

Brush

Contact the Sustainability Team if you need a brush roll-off. These containers can be ordered from our recycling vendor for select locations around the County.

Pallets

The County uses a local pallet company to recycle used or unwanted wooden pallets. All pallets must be intact, in good condition, free of rot, paint and chemicals to be accepted by the vendor, recycled, and to generate revenue for the County. Staff may schedule a pickup or drop their pallets off at the vendor's physical location. Contact the Sustainability Team for assistance or to find out which option will work best for you.

Roadway & Construction Materials

Have unwanted road base, rock, or other construction materials stock-piled at your site? If the material is clean and free of contamination but cannot be reused, it may qualify as a recyclable material! Contact the Sustainability Team to find out if a recycling roll-off might be appropriate to discard of your excess materials.

Tires

Old tires are stored in designated areas at the east and west service centers. Road & Bridge (R&B) has a contract with a tire disposal company who arranges monthly pickups of the old tires from the East Service Center (ESC). The removal cost is based on weight and is primarily for R&B's use.

Additional Information

Never dispose of a tracked, government asset! Unsure as to whether or not your item is being tracked as an asset? Contact the Purchasing Warehouse before disposing of items that may qualify!

Email: PUR_Assets@traviscountytexas.gov

Contact us for any other items you might have questions about that are not listed in this pamphlet!

Email: Conserve@traviscountytexas.gov



Conserve Travis
Central Webpage

Expired Fuel/Used Oil

When in smaller quantities (generally 5 gallons or less), items of this nature can often be disposed of at the east or west service center. Call ahead to speak with the Fleet manager or staff to see if they can assist with these items (which may also include oily rags!). Larger quantities, or materials that have been contaminated, may need to be temporarily stored in the hazmat room or removed from site with the assistance of a hazmat vendor. When in doubt, contact the Sustainability Team for assistance!

Metal

The County has metal roll-offs permanently located at the Del Valle Correctional Facility, the east and west service centers, and the Purchasing Warehouse. Both metal recycling companies utilized by the County issue revenue for all metal collected in these containers. Please contact these locations in advance to inquire as to whether or not you can dispose of metal in their bins. Need a temporary metal roll-off at your location? Contact the Sustainability Team! We can order one for eligible locations through our recycling vendors.

Cardboard

Cardboard can be mixed in with the other materials in your single-stream recycling container. However, if you have a significant amount of cardboard, contact the Sustainability Team. We can order a roll-off to collect it separately which will even generate revenue for the County. If justified, a cardboard baler can also be ordered to keep on your site permanently.

Wood

Wood can be recycled if it has not been treated or painted, and is free of glue, preservatives, or other residues. If you have wood that meets these specifications and needs to be recycled, contact the Sustainability Team to see if your location is eligible for a temporary roll-off. Please be aware, wood cannot be placed in general single-stream recycling bins because it causes a safety hazard in the trucks that are picking up the containers.

Dead Animals

Dead animals found within our right-of-way are placed in metal compost bins at the east and west service centers for temporary storage. Once the bins are full, the County's trash contract is employed for the pick-up and disposal of the dead animals. As an alternative to storing the dead animals and scheduling pickups, Road & Bridge (R&B) crews may also take them straight to the landfill, an option provided under their solid waste contract.

Disposal Methods at Travis County



Single-Stream Recycling

Several locations currently have single-stream recycling services which are provided under the County's recycling contracts. If your location does not have recycling services and you're interested in getting a container on site, contact the Sustainability Team to see if your location is eligible. If you simply need help to recycle material for an event, we can also order a temporary roll-off, or possibly provide you with other smaller, portable containers.

Office Supplies

If you have unwanted office supplies that are in good condition, donate them to our reuse store located on the 4th floor of 700 Lavaca! Contact TNR administrative staff for assistance by emailing 'TNR Admin Support'. Supplies housed in this area are available to all Travis County employees for free!

Electronic Waste (E-Waste)

If you have used cables or other common electronic items of this nature, drop them off at the Purchasing Warehouse. Cell phones, SD cards, old hard drives, computers, or any other item that stores data and poses a security risk should be left with an ITS specialist. Take these items to Suite 420 at 700 Lavaca for proper handling and disposal. Or check with the Sustainability Team to see if an e-waste recycling container might be right for you!

Toner & Ink Cartridges

Contact the Sustainability Team to sign up as a toner ambassador today! The MyBusinessRecycles program will allow you to print pre-paid shipping labels to send used toner & ink cartridges to Office Depot for proper disposal. This effort even generates revenue for the County! Refer to this link to sign up:

<https://traviscentral.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/conserv/at-work/toner-ambassador>

Shrink Wrap

If your recycling vendor is Texas Disposal Systems (TDS), you can recycle shrink wrap. Collect the naked shrink wrap (no stickers, tape, etc.) into a clear plastic bag. Simply tie it off and throw it in the recycling dumpster!

Universal Waste (UW)

The most common types of UW recycled by the County are bulbs, lamp ballasts, and most business-generated batteries. The Sustainability Team can provide containers to ship these materials for proper disposal. Reach out to us directly or refer to this website to order a container:

<https://traviscentral.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/conserv/request-container>

Most battery types can also be dropped off at a battery collection station located at 700 Lavaca.*

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): Alkaline Batteries

Have used alkaline batteries at home that need to be recycled? Contact the Sustainability Team for assistance or drop them off at the battery collection station at 700 Lavaca.* The County works with the City of Austin to ensure the proper disposal of this common household item!

Lead Acid Batteries

The County has an account with a metal recycling company that allows for the disposal of lead acid batteries. If you have batteries of this type, contact the Sustainability Team for assistance or drop them off at the battery collection station located at 700 Lavaca.* Every lead acid battery we recycle generates revenue for the County!

****Don't work at 700 Lavaca? Find out if there is another battery station near you!***

If you are interested in becoming a battery ambassador and setting up a collection station, check out our webpage:

<https://traviscentral.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/conserv/at-work/battery-ambassador>

Hazardous Materials (Generated by Business Operations)

Hazmat disposal methods can vary significantly depending on the type of materials, their location, quantity, and the potential threats that may be associated with the different chemicals. Many common hazardous materials that are generated by business operations are temporarily stored at the hazmat room at the West Service Center (WSC). A hazmat vendor is used for bulk pick-ups and proper disposal of these items, and may also be used to pick up other hazardous materials that cannot be easily transported back to the WSC. If you need hazmat disposal services, please contact:

hazmat@traviscountytx.gov

Sharps

The disposal of used needles and other sharps is a topic of interest for both law enforcement and medical personnel. Travis County is contracted with companies that specialize in the handling of biohazardous and medical waste, including the safe disposal of sharps. The disposal containers are to be utilized by County departments and are not intended for use by the general public.

Medication: Prescription, Over the Counter, and Veterinary

Keep our waters clean and drugs off the streets by taking your unwanted medications to any of the five Travis County Constable offices year-round. This service is free of charge and completely anonymous. For other locations, visit this website:

<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/tnr/environmental-quality/conserv/disposal-recycling#rx-takeback>

Furniture and Appliances

Before looking to dispose of these items, first check to see if they should go to the Purchasing Warehouse. If not, contact the Sustainability Team! Many appliances can be recycled if they do not contain refrigerants. If your appliance does contain a refrigerant, it can be removed and tagged by a certified technician. The Freon will need to be disposed of separately as it's treated as hazardous waste. Other furniture, refrigerant-free appliances, and items of this nature that cannot be recycled may be discarded as trash. In some cases, these items may be temporarily stored in designated areas at the east and west service centers and later landfilled through a solid waste contract that is primarily used by R&B.