

## Where, Besides the Landfill? Ideas for All in/near Orange Co.

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### RECYCLING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Compost Collection Query:** Orange County Solid Waste Management, in cooperation with the Carrboro Farmers Market and the Town of Carrboro, will be *piloting* a food waste drop-off program at the Carrboro Farmers Market THIS SUMMER! Start date and details to be determined, but we are looking for volunteers to help with the effort Saturday mornings while the market is open. Interested at all? Email [muriel@orangecountync.gov](mailto:muriel@orangecountync.gov)

**The Timeless Cruisers Car Show** will be held at the Cedar grove Ruritan Club May 6 and 7 and we are looking for a **few good volunteers** to help with the recycling effort there. This volunteer opportunity is service hour appropriate for area teens, high school students and scout troops! Volunteer shifts are 6PM-9PM Friday 5/6 and 9AM- 1PM and 1PM-5PM on Saturday. Gloves and grabbers will be provided! Contact [muriel@orangecountync.gov](mailto:muriel@orangecountync.gov)

### Where Can I Take This?

**Shaping up or shipping out?** Whether you are spring cleaning, pulling out the grill and other summertime supplies, doing the seasonal clothing switch, or packing up everything to move, manage your excess items by using the following guide chock full of local resources. You can reduce stress, reduce your trash, and perhaps even support our community's non-profits all at the same time:

**Recycle all you can!** Metal cans, all paper, plastic and glass bottles – If it's plastic and it's got a neck, you can recycle it. You can also recycle plastic tubs, cups, buckets, and other wide-mouthed plastic containers marked with numbers 2, 4, and 5 in your recycling cart or bin, or in the "Single Stream" dumpsters at 24-hour drop-off sites. Go there especially if you have a lot of items to recycle at once. Just want to do better? **Pledge to recycle more!**

Instead of recycling your stacks of **old magazines**, donate them to **Ronald McDonald House**, or other organizations like the ones mentioned **in this article**

**Corrugated cardboard** (has a wavy inner layer) is banned from the trash in Orange County and must be recycled. Put empty, flattened cardboard in your complex's cardboard recycling dumpster if you live in an apartment, or nice and loose in your

curbside cart if you live in a house. Share the joy of sturdy moving boxes-- reach out to on FB or [BoxCycle](#) and offer yours for reuse (you can even make a little cash back).

**Computers and other electronics** such as monitors, CPU's, laptops, peripherals, televisions, copiers, toner cartridges, stereos, and CD players, can be recycled at any of the five [Waste and Recycling Centers](#). Businesses and non-profits can bring electronics to the [Orange County Landfill](#). CD's and DVD's are recyclable too, but no video or audio tapes please!

**Cell Phones** - The Compass Center for Women and Families accepts used cell phones and chargers to assist their clients. Phones are either reprogrammed and reused, or recycled, so bring them to [these designated locations](#).

**Bicycles**, out-grown, unused or even broken, can be donated to the [Recyclery](#) in Carrboro so someone with no bike can repair and then own one. You can learn mad bike repair skills there too!

Donate used but usable items such as **clothes, furniture, books, housewares and small appliances**, to [PTA Thrift Shops](#) to help area schools, or [Club Nova](#) to support the local mental health community. The PTA will also take ripped and otherwise unsalable items so long as the fabric is clean, dry and has no odor-- bag it separately and call it "Gryce" when you drop it off!

**Propane tanks, fluorescent tubes** (and "twirly" compact fluorescent lights), paint, pesticides, cleaning chemicals, fuels and solvents and anything else that says "Caution!", "Danger!", "Warning!" on the label should go to one of the County's **TWO Household Hazardous Waste collections**. One is at the Walnut Grove Church Rd. Convenience Center and the other is at the Orange County Landfill on Eubanks Rd. The Eubanks Rd. Hazardous Waste collection facility will also take wastes from businesses and non-profits that produce less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month—this means you, churches, as you clean up for summer! [Visit the website](#) for hours of operation and other details.

**Lawnmowers and other gas powered equipment** can be recycled with **Scrap Metal** at [Waste and Recycling Centers](#) so long as they have been drained of all fuels and oil! Recycle your used motor oil that has been stored in a sealed container to prevent it from getting contaminated with water at the Waste and

Recycling Center too while you are at it. Plenty of handy folks will take your old broken lawnmower and leaf-blower and try to repair it if you post them or other potentially useful items on [FreeCycle](#).

**Mattresses** are not allowed at any of the Waste and Recycling Centers, bring them to the [Orange County Landfill](#) for \$10/piece OR if they are clean, unstained and dry, the Durham/Chapel Hill [Habitat for Humanity Re-Store](#) will accept them at no charge, sanitize them, and offer them for resale. The H4H Restore also accepts many household and construction items such as furniture, appliances, fixtures, and much more to benefit their clients.

**Unopened leftover food** – The [Inter Faith Council](#) and the [Orange Congregations in Mission](#) accepts unopened canned or dry food and personal care items for their clients.