

Mesa Recycling Program Changes

These Categories Continue To Be A **YES!**



Beverage Bottles, Jugs and Cans

Empty, Clean and Dry

Water bottles, milk jugs, soda bottles, soda cans, beer bottles, wine bottles, juice bottles, etc.



Metal Food Cans

Empty, Clean and Dry

Vegetable, canned fruit, tuna, pet food, tomato sauce, soup, etc.



Corrugated Cardboard

Remove ALL packaging & break down large boxes

HOW TO TELL IF IT IS CORRUGATED: Tear a small piece. If you see a flat top and bottom layer with a wavy middle layer, it is accepted.



Paper

Office Paper, Newspaper, Mail and Magazines



All Other Items NOT Accepted

When In Doubt, Keep It Out.

For recycling information, visit mesarecycles.org

No Longer Accepted:

- **PLASTIC & PAPER CUPS**
- **PAPERBOARD BOXES:** *Cake mix, cereal, tissue, detergent, soda case, cracker, frozen food packaging, etc.*
- **MILK, JUICE & ICE CREAM PAPER CARTONS**
- **NON-BEVERAGE PLASTIC OR GLASS BOTTLES, JUGS, JARS & CONTAINERS:** *Laundry, shampoo, household cleaners, yogurt, margarine, jelly, salad dressing, mustard & ketchup bottles, fresh berry containers, other food and non-food products, etc.*
- **REMINDER:** *Plastic bags, plastic package wrap and Styrofoam are still not accepted.*

How was the current list of accepted items determined?

Before items can be recycled, they must first be sorted at a materials recovery facility (MRF). Mesa's contracts with its MRF vendors ultimately determine what items can and cannot be accepted in Mesa's blue recycle barrel. MRFs are willing to accept and recycle items with a strong market value. Items that are accepted but contaminated, as well as non-accepted items, will be landfilled and the City will be charged significant disposal fees by the MRF. Therefore, our list has been updated to ensure we comply with all contract terms, avoid paying unnecessary fees and maintain the sustainability of Mesa's recycling program.

How is Mesa addressing recycling contamination?

Several major markets are no longer accepting material from the United States due to high levels of contamination and finding alternative markets has proven difficult. To ensure Mesa's material is free of contamination, daily random barrel inspections are conducted to help residents become better recyclers. However, when recycling behaviors do not improve, the City will remove a resident's barrel to maintain the viability of the program. In some cases, immediate barrel removal may be necessary due to extreme non-compliance of the recycling program guidelines.

Besides recycling right, what else can I do to help manage our waste stream?

Reduce & Reuse. Generating less trash is always our BEST option. **REDUCE** by avoiding single-serving packaging which creates unnecessary waste. **REUSE** by avoiding one-time use products and instead opting for reusable ones, like a reusable water bottle.

Thank you for your understanding and for your recycling participation. Visit MesaRecycles.org for more information.



Mesa's "NEW" Recycling Program

Due to contamination, increasing recycling processing fees and decreasing commodity values, the City of Mesa has found it necessary to modify the Blue Barrel Recycling Program. The list of accepted items has been reduced and simplified.

Items NOT Accepted

When in Doubt, Keep It Out.

We apologize but please note that the following items are NO LONGER accepted in Mesa's recycling program due to low market demand:

- Laundry bottles, dish washing liquid bottles, shampoo bottles, mouthwash bottles, etc.
- Glass food jars
- Cereal boxes, tissue boxes, cracker boxes, detergent boxes, soda case boxes, and other paperboard items (these items are processed differently than cardboard and regular paper)
- Milk and juice cartons
- Plastic food jars & food bottles (peanut butter, jelly, mustard, ketchup, etc.)
- Plastic berry clamshell containers
- Yogurt containers & margarine tubs
- Plastic and paper cups
- Paper bags (most bags tend to be greasy fast food bags or contain non-recyclable items such as handles)
- Aluminum pie plates and aluminum foil



ONLY put these in a large bag beside your trash can on waste collection days

Beverage Bottles, Jugs and Cans

- **Empty, clean, and dry (lids and labels do not need to be removed)**
 - Water, soda, and juice bottles
 - Beer and wine bottles
 - Aluminum soda cans
 - Milk jugs
- **Easy rule to remember - If the answer is "yes" to BOTH of the following questions, it is accepted. If the answer is "no" to either question, it is not accepted.**
 - **Is it a beverage?**
 - **Is it a bottle, jug or can?**

Metal Food Cans

- **Empty, clean, and dry (labels do not need to be removed)**
 - Soup cans, vegetable cans, canned fruit cans, pet food cans, etc.

Paper **Only these types of paper::** **Mail & junk mail (postcards, coupons, solicitation flyers, etc.) **Office paper (copy paper, envelopes, writing paper)**Magazines **Newspaper (including inserts) NOTE: Due to the limitations of the sorting equipment used at the Materials Recovery Facility, shredded paper is no longer able to be accepted.



Appliances



Fluorescent Light Bulbs



Automotive Fluids



Gardening Products

TOO
TOXIC
TO
TRASH!

City of Mesa Household Hazardous Materials Facility is **NOW OPEN!**



Household Cleaners



Paints



Batteries



Electronics



City of Mesa
Household Hazardous Materials Facility

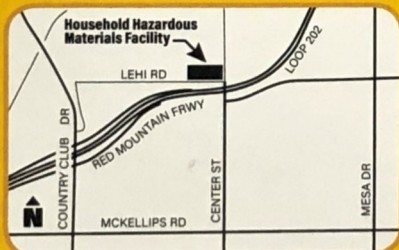
Drop off your hazardous materials or visit our **Swap Shop** to pickup new or gently used materials for no additional cost!

2412 N. Center Street

Hours of Operation

Wednesday - Saturday | 7 A.M. - Noon

Items are only accepted during hours of operation.



PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT: DO NOT mix materials or place into any type of bag. **DO** seal items in original containers • Label unmarked containers • Transport in boxes or plastic totes • Mark items to be unloaded with "HHM" and separate from the other items in your vehicle.

If it's **HAZARDOUS** don't throw it away!

Help protect our environment. Many household, automotive, and landscape items should not be thrown away or dumped down the drain. Our new facility will properly dispose of or recycle your items. It's simple and there is no additional cost to you!

ITEMS ACCEPTED (LIMITS DO APPLY)

- ✓ Aerosol Cans
- ✓ Ammunition (small arms only)
- ✓ Appliances
- ✓ Automotive Fluids (gasoline, oil, antifreeze, etc.)
- ✓ Automotive Tires (without rims only)
- ✓ Batteries (home & auto)
- ✓ Cooking Oil
- ✓ Electric Lawnmowers
- ✓ Fire Extinguishers
- ✓ Fireworks
- ✓ Fluorescent Light Bulbs & Ballasts
- ✓ Garden Chemicals (pesticides, fertilizers, weed killer, etc.)
- ✓ Household Products (adhesives, cleaners, detergents, putties, etc.)
- ✓ Mercury (thermometers, thermostats, etc.)
- ✓ Paints (latex & oil-based)
- ✓ Paint Related Materials (spray paint, stains, thinner, turpentine, etc.)
- ✓ Propane (grills) & Compressed Gasses (helium, oxygen, small torch, etc.)
- ✓ Road Flares
- ✓ Smoke Detectors
- ✓ Swimming Pool Chemicals

*Visit our website for more details and limits per visit.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Ammunition (large arms)
- ✗ Asbestos
- ✗ BBQ Grills
- ✗ Business / Commercial / Industrial Waste
- ✗ Carpeting
- ✗ Construction & Demolition Waste
- ✗ Explosives
- ✗ Furniture and Lawn Furniture
- ✗ Garden Hoses
- ✗ Gas-Powered Lawnmowers & Equipment
- ✗ Large Truck Tires
- ✗ Medical Waste & Biohazards (including sharps)
- ✗ Medication & Prescription Drugs
- ✗ Radioactive Material
- ✗ Railroad Ties & Treated Wood
- ✗ Scrap Metal
- ✗ Solar Panels
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Trash & Debris

Available to City of Mesa Residents Only

MUST BRING PROOF OF MESA RESIDENCY. PHOTO ID WITH MESA ADDRESS OR CURRENT BILL/RENT RECEIPT WITH MESA ADDRESS & PHOTO ID WITH MATCHING NAME.

***ABSOLUTELY NO BUSINESS OR INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

For more information visit MesaRecycles.org or call 480-644-4463



Venture Out Garbage and Recycling

Item	What to include	How to Dispose of
<p>Garbage street side pickup –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November-April: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MWF pickup. • May- October: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tues. & Friday pickup. 	<p>Wet garbage—place garbage in standard bags or reuse grocery bags.</p> <p>Bag the vacuum cleaner dust or dirt sweep from driveways.</p> <p>Place bags in cans for street side pick up or if going to the SE or SW recycle centers, place in white roll-off waste bins.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Put nothing on the in-ground garbage can lid when you have a pickup. • Place the small paver/or gravel on top of the lid when you DO NOT have a pick-up. • Place citrus peelings in at sturdy plastic bag outside the garbage can. Limit the weight.
<p>City of Mesa Recycling. Venture Out has curb side recycling or ‘Blue Barrels’ located in the Recycling Centers in SE and SW corners of the park.</p>	<p>See the page here in this phone directory that specifies acceptable and not accepted Item.</p> <p>Think EMPTY, CLEAN, DRY.</p> <p>No Styrofoam</p>	<p>Place in clear or white large bags outside garbage can or deliver to the Blue recycling barrels at the recycling/garbage centers at the SW and SE corners of the VO property (600 block of Aero or 300 block of Aero). If placing in “Blue Barrels” at recycling center, place item loose with NO PLASTIC BAGS.</p>
<p>Plastic Bags & Wrap</p>	<p>Includes grocery bread, bubble wrap, dry cleaner bags that make a quiet sound when squished. If the plastic makes a crinkly, cellophane sound (cereal liners, chip bags, floral plastic), it is NOT acceptable.</p>	<p>Collect all quiet plastic in one plastic bag. When full put in your auto and take back to merchants with collection bins.</p>
<p>Paper</p>	<p>Newspaper /coupons, postal mail & junk mail, magazines, office paper (copy paper, envelopes, writing paper). Shredded paper is no longer accepted.</p>	<p>Place in bag/box beside street side, trash can or deliver to the “Blue Barrels” at the recycling/garbage centers at the SW and SE corners of the VO property (600 block of Aero or 300 block of Aero).</p>
<p>Corrugated Cardboard</p>	<p>Corrugated boxes, packing boxes, large appliance boxes.</p> <p>BOXES MUST BE BROKEN DOWN so that they lay flat! Cut very large boxes into smaller pieces. Carry a box cutter on your golf cart/auto trunk.</p>	<p>Place FLATTENED boxes beside the garbage cans on the day of pick up or take directly to the recycling/garbage center at the SE corner of the VO property (600 block of Aero).</p> <p>Place in Smaller Gray Bins from City of Mesa .</p>
<p>Aluminum cans and Aluminum building material</p>	<p>The Mobile Nobles Shriner’s Club collects aluminum drink cans and larger pieces of scrap aluminum. Their funding supports children hospitals.</p> <p>Beer, Soda, Pop Cans do not need to be smashed. Do need to be empty.</p>	<p>Drink Can & Bottle collection bins are available in the Baja Bistro, the Ballroom, at swimming pools, sports courts, the Oasis, the Cabana, bathhouse #1, and behind the Administration building.</p> <p>Large scrap aluminum or aluminum building material is collected in SE corner of the VO property (entrance in 600 block of Aero)</p>
<p>Batteries</p>	<p>AA, AAA, C, D, 9-volt, hearing aid batteries, rechargeable, camera, cell phone, etc. No car/golf cart batteries.</p>	<p>Collection container is available in the SW corner outside Handyman shop. Alternatively, place small batteries in straw basket inside the Activity Office</p>
<p>Light Bulbs</p>	<p>Fluorescent and Compact, LED are Hazardous Waste (see below). Incandescent bulbs go in trash can.</p>	<p>Place in paper bag to avoid broken glass injuring our VO staff.</p>
<p>Textiles</p>	<p>Sheets, worn clothing, drapes, old shoes.</p>	<p>Take to Goodwill Store’s Donation center i.e.6120 E Main St., 1900 E University Dr. Goodwill recycles. If useable, always give the item a second life at a charity store.</p>

Venture Out Garbage and Recycling

Item	What to include	How to Dispose of
REMODELING: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Materials • Landscape rock/dirt • Paint cans must have dried out paint, no liquids. 	<p>All materials such as building supplies, dirt, rock, etc.</p> <p>When depositing building materials, make certain that you have removed screws or nails from building materials</p>	<p>Obtain a permit for dumping building materials, asphalt, landscape rock and other construction materials from the Venture Out Administration Office. 480-832-9000</p> <p>White roll-off dumpster in the SE corner (think maintenance yard) of the VO property (entrance in 600 block. of Aero).</p> <p>There is a dumping fee for disposal of remodel/construction materials!</p>
<p>Appliances (working or not), Large Furniture Items, Flat Screen TVs</p> <p>Place beside dumpsters in SE corner of Venture Out (600 Blk Aero)</p>	<p>Furniture, Mattresses, etc. too damaged for resale, place in the white roll off dumpsters.</p> <p>The tennis club will not be holding Auction in 2020-2021. Rummage items may still be sold by laundry/sewing/ceramic Bldg.</p>	<p>Recycle with merchant where item was purchased or call David (480) 815-0222 to arrange free pick-up at your unit on a Wed or Thursday for benefit of Velda Rose Church. Or call your favorite charity. Alternatively, take to City of Mesa Hazardous Waste Facility (see below). Placing for sale signs or having patio sales is not permitted in Venture Out.</p>
<p>Biohazard Waste Medical Sharps</p>	<p>Any syringes, medical supplies, "sharps," razor blades, etc. must be disposed of properly and preferably using a waste receptacle. Absolutely no syringes without proper containment, in a marked container.</p>	<p>Place in a biohazard waste receptacle. Obtain receptacles through your physician or local pharmacies or in MedReturn boxes available at Mesa police stations 480-644-2030. Alternatively, dispose in a strong, sealed plastic container labeled "Do Not Recycle" and place in Venture Out trash can.</p>
<p>HAZARDOUS WASTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-Waste & CRT TVs, • Propane Tanks, • Fluorescent and LED light bulbs & Ballasts, • Aerosol cans. • Liquid Latex and Oil Paint in cans. • Cooking oil • Garden chemicals 	<p>Old Style TVs, Cell Phones, Satellite Cable Equipment, Video Equipment, telephones, Remotes, Surge Protectors-VCRs, etc.</p> <p>Propane Tanks exchange with the merchant if possible.</p> <p>Smoke detectors (replaced every 10 years). Fire Extinguisher (If its obsolete). Household Products (cleaners, adhesives, detergents).</p>	<p>Salt River Landfill 13602 N. Beeline Highway (Gilbert Rd. and the Beeline Highway) Scottsdale, 85256 (480) 941-3427, press #4</p> <p>City of Mesa Hazardous Waste Facility ,2412 N. Center St Located on Center St just north of Hwy 202. 480/644-4463 Open Wed thru Sat. 7AM to noon. Venture Out residents must bring driver's license with Mesa AZ address OR bring VO picture ID and SRP bill with Mesa Address. Shop their Swap Shop for free items.</p>
<p>Computers and Printers</p>	<p>Computers and printers <u>with all their parts and cords</u></p>	<p>Help local students and charities through the AZSTRUT program. Computer hard drives are wiped clean. Take to Red Mountain High School, 7301 E Brown Road. or Batteries Plus Store on Power Rd.</p>
<p>Tires without rims to City Hazardous Waste</p> <p>Tires with rims accepted by Velda Rose. Leave in SE corner of VO (entrance off 600 blk Aero).</p>	<p>Tires from mobile home park models, trailers, golf carts, trucks or autos.</p>	<p>The city of Mesa prohibits these in the dumpsters and rejects a dumpster if any of these are seen. \$\$\$</p> <p>When an owner/renter buys new tires, he/she should ask the dealer to take the used tires for recycling. The trade-in may require a fee.</p> <p>May take five per day maximum to Mesa City Hazardous Waste Facility. See Hazardous Waste above.</p>

We conserve water because Water to your unit is charged to all VO owners. Sweep or Vacuum your driveway or brick rather than wash down with hose. Limit irrigated plants. Visit web site <http://mesarecycles.org/> to type the name of a waste material, and we'll tell you where it goes for recycling, composting or disposal.