

# Trash-to-Treasure Directory

*Going beyond curbside recycling to help our planet.*

Local organizations accept the following material for reuse and recycling. Remember that the material should be clean and to call first if you are bringing lots of material. Any new listings may be emailed to [reuseyourtrash@gmail.com](mailto:reuseyourtrash@gmail.com). Remember it just has to be something that people might normally throw away. Thanks for working to keep usable stuff out of your trash can!

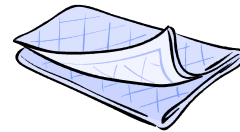
## Batteries

My Organic Market, 3831 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22305, 703-535-5980 accepts any type of battery besides car batteries. They pay Battery Solutions <http://www.batteryrecycling.com/household.html> to recycle batteries properly.



## Blankets

Animal Welfare League of Arlington, 2650 S. Arlington Mill Dr. Arlington, VA, 703-931-9241 accepts old blankets and uses them to care for the animals. <http://www.awla.org/wishlist.pdf>



**Bubble wrap** (See “Packaging”)

**Cardboard boxes** (See “Packaging”)

## Cell phones

Taylor Elementary SCA raises funds for the school by collecting these for reuse and recycling. Drop off phones in the collection box in its lobby – 2600 N. Stuart St, Arlington, VA 22207. <http://www.arlington.k12.va.us/schools/taylor>



## Drycleaning hangers

Most drycleaners accept wire hangers for reuse. Please contact us if you know of a place that can reuse drycleaning bags.



## Fabric

Patagonia's Common Threads Garment Recycling accepts worn out fleece and Capilene garments and fabrics. They melt the material down and reuse it to make new garments. <http://www.patagonia.com>

## Film canisters

Eckerd, 3130 Lee Hwy., Arlington, VA, 703-525-6842. You can drop off or pick up 35 mm film canisters.

## Lids and bottle caps

Kenmore Middle School art teacher Jeff Wilson uses them in his art. Label with his name and drop off at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd., Arlington, VA. <http://www.apsva.us/kenmore> For pictures of his art, see:



<http://www.arlingtonarts.org/ellipsepastexhibs.htm>

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/06/11/AR2006061100904.html>

**Nursery Pots** (those black plastic pots when you buy plants)

Large tree-sized pots are accepted by Nature by Design, 300 Calvert Ave. Alexandria, VA, 22301, 703-683-4769, <http://www.nature-by-design.com>

Any pots one gallon or larger can be reused by Arlington County Park in their tree giveaway program. Drop off pots at the Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, 414, Arlington, VA 22201. Contact Patrick Wegeng at [pwegeng@arlingtonva.us](mailto:pwegeng@arlingtonva.us) or (703) 228-6521 for drop-off details.

Any pots one gallon or larger are accepted by Earth Sangha, 10123 Commonwealth Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22032-2707, <http://www.earthsangha.org>

**Packaging** (cardboard boxes, bubble wrap, packing peanuts, hard Styrofoam blocks, Tyvek envelopes, and shrinkwrap)

Pak Mail, 1001-C N. Fillmore St., Arlington, VA, 22201, 703-351-7777  
<http://www.pakmail.com/store/storeInfo.asp?storeNo=US643>



Parcel Plus, 2503D N. Harrison St., Arlington, VA 22207

The Plastic Loose Fill Council maintains a directory of businesses that reuse packing peanuts. Visit <http://www.loosefillpackaging.com> or call Peanut Hotline at 800-828-2214 for a listing of businesses that reuse these.

**Packing peanuts** (See “Packaging”)

**Plastic bags (grocery or newspaper)**

Of course, you can reduce this one easily by bringing your own bag and deducting 10 cents off per bag at Whole Foods and 3c off at Giant. If you accumulate plastic bags, the following places accept them (without holes) to clean up after their dogs:

Northside Veterinary Clinic (newspaper bags only) 4003 Lee Hwy., Arlington, VA 22207, 703-525-7115 <http://www.northsideveterinary.com>

Cherrydale Veterinary Clinic 4038 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207, 703-528-9001, <http://www.cherrydalevet.com>



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**Plastic yogurt cups, tubs, amber prescription bottles** (any #5 plastics)

School art programs such as Kenmore Middle School often accept yogurt cups for reuse in art classes. TerraCycle's Yogurt Brigade reuses wide-mouth yogurt cups for planting pots. <http://www.terracycle.net/yb/yb.htm>



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**Printer cartridges (ink jet)**

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**Shoeboxes**

Animal Welfare League of Arlington, 2650 S. Arlington Mill Dr. Arlington, VA, 703-931-9241 uses adult-sized shoeboxes to transport small animals. <http://www.awla.org/wishlist.pdf>



**Shrinkwrap** (See “Packaging”)

**Styrofoam blocks** (See “Packaging”)

**Towels**

Animal Welfare League of Arlington, 2650 S. Arlington Mill Dr. Arlington, VA, 703-931-9241 accepts old towels and uses them to care for the animals. <http://www.awla.org/wishlist.pdf>



**Tyvek envelopes** (See “Packaging”)

**Yarn**

Kathy Hollins, Offender Aid & Restoration, 1400 N. Uhle St. Suite 704, Arlington, 703-228-7030, [Women Empowered for Change](#) in the Alexandria Detention Center make blankets to donate to shelters and hospitals. <http://www.oaronline.org>

