

# Schools' Guide to Hard-to-Recycle Items

## PLEASE DON'T THROW –

### “TRASH” HAS ANOTHER PLACE TO GO!

We know teachers, school custodians and Green Team leaders are very busy, so Yampa Valley Sustainability Council (YVSC) worked with local school leaders to create this 2016 “cheat sheet” of what to do with hard-to-recycle items. Please do not throw away reusable or hazardous items (in some cases it's illegal). If you aren't able to deal with an item on your own, please set it aside in a safe place and ask your Green Team volunteers, fellow staff members, principal or YVSC for help.

**ART AND CRAFT SUPPLIES, ART TOOLS** – Donate gently used or reusable art project supplies (including old CDs) year-round to “Create Space” at the Steamboat Arts Council at the Art Depot. Create Space also provides a free resource for you to pick up art project supplies. 879-9008, [info@steamboatarts.org](mailto:info@steamboatarts.org)

**BATTERIES** – Recycle lithium, rechargeable and button-cell batteries at Mogil's on the Mountain located in Dream Island. 879-9333, [jaymogil@gmail.com](mailto:jaymogil@gmail.com)

**BOOKS** – SOFT BACK books, catalogs, magazines, phone books go in comingled recycling bins. HARD BACK text books less than 10 years old can be donated via Better World Books. Contact Kevin Williams at the CMC-Steamboat library, [kwilliams@coloradomtn.edu](mailto:kwilliams@coloradomtn.edu)

**CHEMICALS/HAZARDOUS WASTE** – Hazardous waste such as chemicals are collected by specific arrangement through Pascal Ginesta, SSSD facilities, or your school's facilities department.

**CLOTHING** – End of the year lost-and-found clothing and shoes can go to Lift-Up (879-3374). The donation center is currently open 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. weekdays except not on Wednesdays.

**ELECTRONICS** – Since it is illegal in Colorado to dispose of electronics in the trash, small used electronics can go into the collection boxes in the front offices of Steamboat Springs middle and high schools or YVSC at 141 Ninth St. *Items accepted:* cell phones including batteries and chargers, headphones, printer cartridges, laptops, tablets, Bluetooth, I-pods, digital cameras.

**FLORESCENT TUBES or CFLs** – Please do not break nor throw in trash as they contain a small amount of mercury. Contact Pascal Ginesta in SSSD facilities for proper disposal in the “bulb eater” at CMC, or drop off fluorescent tubes and CFLs at Light Works of Steamboat on Loggers Lane.

**FURNITURE** – Please find a place to store and contact your Green Team leader for assistance in giving away the items in-house, in-district or in the community. Avenues for donations range from thrift/consignment stores to Steamboat Springs Facebook Yard Sale to Home ReSource in Milner.

**PAINTS** – Leftover paint products contain harmful chemicals and should NOT be thrown in the trash nor flushed down the drain. With Colorado's paint recycling program, paints can be dropped off for free year-round at Steamboat Ace Hardware or Sherwin Williams for proper disposal. Items accepted: interior and exterior architectural paints in latex, acrylic, water-based, oil-based, enamel; deck coatings, floor paints, primers, sealers, stains, undercoaters, shellacs, lacquers, varnishes, urethanes, waterproofing sealers and repellants, metal coatings, rust preventatives, field and lawn paints. NOT accepted: spray cans, art/craft paints, caulk, glues, adhesives, paint thinners, solvents, roof patch. For more information, see the attached PaintCare flyer or visit [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org).

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** – YVSC encourages teachers and students to save supplies for next year. And, your school counselor’s office, front office or staff work room has a “reusable supplies shelf” for saving many gently used school supplies. Extra unwanted school supply items from lockers or classrooms can be salvaged as part of the YVSC Clean Out the Classroom program at the end of the school year to be redistributed to nonprofits. For information, email [schools@yvsc.org](mailto:schools@yvsc.org).

**THREE-RING BINDERS:** Extra binders can be sent to Steamboat Springs High School in care of teacher Cindy Gay for redistribution to students in need. Others items accepted at SSHS all school year include: binder divider tabs, page protectors, composition books, highlighters, pens and pencils

**Have something useful or reusable not listed above?**

See YVSC recycling guide: [www.yvsc.org/recyclingguide](http://www.yvsc.org/recyclingguide)

Or contact your Green Team leader or [recycle@yvsc.org](mailto:recycle@yvsc.org) or 871-9299

