

# Montevallo's Reuse It Book Vol. I

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# MONTEVALLO'S RECYCLING CENTER

**Address:** 1120 Overland Rd,  
Montevallo, AL 35115

**Phone:** (205) 732-0538

**Web:**

[www.cityofmontevallo.com/  
Sustainability.aspx](http://www.cityofmontevallo.com/Sustainability.aspx)


**Hours:**

Monday - Saturday 8am - 4pm

**Recycles:** Office Paper,  
Newspapers, Magazines, Plastics  
#1 and #2 ONLY bottles, jugs,  
and jars, Aluminum Cans, and  
Corrugated Cardboard

**Donations accepted:** to  
America's Thrift Store



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 Sustainable Montevallo



**RECYCLING CENTER**

- 1** NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES
- 2** PLASTIC #1: BOTTLES, JUGS, JARS
- 3** PLASTIC #2: BOTTLES, JUGS, JARS
- 4** ALUMINUM CANS
- 5** CARDBOARD
- 6** OFFICE PAPER

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCABLES**

# WHERE DOES IT GO?



# WHY RECYCLE?



Recycling reduces the amount of raw materials needed to create new products. This saves energy, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and reduces the need for extracting and processing raw materials - decreasing the overall impact on natural resources.

'**Wishful recycling**' is tossing items in the recycling bin that you *hope* are recyclable or think should be, but may not be accepted. This **could be contaminating the other recyclable materials** and causing tons (literally tons) of recycled items to be sent to landfills instead of being recycled.

WATCH OUT FOR  
'WISHFUL RECYCLER'  
BEHAVIOR!

## WHAT IS RECYCLING CONTAMINATION?

**Recycling contamination is anything other than what is specifically targeted for recycling collection.** For example, cardboard is a contaminant if it ends up in the plastics collection bin. Plastics #3-7, which are not accepted at the center, are also considered contamination, even in the plastic bins. Likewise, recyclables that are in the correct bin but contain oil or food residues are also considered contaminant.

**The list of items that can and cannot be recycled is always subject to change due to technological advancements and market price fluctuations of recycled goods and raw materials.** Due to budgetary constraints and priorities, items that are recyclable in one city may not be in a neighboring one.

**FOLLOW YOUR LOCAL RECYCLING RULES, ASK QUESTIONS, AND DON'T BE A WISHFUL RECYCLER!**

# WHY REUSE?



Reuse keeps materials out the waste stream by donating goods to others to use. **Reuse is one of the most sustainable actions because it requires fewer resources, less energy, and less labor hours compared to recycling.** Reuse supports our local community and social programs while providing donators with tax benefits and reduced disposal fees.

# WHY REDUCE?



Individual choices—and the collective shifts they bring about—add up quickly. Making one simple swap, like purchasing a reusable water bottle, can spare the environment hundreds of plastic bottles annually. **By purchasing only what you really need or reusing items, you will save money, preserve natural resources and conserve landfill space.**

- Always pack a reusable bag when shopping
- Talk to the owners of the restaurants you frequent. Ask if they have nonplastic alternatives to plastic straws, stirrers, bags, or takeout containers
- Avoid plastic wrap altogether by storing leftovers in reusable containers. Try reusable and compostable beeswax wrap for an easy and decorative option.
- Say no to plastic produce bags
- Learn to love bulk items
- Give up bottled water
- Bring your own reusable travel mug
- Buy a metal or bamboo reusable straw. Pack it alongside reusable cutlery (like wood, bamboo, or metal chopsticks) for sustainable eating on the go.
- Shop at the local Farmers Market
- Keep your own reusable food ware at the office
- Treat yourself to an ice cream cone

# IN VOLUME I:

## WHAT CAN I RECYCLE AND DONATE?



- Glass



- Paper

- Plastic bottles

- Light bulbs



- Cooking and Motor Oil

- Old Appliances



- Batteries



- Clothing and Shoes



- Eyeglasses



- Styrofoam

- Tires



- Hearing Aids

- Construction Materials

- Wood Pallets



### PLEASE NOTE:

- Due to COVID-19, it is advised to contact individual businesses before bringing your recyclables. Some have temporarily discontinued their recycling programs but offer recycling programs.
- If an organization would like to be included in the next edition, please contact Montevallo's Sustainability Coordinator by email at [obarone@cityofmontevallo.com](mailto:obarone@cityofmontevallo.com) or by phone at 205-732-0538

# WHERE CAN I RECYCLE OR DONATE?

Name, Location, Phone, Website	Recyclables					Automotive			Renovation Material			Household Items							Other	
	Cardboard/ Paper	Plastic	Aluminum Cans	Glass	Styrofoam	Motor Oil	Tires	Car Batteries	Construction Material	Paint	Wood Pallets	Scrap Metal	Appliances	Electronics	Cooking Oil	Batteries	Light Bulbs	Clothing and Shoes	Eye Glasses	Hearing Aids
Montevallo Recycling Center 1120 Overland Rd Montevallo, AL 35115 (205)-732-0538 www.cityofmontevallo.com/sustainability	•	•	•															•		
Ellison Recycling 495 Co Rd 453 Clanton, AL 35022 (205)-755-7605												•								
Spencer Wood Recycling 1020 9th Ave SW Bessemer, AL 35022 (205)230-2723 spencerwood.net																				
Target Kiosk Almost all Targets in Alabama have recycle kiosk		•		•																
Batteries Plus Pelham 2302 Pelham Pkwy Pelham, AL 35124 (205) 621-9888 batteriesplus.com	<i>*Rechargeable batteries and fluorescent lights only (\$2/bulb fee)*</i>															•	•			
Starkey Hearing Foundation Mail to: Starkey Hearing Foundation 6801 Washington Ave South Suite 200 (800) 328-8602 Starkeyhearingfoundation.org																				•
AutoZone Auto Parts 4606 Al-25 Montevallo Al, 35115 (205) 665-9741 autozone.com	<i>*will give a \$10 store credit for recycled car battery*</i>						•	•												•
Habitat for Humanity 1120 35th St Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 (205) 349-4620 tuscaloosarestore.org	<i>*Paint must be unopened and unused*</i>								•	•			•							
Saginaw Recycling 22 Shady Acres Rd Alabaster, AL 35007 (205) 620-4304			•									•								
Protec Recycling 135 Distribution Dr, Homewood, AL 35209 (205) 549-2120 Protecrecycling.com																•				
UAB Recycling 620 11th St S, Birmingham, AL 35233 (205) 996 9043 Uab.edu	•	•	•											•	•	•				
Walmart Auto Care Centers Almost all Walmarts in Alabama have an Auto Care Center							•													•
Publix Almost all Publix Stores have recyclable bins by entrance					•															
Anderson Eye Care 977 Main St, Montevallo Al, 35115 (205) 665-2020 andersoneyecare.com																				•

# SUSTAINABILITY WINS



- Montevallo was one of sixteen recipients of ADEM's Recycling Fund Grant.
  - This grant will pay for equipment upgrades at the Recycling Center and educational materials.
- Montevallo recycled 500lbs of plastic film and will be awarded with a bench located at Owls Cove Park.
- Diane Johnson was the first Certificate of Recognition recipient for her extraordinary volunteer work at the Recycling Center.
- Montevallo Main Street added a fifth focus area of Sustainability to its four point approach.
- Three more bike racks have been installed by Subway, CVS, and in front of UMOM's public bike repair station.
- Montevallo recycled 24 tons as of May 2020, and has donated over 7,000lbs to America's Thrift Store.

## THANK YOU!



For more sustainability and recycling tips, updates, and information please follow us on Facebook @SustainableMontevallo and make frequent visits to our website [www.cityofmontevallo.com/sustainability.aspx](http://www.cityofmontevallo.com/sustainability.aspx)