

Gustavus Disposal & Recycling Center (DRC)
Hours of Operation and User Information
Summer 2022

Summer hours (June 1 – August 31)		Fall, Winter & Spring hours	
Monday	Closed	Tuesday	11 AM – 3 PM
Tuesday	10 AM – 4 PM	Thursday	11 AM – 3 PM
Wednesday	<i>By appointment only</i>	Saturday	11 AM – 3 PM
Thursday	10 AM – 4 PM		
Friday	<i>By appointment only</i>		
Saturday	10 AM – 4 PM		
Sunday	Closed		

Users unable to meet these times are encouraged to call the DRC at 907-697-2118 to arrange for an appointment.

The mission of the Gustavus Disposal & Recycling Center and Community Chest is to recycle and locally re-use as much material from the community's waste stream as possible. What cannot be recycled or re-used is disposed of in as safe a manner as possible.

You, the user, are responsible for the wastes that you bring to the DRC. Users are asked to separate recyclables from non-recyclables and the Operator can assist you in this. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is NOT allowed in your trash and must be separated. Remember the Community Chest for your re-usable goods.

The importance of separating recyclables and HHW are:

- Conservation of limited landfill space
- Protection of ground water resources
- Safe and clean working environment for the DRC's baler operator
- The sale of some recyclables such as food waste, compost, and aluminum provide an important income stream for offsetting operational costs. This income is lost when these items are placed in the waste.

Due to federal and state law the DRC cannot landfill any liquid wastes. Users leaving cans of paint, full aerosols or other containerized liquids in their waste may have their waste turned away in the future.

The DRC also cannot landfill:

- Rechargeable or lead- acid batteries
- Computer monitors/ TVs
- Used oil or fuel filters
- Fluorescent light bulbs

These items are accepted for recycling

Remember to remove devices with rechargeable batteries: electric tooth brushes, cell and cordless phones etc. from your waste.

Because we are a baling operation that uses a high compression baler to reduce the volume of the waste to be landfilled, we ask that users separate out the following from their waste:

- Diapers
- Cat litter & Dog poop

There is a labeled receptacle for these fully allowed wastes. Separating these waste makes for a safer, cleaner operation and a happier baler operator.

Prohibited wastes: Large truck tires (most car, motorcycle or bicycle tires are acceptable), asbestos, explosive or radioactive materials, used syringes or other bio-hazard items.

Recycling guidelines:

Aluminum pop & beer cans	Please empty container; does not need to be crushed.
Misc. aluminum: foil, aluminum food cans etc.	If caked with a lot of food residue please throw it out. Tooth paste tubes – some are plastic CHECK. Cat food cans – TEST w/ magnet, not all cat food cans are aluminum. Tuna cans ARE NOT aluminum.
Food waste	<u>No diapers, human waste or poop of any sort.</u> No kitty litter. No floor sweepings or vacuum cleaner bags. No ash. Coffee filters okay. Small amounts cooking fat or oil okay. <u>Notify operator if you have more than 1 quart of these products.</u> Napkins or paper towels okay. Crab shells, clam shells, bones etc. okay.
Glass bottles	Glass bin is for bottles and jars only. Please wear goggles and ear muffs when dumping. No flat glass or window glass please. Remove all lids. Please empty contents and rinse bottles. Broken bottles and jars okay. Wine glasses and drinking glasses okay.
Ceramic plates, light bulbs	There are separate bins for these items.
Tin cans/ steel paint cans	Do not need to be flattened, but should be rinsed. Labels are okay. Steel jar lids and bottle caps should be included in this category. Paint cans or other petroleum product containers are acceptable IF: the lids are off and the container is EMPTY.
Empty aerosol cans	Should be empty. DO NOT puncture (safety consideration). All types (food, paint, etc.) are acceptable.
Plastic bottles and food containers	Remove lids. Containers SHOULD be rinsed out. Look on the bottom of the container for a triangle made of arrows that has a number between 1 and 7 inside of it. If there is no number we cannot recycle it. Generally all food containers and personal care products have a number. Two categories: TYPE 1/ PETE Guidelines: Water, Juice, Soda & Alcohol beverage bottles ONLY; all other PETE goes with your non-recyclable trash. TYPE 2/ HDPE Guidelines: Must have a neck--no bags, no lids. NO petroleum products, i.e. NO motor oil, chainsaw oil, brake fluid or antifreeze containers. Isopropyl alcohol containers are acceptable. Additional Guidelines: No lids, NO bags, NO Styrofoam, NO type 1 that is not a beverage bottle, NO type 2 without a neck, types 3 – 7 are all non-recyclable trash.
Cardboard	Check edge profile for corrugation. No waxed boxes; no excessively dirty or wet or damp cardboard.
Magazines, catalogs “junk mail”	No waxed cardboard. No human waste-- i.e, no used Kleenex, paper towel or toilet paper. No plastic wrap/ garbage.
White sheet paper	8.5” x 11” and 8.5” x 17” copy/ Xerox paper is the ideal; sheets must be at least 50% white. No glossy paper. No envelopes or any gummed surfaces, labels, stamps etc. No sticky notes. Staples are okay; paper clips are okay but should be avoided. No colored paper.

Questions?

Ask the Attendant, or please contact the DRC Manager/ Operator, Paul Berry @ 907-697-2118

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