

RECYCLING in THE VILLAGES

Some residents have expressed interest about recycling here in The Villages. A team of residents (MaryAnn Schulte, Brigitte Walsh, and Doug Keeler) did some research in 2021. Here is a summary.

Aluminum Cans (soda and beer cans only)

The Recreation Committee has two special containers the collection and recycling of aluminum cans **ONLY**: one outside near the dumpster, and one in the Social Hall near the kitchen. **They request that nothing else go into this bin.**

If you would like to support the Recreation Committee, they appreciate your contributions. Proceeds from this recycling are used to help fund some of our events sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

Dumpster Recyclables

Our dumpster is currently picked up by Patriot Disposal. Trash and recyclable materials are collected and taken to their facility for sorting. Recyclable materials include cardboard, paper, cans, glass, metal, and plastics.

Here is an excerpt from their website:

“RECYCLING UPDATE

Great news! Patriot Disposal Inc has now opened the Freedom Recycling Center. All trash is now processed in order to remove recyclable materials. There is no longer a need to have (or pay for) a second container. Simply put both trash and recycle in the same container and when the truck dumps at our facility it goes up a conveyor belt and across a sort line where we use both man and machine to remove recyclable materials from the trash. After sorting the material, it is bailed and loaded on trucks for transportation to a recycler. Because we sell this material to a broker, we are able to offer this service at **NO CHARGE** to our customers. We also are now able to add glass to the material that we accept for recycle. This process not only has resulted in a much greater diversion of Yavapai Counties waste stream but eliminates the need for a second truck on your street. At Patriot, being green is more than just lip service, we put or money where our mouth is. It is by **YOUR** support that we are able to offer this program and we thank you. Should you desire a tour of our new facility, please contact our office to set up a time: 928-775-9000”

In addition, Brigitte spoke with Kay at Patriot, and she said that Patriot employees open all bags to separate out the recyclable items (bottles, glass, plastics, cardboard, etc.). She indicated that the video on their website is outdated, but if you would like to see how the sorting is done, you may call them to schedule a tour that takes about a half hour. Kay also advised that if our community would want a separate container just for recyclables, it would cost about \$130/month, and probably not accomplish much more than what happens currently. Here is the link to their website for more information: www.patriotdisposal.com

Other local waste/recycle companies

Doug contacted some local waste/recycle companies, but determined that they would not be able to serve our community needs for various reasons, including an extra charge to have a separate recycle dumpster. (Taylor Waste, United Disposal, Yavapai Dewey Hauling, Waste Management.)

DIY Recycling

If you would prefer to recycle on your own, here are some options for specific materials.

Waste Management Residential Recycling Drop-Off Center

There is a free recycling center near the entrance for smaller items

(non-hazardous materials such as cardboard, newspapers, paper, cans, plastics, etc.).

(Open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Closed for lunch 2-2:30)

2640 N. Lake Valley Road, Prescott Valley (near the landfill)

928-759-9440

Yavapai Metal Recycling

They pay you by the pound for larger metal recyclables, such as car batteries and appliances.

2220 N. Concord Drive, Dewey

928-632-5205

Arizona Metal Recycling

They pay you by the pound for large metal recyclables, such as appliances, light iron, heavy steel.

www.arizonametalrecycling.com

10440 E. Valley Road, Prescott Valley

928-583-7940

DLG Recycle

They accept computers, electronics, parts, accessories, cables.

www.dlgnetworks.com

4620 N. Robert Road, Suite C, Prescott Valley

928-288-2018

Other Ways to Recycle

If you have furniture, appliances, décor, clothes, books, or household items that you no longer want or use, but are still in good condition, there are several options:

-Sell them to Finicky Furniture Store (928-772-9599) or Mary's Cozy Home Furnishings (928-636-7473).

-Sell them online through websites such as eBay, Neighborhood Marketplace, Craigslist, etc.

-Sell them at The Villages community patio sale.

(twice a year – the Saturday after Memorial Day and the Saturday after Labor Day)

-Donate them to a local thrift store, such as Stepping Stones.

-Donate them to family or friends in need directly, or to others through your church.

FOOD

If you have any unopened non-perishable food items (in boxes or cans or jars) that have not yet expired, you may donate them to the local food bank. For your convenience, there is a box in the HOA office for the collection of these items.