap...Oh My!

Over time, you may find that your business generates a number of wastes that are hard to dispose of. Some of these are difficult because they are bulky, such as carpet, and others because they pose a risk to the environment, such as used motor oil. Many of these items may seem to be trash, but in fact recycling these products can be safe, easy and provide environmental benefits. Some of the more unusual items that should be recycled instead of sent to landfills include:

- Electronics including televisions, computers, monitors, printers, and mobile phones. Note that the Colorado "Electronic Recycling Jobs Act" of 2013 prohibits the disposal of electronics in landfills. These items must be recycled.
- Carpet and carpet padding
- Partially used cans of paint
- Mattresses
- Automotive fluids including; motor oil, used oil filters, transmission fluid, and antifreeze
- Appliances
- Styrene packaging (Styrofoam)
- Rubber and nylon floor mats
- Car and rechargeable batteries
- Pallets

Benefits of Electronics Recycling

Over 2 million tons of used electronics, including computers and televisions, are discarded each year in the United States. An estimated 141 million cell phones are retired from use annually.

With an ample supply of newer, faster electronic products on the market, Americans continually replace older models. This trend shows no signs of slowing. As a result, electronics have become one of the fastest growing waste streams or portions of our trash. Recycling or donating your used electronics:

Conserves natural resources - Valuable material, such as copper, can be recovered from old electronics and used to make new products. Recycling these electronics reduces the need to mine the earth for new raw materials.

Supports the community - Donating your old electronics supports schools, low-income families, and non-profit agencies by providing them with refurbished computers, cell phones, and other electronics.

Creates jobs - As demand for electronics recycling grows, new businesses will be forming and existing companies will be looking to hire more people to staff their facilities to recover recyclable materials (more than 90% of electronic equipment is recyclable!).

Protects Public Health and the Environment - Most electronics contain hazardous or toxic materials, such as lead, which poses a threat to human health and the environment if improperly managed. Safely recycling and reusing electronics helps keep substances like lead and mercury from harming people or the environment.

Benefits of Paint Recycling

Unused latex paint can be filtered and blended into new, high-quality paint products. Recycling latex paint not only saves landfill space, but it supports jobs and can be turned into valuable new products.

Oil-based paints and stains have a valuable re-use as well. They are sent to cement manufacturers as fuel for the kilns. Using unwanted paints as fuel reduces the amount of virgin fuel needed to power the kilns.

In 2014, the Colorado Legislation passed the Paint Stewardship Bill (SB029), which requires paint manufacturers to implement a paint management program in Colorado that includes convenient and free locations where consumers can drop off their leftover paint and have it recycled or disposed of properly. While there are currently a number of sites in the Denver area to drop off paint, when the program begins in 2015, you will be able to drop off unused paints at many retail stores.



Old Western Paint Co. is a family-owned Denver business that has been operating since 1961. Old Western accepts unwanted, useable paint for a small fee and uses it to create their “RRR” (Reclaim-Reprocess-Reuse) Sustain-a-paint. For more information, visit their website, www.oldwesternpaint.com, or call 303-825-5147.

Green Sheen Paint is the Denver area’s largest recycled paint producer. They accept latex paint in any condition from households, contractors and businesses at their facility in Englewood for a small fee. They also offer a pickup service for larger quantities of paint. For more information, visit their website www.greensheepaint.com, or call 303-718-4094.

Where can I recycle?

Denver Recycles maintains an extensive list of companies that accept items like motor oil, appliances and tires on its [website](#). This directory allows users to search by the item you would like to dispose of, making it easy to find a recycler.

Are you looking to dispose of an item that isn’t listed on the Denver Recycles website? Try contacting Repurposed Materials, a local company that accepts all sorts of unusual materials, from billboard vinyl to gym bleachers, for resale. To learn more, visit their facility at 10220 Brighton Rd, Unit 7 Henderson, CO 80640, call (720) 583-4873 or check out their website, www.repurposedmaterialsinc.com.

Helpful Resources

See the Certifiably Green Denver website for more helpful resource sheets:
www.denvergov.org/CGD



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