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What is the policy on household waste for Vinton residents?

▪ **Town Collection:** *General Information*

- All refuse (**no** hazardous waste permitted) to be collected, including special refuse pick-ups (yard wastes/grass/leaves, brush/tree limbs, bulk/large items, and recyclables), must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the regular refuse collection day. Garbage must be placed in suitable refuse bags AND refuse containers/cans (as defined by Town Code Section 78-2) Handicapped residents who are unable to carry refuse to the curb may call Public Works at (540) 983-0646 for special arrangements.

▪ **Town Collection:** *Required Container Information*

- Required Trash Containers:

Vinton Town Code, Section 78-2 Containers generally. (a) It shall be the duty of every owner, lessee or occupant of every residence and every building or place of business in the town to provide, at all times, suitable and sufficient sanitary refuse containers which shall be leak proof with tight fitting tops and handles, and in conjunction with such containers, other containers, such as plastic bags, of adequate strength to hold and retain all garbage and liquid substances, and whatever rubbish may be mixed therewith, from such building, residence or place of business.

- Storage of Required Trash Containers:

Vinton Town Code, Section 78-3 Location of containers. (a) The refuse containers referred to in Section 78-2 shall be kept upon the premises at a location to the side or rear of a dwelling house or place of business satisfactory to the Town Manager. During the hours and days designated by the Town Manager for the collection of refuse, each resident and business proprietor shall place their refuse containers on their street side property line or at the curb for pickup. If subject dwelling house or place of business has an alley directly behind the property, then in such event, refuse containers shall be maintained thereon for ready pickup by sanitary workers.

▪ **Homeowner Self-Disposal at R.V.R.A**

- The Town of Vinton will pay the charges for homeowners to dump waste, which qualifies under the free residential waste disposal program, when it is delivered by the homeowner. Visit RVRA (<http://rvra.net/index.aspx?NID=35>) for more information about the Homeowner Disposal Program or call Planning & Zoning at (540) 983-0605.

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What kinds of Bulk & Large Items are collected by the town?

- Bulk & Large Item Collection occurs on your regular refuse collection day. **Bulk and large items are not collected in alleys.** You do not need to call for an appointment. Bulk/Large items such as appliances, furniture, and other large items may be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the regular refuse collection day for pick-up.
- If amount of bulk or large items exceeds five (5) pickup truck loads, the Public Works Department will place a hangtag on the occupant's door which states the amount of the fee to be paid for the bulk/large items collection. Please take the hang tag and cash or a check for payment of the fee to the Vinton Treasurer's (Finance) Office. The Vinton Treasurer's Office will notify Public Works when the fee has been paid, so that the bulk/large items can be scheduled for collection. Please note the fee **must be paid in advance** in the Vinton Treasurer's (Finance) Office.
 - Bulk/Large items may also be taken to the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA) Transfer Station by Vinton Residents. Vinton Residents are allowed 12 free trips per year. For more information on this, please visit the RVRA (<http://rvra.net/DocumentCenter/View/4>) website at www.rvra.net.
- **We do not pick up any construction materials** (lumber, dry-wall, carpet, padding, water heaters, plumbing fixtures, cabinetry, windows, etc.) regardless of who is doing the work on your home. You may take these to the RVRA. If you are unsure if your bulk falls in this category, please call Public Works at (540) 983-0646. **If a contractor is doing this work for you, they are responsible for hauling away the construction debris.**

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Does the town pick up yard waste?

- Yard Waste Collection occurs on your regular refuse collection day. **Yard waste is not collected in alleys.** You do not need to call for an appointment.
- Landscaping
 - Please do not put out timbers used in landscaping, bushes/small trees/plants with root balls still attached, sod, tree stumps or dirt. These items will not be picked up.
- Grass Clippings
 - Grass clippings must be bagged in heavy grade plastic refuse bags and placed at the curb by 7 a.m. for pickup on the regular refuse collection day.
- Leaf Collection
 - **Bagged Leaves** will be collected weekly on the resident's regular refuse collection day.
 - **Fall Loose Leaf Collection** occurs annually and is scheduled during November and December each year. The town is divided into four (4) collection zones. The schedule is published on the TOV website and announced on cable TV government access, Channel 3. Leaves should be raked no closer than one foot and no farther than five feet from the back of the curb or edge of the street located in front of the residence. Do not place leaves in the street or gutter as this may cause rainwater to pond and leaves to wash into the roadway creating hazards and obstructing traffic. Sticks, limbs, rocks and other debris should not be included in the leaves as these items can clog and damage the equipment. Leaves must be raked to the proper location by 7:00 am. Leaves should not be put out too early, and should not block sidewalks. Weather and equipment breakdown issues can cause delays. We ask for your patience and cooperation.
 - Yard waste may also be hauled by Vinton Residents to the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA) Transfer Station. For more information on this, please visit the RVRA (<http://rvra.net/DocumentCenter/View/4>) website at www.rvra.net.

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What can I put out for brush & limb collection and when?

- Brush & Limb Collection occurs on your regular refuse collection day. **Brush and limbs are not collected in alleys.** You do not need to call for an appointment.
- Brush and tree limbs must be cut into sections not exceeding six (6) feet in length and placed at the curb for collection.
- If amount of brush exceeds five (5) pickup truck loads the Public Works Department will place a hangtag on the occupant's door which states the amount of the fee to be paid for the brush collection. Please take the hang tag and cash or a check for payment of the fee to the Vinton Treasurer's (Finance) Office at 311 S. Pollard Street, in the Vinton Municipal Building. The Vinton Treasurer's Office will notify Public Works when the fee has been paid, so that the brush can be scheduled for collection. Please note the fee **must be paid in advance** in the Vinton Treasurer's (Finance) Office.
 - Brush and tree limbs may be taken to the Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA) Transfer Station by Vinton Residents. Vinton Residents are allowed 12 free trips per year. For more information on this, please visit the RVRA (<http://rvra.net/DocumentCenter/View/4>) website at www.rvra.net.
- **If a contractor is trimming your trees, they are responsible for hauling away all tree limbs and resulting wood waste.**

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Will the town pick up my Christmas tree?

- Christmas Trees may be placed at the curb for collection after the holiday season.

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What do I do with my old tires?

- Passenger vehicle tires will be collected from households once each quarter. The maximum number of tires collected per household is FOUR (4) per year. Commercial or dealer tires collection is not performed by the town. Quarterly collection days will be published on the town's web site and in the Town Calendar . The Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA) Transfer Station will accept up to FOUR (4) tires per year from town Residents at no charge (additional tires will incur a charge of \$2.00 each). The RVRA may hold a Tire Amnesty Day, during which tires are collected free of charge at sites throughout the Valley. For more information on the Tire Amnesty Day, please call the RVRA at (540) 857-5050 or visit them at www.rvra.net.

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How can I dispose of my Household Hazardous Waste?

- Items that are classified as hazardous waste are not accepted by Vinton's Refuse Collection Service. The Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA) accepts Household Hazardous Waste from Vinton residents. For more information call (540) 857-5071, or visit the RVRA website. The RVRA is located at 1020 Hollins Road, off Rt. 460 in Roanoke City.
- The following items are accepted daily at RVRA during normal operating hours:
 - Latex Paint (max quantity 5 gallons per visit)
 - Aerosol Cans
 - Used Antifreeze (max quantity 5 gallons per visit)
 - Used Motor Oil (max quantity 5 gallons per visit)
 - Lead Acid Automobile Batteries
- For a complete list of Hazardous Waste items, visit the RVRA website (<http://rvra.net/index.aspx?NID=35>)
- Car Parts: Parts may be taken to various scrap metal yards in the area. Many of these items are accepted for recycling at no charge at local automotive parts stores.

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How do I sign up for Recycling in Vinton?

- The Town of Vinton picks up recyclables every other week on the regular refuse pickup day and from the same location as the regular refuse pickup occurs. Recyclables must be separated from refuse and placed in the recycling container/bin provided by the town. Each residence has a container/bin assigned to it, and that container remains as town property at the residence. Residents who move are responsible for the container assigned to their residence, and it must be accounted for prior to moving out. If the container is not returned or left for the new resident, a \$5.00 charge may be assessed as a lien against the property. If a blue recycling bin is not available or is damaged beyond repair, town residents can call the Public Works Department at (540) 983-0646 to obtain a replacement.
- The Town of Vinton collects the following items:
 - Aluminum (beverage cans)
 - Steel/Tin (food cans)
 - Plastic beverage containers (soft drink bottles, clear water bottles, and opaque milk jugs)
 - Look for these symbols on your plastic containers.
 - Newspaper-including inserts (**no** magazines or phone books)
 - Remember to separate each type of recyclable. Plastic grocery bags work great to separate the contents of your bin. Please rinse and flatten all plastic and metal materials. Newspaper should be clean and dry.
 - Please note that currently the glass recycling market is depressed; therefore, the town does not collect any glass curbside at this time.
 - You can find the Recycling Calendar on the Town of Vinton website.

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What if I want to recycle items and take them myself?

- Recycling Drop-off Centers Information
 - Lake Drive Plaza:
 - A recycling drop-off center is located on the premises of Lake Drive Plaza, adjacent to the Big Lots discount store. Lake Drive Plaza is located at the corner of Hardy Road and Clearview Drive in Vinton.
 - The following items are accepted at the Lake Drive Plaza location:
 - Plastic-bottles (PET clear/green) and jugs (natural HDPE)
 - Newspaper (including inserts)
 - Aluminum cans (beverage cans)
 - Steel/Tin cans (food cans)
 - Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA):
 - The Roanoke Valley Resource Authority (RVRA) also has a Residential Service Area-Recycling Drop-Off Center, which is open to all Vinton, Roanoke County and Roanoke City citizens. It is located at the Refuse Transfer Station at 1020 Hollins Road, Roanoke. For more information on this recycling center, please visit RVRA (<http://rvra.net/index.aspx?nid=100>) on the web.
 - Goodwill:
 - Virginia citizens now have a statewide electronics recycling network available to them, and it's free. DELL and Goodwill Industries have created a partnership to collect, refurbish, and recycle ALL brands of computers. The new program called *Reconnect*, was announced on October 9, 2008 in Mechanicsville, Virginia. For more information, visit the Goodwill site: <http://www.goodwill.org/press-releases/dell-reconnect-expands-computer-recycling-program-to-319-additional-goodwill-donation-sites/>.
 - Clean Valley Council has also compiled some information on recycling (<http://www.cleanvalley.org/recycling>).

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What is the Adopt-a-Truck Program?

Any Vinton resident may call the Public Works Department at (540) 983-0646 to schedule the parking of a town dump truck to be parked at their home overnight so that the resident may load items to be discarded from cleaned out basements, attics, storage sheds, etc. **NO** construction materials, brush, or hazardous materials will be accepted. The truck is dropped off at approximately 3:15 p.m. and picked up the next morning at 7:30 a.m. This service is available to town residents at no charge, but is limited to no more than four times a year for a single household. The Adopt-a-Truck is not available to businesses or commercial enterprises.

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