

## Recycling FAQ

### Why should I recycle?

When something is thrown away in the garbage, it is no longer useful, and it can end up in a landfill, incinerated, or in some other way contaminating the environment (e.g. litter). If material is recycled, it can be recovered and used to create new products, plus it does not end up in a landfill.

### Is recycling worth the effort and time?

Absolutely, there is a significant environmental benefit, including the conservation of energy and natural resources, as well as, the prevention of pollution. Businesses and industry have an additional benefit because the cost of recovering raw materials from existing waste items is far less than original manufacturing process costs.

### Does recycling really affect home waste?

Yes, between 60% and 75% of all home synthetic waste can be usefully recycled, providing all the benefits as detailed above. As participation in home recycling increases, there are more resources available for reusing these materials, like new manufacturing, which also lessens the load on waste disposal.

### Where can I recycle in Rockdale County?

The Rockdale County Recycling Center is located at 1200 Sigman Road NE, Conyers, Georgia 30012.

### What are some alternative means of disposal?

Rogers Lake Road Landfill: 770-482-4983

Kent Rock Inert Landfill: 770-385-0666

*Please contact the EPD for information on the proper disposal of hazardous waste materials:*

Emergencies: 1-800-564-7577 Spills: 404-656-4300

## How does litter affect you?

### Consider these startling statistics:

A glass bottle can take 1 MILLION years to decompose, but is 100% recyclable.



An aluminum can takes roughly 80-100 years to decompose, but recycling one aluminum can can save enough energy to power a TV for up to three hours.

Currently plastic makes up more than 12% of our trash and it can take up to 700 years for plastic to decompose. Americans use 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour and only 27% of plastic bottles are recycled.

Around 1 billion trees worth of paper are thrown away every year in the U.S. Paper and cardboard combined make up 73% of the materials in landfills.

In the U.S., trash is produced at a rate of 4.6 pounds per person per day.

## Don't be a litterbug!

Even small pieces of litter can contribute to a large pollution problem. For example, cigarette butts are the number one most littered item. While each cigarette butt might be small in size, 7 billion cigarette butts are littered every year. Just 200 of these cigarette butts contain enough nicotine to kill an average size adult. When it rains all of these littered cigarette butts leach



toxic chemicals including formaldehyde, arsenic, and nicotine, into our local waterways used for swimming, fishing and drinking.



## Rockdale County Recycling Center



*Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle in Rockdale!*



*Keep our County clean by not littering!*

**1200 Sigman Road  
Conyers, Georgia 30012**

**Recycling Center: 770-785-6883  
Main Office: 770-278-7200**

**Website: [www.rockdalecounty.org](http://www.rockdalecounty.org)**

**Hours of Operation: 8am—5pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday  
9am—6pm Thursday  
Closed Sundays, Mondays & County Holidays**

# What Materials Are Accepted At The Rockdale County Recycling Center?

## Plastic Products

**Accepted:** Plastic products that are numbered 1 or 2, both clear and colored, including water bottles, milk jugs, and personal care products.

**How:** Discard cap, empty container and rinse clean.

**Not Accepted:** Grocery bags, food wrap, plastic toys, pool chemical containers.



## Glass Products

**Accepted:** Glass jars, bottles, and other containers that are clear, brown, or green.

**How:** Empty, rinse clean, remove lids and leave on labels.



**Not Accepted:** Broken glass. Windows and glass doors will be accepted for a nominal fee, but all glass is infinitely recyclable.

## Electronics

**Accepted:** TV/monitors, audio/computer components, copy machines, VCR/DVD players are accepted for a nominal fee.

**How:** Bring the electronics to the Recycling Center.

**Not Accepted:** The Recycling Center will accept any and all electronics.



## Paper Products

**Accepted:** Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, telephone books, and other miscellaneous paper.

**How:** Bring any paper that has not been in contact with food to the Recycling Center.

**Not Accepted:** Paper that has been in contact with food. This is accepted as trash for a nominal fee.



## Metal Products

**Accepted:** Tin, steel, or aluminum food containers, such as soup, pet food, soda, beer cans, or pie plates. Scrap metal and small appliances that have never had or used a compressor are accepted.



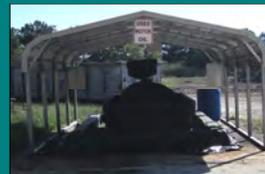
**How:** Empty container and rinse clean. Leave on labels and lids, and crush as desired.

**Not Accepted:** Large appliances or any appliance that used Freon, including, but not limited to, A/C units, humidifiers, refrigerators and freezers.

## Other Items

**Accepted:** Wet-cell batteries (car, truck, boat, motorcycle, etc.). Batteries must be unloaded in the enclosed battery shed. Waste motor oil is accepted and must be poured into the used motor oil container. Please notify the attendant immediately of any spills. Tires are accepted (auto, truck or farm), with a limit of four (4) tires per household per week.

**Not Accepted:** Oil based paint, stain, solvent, adhesives, old gasoline, kerosene, and antifreeze.



## Cardboard

**Accepted:** Any type of cardboard, including both corrugated and non-corrugated cardboard.

**How:** Break down boxes to conserve space.

**Not Accepted:** Styrofoam and other packaging materials are not recyclable, but can be accepted as trash for a nominal fee.



## Wood, Yard Debris & Furniture

**Accepted:** Trees, branches, shrubs, grass clippings, leaves, and pine straw are accepted for free, with a limit of two (2) loads per household per week.



Wood furniture, lumber, sofas, mattresses, chairs, desks, and book cases are accepted for a nominal fee.

**How:** Unloading large woody debris may be prohibited during inclement weather.

**Not Accepted:** Carpet and/or pads, linoleum, vinyl flooring, tile, counter tops, shingles, insulation,

**Payments:** Payment must be made by cash or check to Rockdale County. Credit/debit cards are not accepted. A receipt will be provided upon request. No money is paid back for recyclable materials. Prices shown at the Recycling Center are not all-inclusive.

**Please remember that the Recycling Center is for recycling only, it is not a landfill.**