

**KEY WEST GREEN A-Z RECYCLING SOURCE LIST**

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**To many people, recycling conjures up the blue plastic bins and bottle drives. But recycling is a design principal, a law of nature, a source of creativity, and a source of prosperity. For anyone looking to make recycling a more integral part of their lives, this guide is an overview of the basic legwork as well as some of the finer and more advanced concepts that have emerged in recent years. Recycling a ton of "waste" has twice the economic impact of burying it in the ground. In addition, recycling one additional ton of waste will pay \$101 more in salaries and wages, produce \$275 more in goods and services, and generate \$135 more in sales than disposing of it in a landfill. From Recycling: Good for the Economy, Good for the Environment**

<b>APPLIANCES</b>		Appliances contain compounds that pose a health risk when released into the environment, including chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and mercury. The following items are classified as appliances: air conditioners, clothes washers and dryers, dehumidifiers, dishwashers, freezers, hot water heaters, garbage disposal units, humidifiers, microwaves, refrigerators, stoves, trash compactors, water coolers and water softeners.
	Reuse	Domestic Abuse Shelter,
	Recycle	Salvation Army
<b>BICYCLES</b>		Bicycles are a wonderful form of transportation in Key West. Not only do they provide great exercise, they do not emit any carbon emissions.
	Reuse	Jack Worth will take any old bicycles. Email him at <a href="mailto:jpworth@hotmail.com">jpworth@hotmail.com</a> or call him at 292-0702
	Recycle	Salvation Army
<b>BIODEGRADABLE PRODUCTS</b>		Use disposable cups, plates and food packaging. There is a company in boulder, Colorado, that is making these from compressed sugar cane fiber and corn byproducts. They are supposed to break down in the landfill in about 2 months. Go to <a href="http://www.ecoproducts.com">www.ecoproducts.com</a> . GHS sells them in Key West.
<b>BOOKS</b>		
	Reuse	Friends of Monroe County Library will accept clean books in good condition. They will also accept DVD's, audio tapes, films, or CD's. They will not accept textbooks. Call Denzel Washington at 296-1866 for info.
	Recycle	Cancer Foundation of the Florida Keys will accept all donated books. Take books to Fourth of July Restaurant or Baby's Coffee.
<b>BUILDING CONSTRUCTION &amp; HOME IMPROVEMENT</b>		The businesses listed below accept reusable construction and home improvement items, such as plumbing and light fixtures, windows, doors, cabinets, lumber and brick. They may accept other usable items; call each business for details.
	Reuse	Habitat for Humanity
	Recycle	Thrift Shops
<b>CARDBOARD BOXES</b>		If cardboard boxes are flattened and in good condition, they can be used up to three times.
	Reuse	Pak Man will pick up slightly used cardboard boxes.
	Recycle	Waste Management
<b>CARPET</b>		
	Reuse	Salvation Army
	Recycle	Thrift Shops
<b>CARS</b>		
	Reuse	Alex's Auto Wrecking will accept your car with a title.
	Recycle	
<b>CELL PHONES</b>		Most of the organizations are interested only in working cell phones with the battery and charger. A few of them take any cell phone and sell it to be recycled if it can't be fixed. Be sure you have deactivated service before donating a phone.
	Reuse	Domestic Abuse Shelter will take working & non working cell phones. Samuel's House
	Recycle	Electronic recycling is the best way to dispose of cell phones
<b>CLOTHING</b>		Many charities accept Clean clothing
	Reuse	Salvation Army, Catholic Charities, dressfor success. COM, Prom dresses and kids clothing for Just 4 Kids. Glad Tidings Church accepts clothing for the homeless.
	Recycle	Thrift Shops

<b>COMPUTERS</b>		Many charities would like working computers that are not too old and in good condition.
	Reuse	Boys & Girls Club,
	Recycle	
<b>COOKING OIL</b>		Put old cooking oil and grease in a container with a lid, freeze it then put it in the trash.
<b>ELECTRONICS</b>		Electronics and electrical items include computers, monitors, TVs, stereos, printers, fax machines, VCRs and anything else that runs on electricity.
		Electronic products contain hazardous materials that can leak into the environment if they are thrown away with other household garbage. Computer monitors and televisions in particular contain several pounds of lead. In addition, printed circuit boards contain heavy metals such as lead, chromium, cadmium and mercury, and mercury-containing components are found in some electronic products. For more information, contact Waste Management
	Reuse	Charities welcome good used computers
	Recycle	Waste Management will take electronics at Cudjoe Transfer Station.
<b>EXERCISE VIDEOS</b>		Swap at <a href="http://www.videofitness.com">www.videofitness.com</a>
<b>EYEGLASSES</b>		The Lion's Club collect these. Lenses are reground and given to people in need. There is a drop off container at the Overseas Shopping Center.
	Reuse	Lion's Club
<b>INTERNET</b>		<a href="http://Freecycle.org">Freecycle.org</a> , <a href="http://Craigslist.org">Craigslist.org</a> , <a href="http://DressforSuccess.org">DressforSuccess.org</a> , <a href="http://greendisk.com">greendisk.com</a> , <a href="http://goodsearch.com">goodsearch.com</a>
<b>FURNITURE &amp; MATTRESSES</b>		
	Reuse	Salvation Army, Domestic Abuse Shelter , Habitat for Humanity.
	Recycle	
<b>HAIR</b>		Cut hair can be used for wigs for children with cancer or other diseases. Minimum 10" long and other requirements.
	reuse	Locks of Love, Hot Cuts accepts donated hairfor Locks of Love
	rot	compost item
<b>LIGHT BULBS</b>		There is a small amount of mercury in incandescent and fluorescent bulbs. They should be put in a plastic bag and recycled at the Electronic recycling area at Waste Management Cudjoe Transfer Station.
	Reuse	
	Recycle	Sylvania currently recycles CFL's via snail mail. (must purchase mailer box which has prepaid shipping. <a href="http://www.sylvania.com/Recycle/">http://www.sylvania.com/Recycle/</a>
<b>PLASTIC BAGS</b>		Keep in mind that you can conserve resources by using fewer bags. Avoiding the use of plastic bags or reusing your own canvas or cloth bags are your best options since recycled plastic bags do not become new plastic bags. They are re-made into something that is not recyclable like plastic lumber, so they are ultimately destined for the landfill or the incinerator (where they produce harmful chemicals). It's challenging to reduce your use of plastic bags, so recycling is a great last resort! Go to <a href="http://www.myrecycledbags.com">www.myrecycledbags.com</a> , <a href="http://www.treehugger.com">www.treehugger.com</a> or
	Reuse	Small trash liners.
	Recycle	Return to grocery store for recycling. Typically accept all types of plastic bags, including those from department stores, newspaper sleeve bags and clear dry-cleaner bags. Handles made from other plastics, paper or string must be removed as they are contaminants. The bags must be clean and dry.
<b>SOD</b>		Give extra sod to neighbors and friends.
	Reuse	
	Recycle	compost dead grass
<b>SPORTS EQUIPMENT</b>		
	Reuse	Boys and Girls Club will gladly accept children sports equipment.
<b>STYROFOAM</b>		Recycling options for polystyrene products, better known as Styrofoam are very limited. Polystyrene packing peanuts can be reused.
	Reuse	Pak Mail will pick up any packing material for free.
	Recycle	Waste Management

<b>TIRES</b>		Keeping your tires inflated to the proper pressure will increase their life expectancy and conserve fuel. You can check your tire pressure and inflate your tires for free at most the Shell Station on Truman and First St. Stockpiled tires provide a breeding place for mosquitoes.
	Reuse	Alex's Auto Wrecking will take good tires
	Recycle	
<b>TECHNO TRASH</b>		Easily recycle all of your CDs, jewel cases, DVDs, audio and video tapes, cell phones, pagers, rechargeable and single-use batteries, PDAs, and ink/toner cartridges with GreenDisk Technotrash program. For \$30, GreenDisk will send you a cardboard box in which you can ship them up to 70 pounds of any of the above. Your fee covers the box as well as shipping and recycling fees. 800/305-GREENDISK, www.greendisk.com.
<b>TENNIS SHOES</b>		Nike's Reuse-a-Shoe program turns old shoes into playground and athletic flooring. www.nikereuseashoe.com. One World Running will send still-wearable shoes to athletes in need in Africa, Latin America, and Haiti. www.oneworldrunning.com.
	Reuse	Just 4 Kids will accept like new tennis shoes.
<b>TOILETS</b>		FCAA is offering a rebate for water efficient toilets. FCAA.com
	Reuse	Habitat for Humanity
	Recycle	
<b>TREES</b>		Trees are a valuable resource.If the tree can be saved, call the Key West Botanical Garden or the Key West Garden Club to see if they would want it.
	Reuse	Key West Botanical Garden, Key West Garden Club, Marc House Plant Store
	Recycle	compost
<b>TYVEK ENVELOPES</b>		Quantities less than 25: Send to Shirley Cimburke, Tyvek Recycling Specialist, 5401 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Spot 197, Room 231, Richmond, VA 23234. Quantities larger than 25, call 866/33-TYVEK.