

LAFAYETTE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

LAFAYETTE PRIDE* GUIDE



**The Comprehensive Guide to Waste Knowledge,
Waste Disposal, Recycling, Reuse and Environmental
Programs for a Better Community**

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WELCOME LAFAYETTE

The purpose of this guide is to provide information to Lafayette's citizens so that they can make informed decisions that will minimize waste and advance proper waste disposal, strengthen recycling, and encourage participation in the environmental programs offered in this publication.

The ultimate goal is to have an informed, involved population in Lafayette Parish that participates in Lafayette's many environmental programs. This will result in an environmentally sound community with an enhanced quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

The information provided in the Lafayette PRIDE Guide is compiled and distributed by Lafayette Consolidated Government's (LCG) Environmental Quality Division, which is a division of LCG's Public Works Department. The reader will find two different phone numbers for the Environmental Quality Division. There are three sections, each with a different mission, within the Environmental Quality Division. Those sections, along with a brief overview of their areas of responsibility, are listed below.

***Code Enforcement Section** – Enforces local environmental ordinances. Citizens may report tall grass on private property, and litter and debris on private property. Citizens may also report problems with garbage or yard waste collection. **Call 291-8518.**

***Regulatory Compliance Section** – Enforces local, state and federal laws which provide environmental regulation for both the public and private sector. Citizens may report “hazardous” or foreign material in waterways. Educational presentations can be scheduled for student and civic groups. **Call 291-8529.**

***Recycling and Litter Section** – Coordinates and promotes participation in recycling and composting programs, as well as litter prevention programs. Conducts a “household chemical collection day” twice per year for citizens in the City of Lafayette and unincorporated Lafayette Parish. Citizens are encouraged to participate in recycling and litter programs. Educational presentations can be scheduled for student and civic groups. **Call 291-8529.**

Automated garbage service for citizens in the City of Lafayette, unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish, and the City of Carencro began in 2009. Details on the weekly collection of garbage and yard waste are on Page 4. Details on the monthly collection of residential furniture and large appliances, as well as some other large items which are called “bulky waste” are included on Page 5. The guidelines on Pages 4 and 5 are included for residents living in the City of Lafayette, in unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish, and in the City of Carencro – all of which are served under a contract with Allied Waste for weekly curbside collection of garbage and yard waste, as well as monthly curbside collection of large appliances and furniture. The other cities in Lafayette Parish – Scott, Duson, Broussard, and Youngsville – have garbage service which is separate from and differs from that of the automated garbage service provided by Allied Waste.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CITY-PARISH PRESIDENT

Dear Lafayette Parish Residents,

This is the fourth edition of the Lafayette PRIDE Guide. With this fourth edition, and with environmental awareness at an all-time high in the United States, what I have said since I became your City-Parish President in 2004 is just as relevant today: It is important for Lafayette Parish residents to have too much pride in their community to litter. Please dispose of litter and all other waste in the proper manner as outlined in this booklet. Also, please consider getting involved with any of the citizen-participation programs outlined in this PRIDE Guide.

Automated garbage service, which began in April of 2009, has proven to be an effective and sanitary system for collecting garbage. You will find details for properly using the service here in the PRIDE Guide. Lafayette's curbside recycling began in 1988, and the program is currently stronger than ever as we approach 25 years that the service has been available to residents in the city of Lafayette. Please call the Environmental Quality Division office of Lafayette Consolidated Government to find out how you can begin recycling.



The information on environmental programs has been updated with this edition of the PRIDE Guide. The booklet includes all the necessary practices and programs that individuals need to ensure that Lafayette is a cleaner, more environmentally sound community in which to reside, both for ourselves and for all the visitors who come to our wonderful city and parish.

I am pleased that household chemical collection days for citizens in the city of Lafayette and in unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish continue to be extremely popular, with collection days now scheduled twice each year at UL's Cajun Field parking lot. Details are provided here in the PRIDE Guide on how you can safely and properly dispose of unwanted chemicals from around your home.

So, please, talk to family, neighbors, and friends and ask them to keep this booklet handy for when they have questions about how to properly and responsibly dispose of anything and everything. Anyone can access the PRIDE Guide on-line by going to www.lafayettela.gov. Then go to "Quick Links," then "Make Lafayette Greener," then go to "Lafayette PRIDE Guide." Lafayette is a premiere city in which to live, but there is always room for improvement. Please use this Lafayette PRIDE Guide to do your part in making Lafayette the cleanest, most vibrant city and parish it can be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joey Durel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

L.J. "Joey" Durel, Jr.
City-Parish President

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Recycling at Home - Curbside Pick Up for City Residents

Lafayette has one of the longest-running, most efficient recycling programs in Louisiana. Recycling is now easier than ever – all recyclables go into one 64-gallon “Smart Cart.” Several things are accomplished when Lafayette’s citizens recycle: (1) less waste going into landfills, which helps to keep Lafayette’s garbage rates stable; (2) we save energy and natural resources by recycling; and (3) jobs are created in Lafayette and in other cities that are in the “recycling loop” of making new items from recyclables.

Items for recycling are picked up curbside once per week for residents in the City of Lafayette. To participate, you must live in a house, a duplex or triplex within the city, and have the “Total Environmental Charge” on your Lafayette Utilities System (LUS) monthly bill. The Recycling Foundation also provides curbside recycling service for residents in the cities of Carencro and Youngsville. If you’re eligible to participate, and you don’t have a recycling cart, please call the Recycling Foundation at 234-0066 to get a recycling cart delivered.

The Environmental Quality Division’s Recycling Section oversees the curbside recycling contract with the Recycling Foundation. If you have problems with your recycling service or if you have recycling questions, please call the Recycling Foundation at 234-0066 or the Environmental Quality Division at 291-8529.

PLASTICS – Containers with numbers 1 through 7 inside of the triangular shaped recycling symbol (see symbols below). Rinse plastics before putting in the cart. Examples: food and drink containers, bleach and detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, soft drink and water bottles.

NO PLASTIC BAGS (EVEN THOSE WITH THE “RECYCLING SYMBOL”), STYROFOAM, PLASTIC PACKAGING OR SARAN WRAP, SIX-PACK RINGS, PETROLEUM- PRODUCT BOTTLES (MOTOR OIL, BRAKE FLUID, ETC.).

PAPER – Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, mixed paper, cereal boxes, soft drink boxes, cardboard, and shredded paper (shredded paper is the only recyclable item that we please ask you to bag). Please remove newspaper from plastic delivery bag. Please flatten corrugated cardboard boxes.

NO WET OR SOILED PAPER, PIZZA OR BURGER BOXES, PHOTOS, CARBON PAPER, TAKE-OUT FOOD CONTAINERS, OR HARD-COVER BOOKS. DO NOT PUT NEWSPAPER IN PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS.

CANS – Aluminum cans, steel/tin cans, aluminum foil and pie pans. Rinse cans before putting in cart. Aluminum foil can be recycled, but please make sure it is clean and free of food debris. **Tip: Please throw away sharp-edged top once can is opened.**

NO LIDS FROM FOOD CANS.

GLASS – Food and beverage bottles and jars **ONLY** – all colors. Rinse bottles and jars. Throw away tops. Examples: beer bottles, wine bottles, pickles jars, jelly jars, baby food jars.

NO LIGHT BULBS, DRINKING GLASSES, WINDOW PANE GLASS, CERAMICS

Please place only the items listed above in your recycling cart. Please note the “No” items. Individuals sometimes place non-recyclable items into the recycling cart. Any type of plastic bag (except when it contains shredded paper) is a problem – please keep plastic bags out of the recycling cart. Additionally, the Recycling Foundation finds hypodermic needles mixed in with recyclables. This is extremely dangerous to the health and well-being of their workers. If you have a question about a particular item being recyclable, please call the Recycling Foundation at 234-0066.

REPLACEMENT CART? QUESTIONS? – CALL THE RECYCLING FOUNDATION AT 234-0066.

Plastic Recycling Symbols:





Recycling in an Apartment or Rural Area

If you live in unincorporated Lafayette or in an apartment, you do not have curbside recycling, but you can still recycle. You can drop off the same recyclables (see Page 2) that are collected with the curbside recycling program at the Recycling Foundation in Lafayette.

DROP-OFF SITE FOR ALL RECYCLABLES:

The Recycling Foundation @ 107 I-G Lane (see Page 2 for items accepted)



Recycling at Businesses

Recycling is now available for businesses in Lafayette Parish. For more information on what can be recycled at businesses and how your business can begin recycling, please call the Recycling Foundation at 234-0066.

Recycling at Schools

It's easy for schools in Lafayette Parish to recycle. For more information on what can be recycled at schools and how your school can begin recycling, please call the Recycling Foundation at 234-0066.

FOR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS PAGE, CALL 234-0066 OR 291-8529.





Curbside Collection of Automated Garbage, Yard Waste, Large Appliances and Furniture

Garbage and yard waste service will be provided on the same day, once per week.

GARBAGE – The automated garbage system requires a special truck with a robotic/mechanical arm that is specifically designed to lift and empty only the 96-gallon cart that Allied Waste provides. **THE 96-GALLON CART PROVIDED BY ALLIED WASTE IS THE ONLY GARBAGE CONTAINER THAT YOU CAN USE.** Some guidelines are below:

- All garbage must be inside of the 96-gallon cart, with the lid closed. Place nothing on the lid.
- Point arrows on the lid toward the street, and the wheels and handle toward your house.
- Place the 96-gallon cart out at the curb the night before your collection day as close to the curb as safely possible.
- Place the cart at least three feet away from mail boxes, utility poles, or anything else that could be damaged or could interfere with the mechanical arm grabbing the 96-gallon cart. Place no chemicals or hot ashes/coins in the 96-gallon cart.

YARD WASTE – Yard waste is collected “manually” by workers on the back of a truck. Some guidelines are below:

- Smaller yard waste – grass, shrub trimmings, and small branches – may be placed into a garbage can which is 20-gallons and no more than 35-gallons in size. A can of yard waste cannot exceed 50 pounds. Smaller yard waste may also be placed into a plastic bag, which when full cannot exceed 35 pounds.
- Larger branches (24” and longer) should be placed neatly in a pile, as close to the curb as safely possible, and should not be tied or bound with anything. All branches must be cut to four-foot lengths. No piece of wood can weigh over 50 pounds.
- When homeowners pay a contractor or yard service to remove a tree or prune branches, they are responsible for paying to remove the debris.

LARGE APPLIANCES AND RESIDENTIAL FURNITURE – These items will be collected once per month by Allied Waste. See details on next page, page 5.

“OTHER METALS” – such as bicycles, swing sets, lawn mowers, and barbeque pits will not be collected by Allied Waste. *Please see page 11 to locate businesses which take “other metals” for free.

**Report missed collections and complaints – as well as questions – to Allied Waste at 232-5730

***If the problem continues, call the Lafayette Consolidated Government Environmental Quality Division at 291-8518

FREE COMPOST GIVE-AWAY at the Compost Facility at 400 Dugas Road

*Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

*Saturday – 7:30 a.m. until 12 noon

**There is a limit of three (3) cubic yards per week, per person.

***Dump trucks MUST call ahead at 291-8529 to arrange pick up of larger quantities;

- larger quantities are applied toward a person’s available quantity of compost;
- larger quantities are also subject to availability of cured compost, and may not be available.

COMPOST AVAILABLE TO PRIVATE CITIZENS ONLY, NOT COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS



Once a Month Curbside Collection of “Bulky Waste”

Residents in the City of Lafayette and unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish (and the City of Carencro) are eligible for once-a-month curbside collection of bulky waste, which is residential furniture and large appliances, and some other select large items that will not fit into the 96-gallon garbage cart (see list below for items that are collected and are not collected). All residents are in a “zone” for collection of these large items, based on weeks of the month (week 1,2,3, or 4). You must know which week of the month your area is scheduled for bulky waste collection. You may call 291-8529 to discover the week your area is set for the large item collection, or follow the steps below:

- (1) Log onto www.lafayettela.gov
- (2) Click on “Quick Links”
- (3) Go to “Find Maps”
- (4) Go to “Curbside Collection Maps” and click
- (5) Double-click on “Bulky Waste”
- (6) Once the map loads, click on “Find Address” (upper left on page)
- (7) Enter your address in the box that pops up
- (8) Click “Find”
- (9) A “thumb-tack” locator will appear at your address, and it will be in either week 1, week 2, week 3, or week 4 *****The first week of the month is always determined by the first Monday of each month**
- (10) Put the item(s) out on the Sunday night before your collection week, and call Allied Waste at 232-5730 to tell them your address and what you have placed out for collection. Also, tell Allied that your week for bulky waste is week 1,2,3, or 4. The item(s) will be picked up some time that week

Below is a listing of items that are and are not collected as “bulky waste”:

YES	NO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • large appliances • residential furniture (including lawn furniture) • television sets • large boxes used for appliances, TVs • plastic slide • base for movable basketball goal • large plastic doll house • carrying case for large dog • liner for movable swimming pool (must be cut, rolled, taped and/or tied and weigh less than 50 pounds) • frame for movable swimming pool (rolled, taped and/or tied) • wading pool (rolled and taped) • area rug (one-piece construction, rolled and taped) • large ice chest • microwave oven 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • toilets • barbeque pits • bicycles • lawn mowers • swing sets • metal pole for basketball goal • fencing (wooden, plastic or metal) • wall-to-wall carpeting • construction debris (outside the blue cart) • any item that is predominately metal (large appliances are collected) • any box or bag containing debris <p style="text-align: center;">*Call Lafayette Consolidated Government’s Environmental Quality Division at 291-8529 with any questions*</p>



Oil, Automotive Batteries, Antifreeze and Gasoline

Numerous locations in Lafayette Parish accept used oil, automotive batteries and antifreeze. Most locations accept items in the chart below at no charge. See the chart for locations and quantities of material accepted. ****The Prop Shop in Lafayette at 1501 General Mouton Avenue accepts old gasoline for a fee; phone 235-5761 with questions.**

COMPANY	LOCATION	PHONE	OIL	ANTIFREEZE	BATTERIES
Advance Auto Parts	1601 Cameron Street	593-0944	5 gal.	No	Yes
Advance Auto Parts	1114 SE Evangeline Thruway	593-9054	5 gal.	No	Yes
Advance Auto Parts	3804 Moss St	593-8958	5 gal.	No	Yes
Ambassador Lube Express	4040 Ambassador Caffery	989-5258	10 gal	No	No
AutoZone	301 E. Third Street	234-5271	5 gal.	No	Yes
AutoZone	4300 Johnston Street	989-8903	5 gal	No	Yes
AutoZone	2304 W. Pinhook Road	232-9284	5 gal.	No	Yes
AutoZone	4401 N. University	886-7794	5 gal.	No	Yes
Firestone	3812 Ambassador Caffery	981-3006	5 gal.	2 gal.	Yes
Firestone	1200 W. Pinhook Road	261-0090	5 gal.	2 gal.	Yes
Firestone	4505 Johnston Street	984-0775	5 gal.	2 gal.	Yes
Hi-Lo O'Reilly	4796 Johnston Street	981-6014	5 gsl.	No	No
Hi-Lo O'Reilly	1010 N. University Avenue	237-6014	5 gal.	No	No
Moody's Lube Express	3435 W. Pinhook Road	839-8119	5 gal	No	No
Pep Boys	5639 Johnston Street	988-1022	5 gal.	5 gal.	Yes
The Prop Shop	1501 General Mouton	235-5761	5 gal.	No	No
Stan's Auto Center	106 Camille Street	981-5033	5 gal.	5 gal.	Yes
Wal-Mart	1229 NW Evangeline Thruway	237-1689	5 gal.	No	Yes
Wal-Mart	2928 W. Pinhook Road	231-1972	5 gal.	No	Yes
Wal-Mart	3142 Ambassador Caffery	989-0262	5gal.	No	Yes

USEFUL INFORMATION

- Used oil and antifreeze should not be mixed and must be kept in separate containers. For disposal of “other” automotive fluids not on the list above, call to find out if any of the companies above accept other fluids not on the list above.
- DO NOT dump automotive fluids – even small quantities – into a storm drain, into a sink or on the ground. Improperly dumping fluids may seem harmless, but is potentially harmful to both the environment and sewage treatment plants.
- It is always a good idea to call before going to drop off automotive fluids.
- Where quantities are reflected, they represent the maximum amount accepted.
- For larger quantities of oil, call FCC Environmental or Aaron Oil Company (see page 7).
- This list is not all encompassing; other locations may exist.

FOR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS PAGE, CALL 291-8529.



Large Quantities of Waste Petroleum Products

To find out about recycling or disposing of large quantities of waste motor oil, gasoline or other automotive fluids, contact the businesses below. These companies charge for disposal of chemicals.

FCC ENVIRONMENTAL

697 Highway 167 Opelousas, Louisiana 70507 1-800-960-6377 1-337-826-8009 (fax)

AARON OIL COMPANY

206 Sandra Street Berwick, Louisiana 70042 1-800-486-3105

Following is a partial list of what they will take (charges apply): Waste Oil / Oily Water / Antifreeze
Other Waste Automotive Fluids / Clean and Contaminated, Gasoline and Diesel Fuel
Some Household Hazardous Waste / Paints (price varies case-by-case)

Call for information about charges and dropping off automotive fluids or scheduling pick-ups. In most cases, it must be a large quantity of materials. Also, there may be a need to test some of the materials before they are accepted (an additional cost). It is best to allow two weeks to arrange for the disposal of some of the materials on the list above.

Paint and Other Household Chemicals

- A “**Household Chemical Collection Day**” will be scheduled twice a year (spring and fall). This event allows residents to properly dispose of most household chemicals by dropping them off at a designated site. Only residents in the City of Lafayette and in unincorporated areas of Lafayette Parish may attend. Call 291-8529 for the location and date of events.
- Liquid household hazardous waste (household chemicals) **cannot** be disposed of in your regular garbage, nor poured down the drain.
- Liquid products that cannot be put in the garbage include any type of paint; any paint solvents such as stains, mineral spirits or paint stripper; also, insecticides and pesticides and other liquid chemicals.
- **Never** dispose of liquid chemicals by pouring them down the drain or flushing them down the toilet at your home, shop, or office.

TIPS FOR DRYING LATEX PAINT

Latex paint is the only household chemical that can be disposed of in the regular garbage, but it must be dried as indicated below:

Acquire the least expensive type of cat litter possible. A two-pound bag will dry about three one-gallon cans which are each half-full.

If a gallon can is more than half full, pour some into another can to make sure you are working with a half-full, one-gallon can. The contents will expand as you add cat litter.

Pour about two inches of cat litter into the can and stir it thoroughly. You will add two inches and stir thoroughly about four times to completely absorb/dry the half-gallon of paint.

It takes one week for the paint to completely dry. Once it is dry, place the can of dried paint into your 96-gallon garbage cart.

The best way to dispose of paint is to use it all up. Buying only the amount of paint needed for a specific job reduces leftover paint. Donate excess paint to a neighbor or to a theater group if you can identify someone who can use it. Most places that take paint as donations want only unopened cans of paint. Use water-based (latex) paint as opposed to oil-based paint, if possible. Oil-based is more hazardous. Liquid hazardous waste, including paint, cannot be disposed of in the garbage, nor poured down the drain. **Latex paint can be dried and disposed of on your regular garbage collection day. Oil-based paint cannot be dried.**



Litter Reduction

Litter is a black-eye for Lafayette Parish. It's ugly. It clogs drainage. It's unsanitary. Most significantly, it makes it appear as though we don't have pride in our community. Not a good message to send to visitors and potential new businesses looking at Lafayette. There are several ways for you to help clean up Lafayette. Enforcement of the new Lafayette Parish litter ordinance began on August 4, 2006. You can report littering you witness by calling the litter hotline.

Here's how the litter ordinance works:

REPORT LITTERING YOU WITNESS

*Call the litter hotline when you witness littering. Provide the car's license plate number; a general description of the car (color, type, etc.); the time and place where you witnessed the littering; a general description of the driver or person who littered; and a description of what was thrown out of the car. The hotline number is the same as the number on the sign below – 291-7000.

*Sign a notarized affidavit attesting to what you witnessed and the person who littered will receive a ticket.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

This is hands-on, on-going direct citizen involvement that goes a long way toward cleaning Lafayette of unsightly litter. Getting involved is simple: civic, church, and scout groups can sign up to keep a stretch of road free of litter. Businesses and groups as small as three people can sign up as well. Signs designate your group's stretch of road, demonstrating concern for Lafayette's quality of life. Your participation in Adopt-a-Road sets an example for others. All the necessary supplies are provided by Lafayette Consolidated Government's Environmental Quality Division. For information on signing up for Adopt-a-Road call the Environmental Quality Division at 291-8529.

TRASH BASH

This is an annual event, held every spring, at which time civic and church groups, scout groups, and individuals turn out to clean roads and the Bayou Vermilion of unsightly, undesirable litter. In years past, as many as 200 volunteers have cleaned as much as 10 tons of debris and litter from the bayou, ditches, fields, and roadsides.

SET AN EXAMPLE – TAKE A STAND!

Please consider the 7 sources of litter, and do what you can to prevent their occurrence:

- Motorists & Boaters / Loading Docks / Pedestrians / Commercial Refuse Storage Areas (dumpsters) / Hauling Uncovered Loads / Construction & Demolition Sites
- Households (improperly contained garbage & debris)

Pick up litter whenever and wherever you can. Talk to your family and friends about the importance of keeping Lafayette litter free. Keep paper and pen in your car – record the license plate number and other details of littering incidents you witness. Then call the litter hotline and report the littering. Make plans to participate in the annual Trash Bash and consider Adopting-a-Road. A cleaner Lafayette says so much about who we are as a community.

FOR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THIS PAGE, CALL 291-8529.





The Reuse List – Donate Items that are Still Useful

Many items that we are replacing or discarding are still in good condition and can be used by someone else. Getting those items into the hands of a non-profit organization that can use them is the ultimate in recycling: You help a worthy organization, and you keep a useful item out of the landfill while it is still functional. Some organizations may pick up your donated items – call to find out. Other ways of extending an item’s useful life include giving a computer to a neighbor with young children, checking with a resale business to see if they have a need for your item, or donating used books to the Lafayette Public Library. Below is a list of items to donate, as well as local recyclers and resale shops.

ITEMS TO DONATE

Books / Computers / Construction Materials, Including Paint* / Clothing/Bedding
Toys / Furniture / Band Instruments / Working Cell Phones / Medical Equipment
Sporting Goods

*Paint should be unopened. The only place that accepts donations of unused construction material in this area is Habitat for Humanity’s “ReStore” located at 209 E. Pinhook Road (corner of Pinhook and Refinery). Call 261-1250.

WAYS TO DONATE

Shelters & Churches / Used Book Stores / Schools & Daycares / Libraries / Non-Profit Organizations / Classified Ads** / Internet Sites such as Freecycle.Org, Craigslist.Com or Kijiji.Com

**If giving away an item, the QuikQuarter will advertise it for a week for free

LOCAL RECYCLERS/RESALE SHOPS

Goodwill Industries of Acadiana / St. Joseph’s Diner / Acadiana Freecycle / Habitat for Humanity’s “ReStore” / Acadiana Outreach / Salvation Army / Stuller Place / United Way of Acadiana / Thrift Shops

**Also refer to your phone book yellow pages under “Social Service Organizations.”

COMPUTERS

Consider donating your working computers and monitors to organizations such as:

Salvation Army / Goodwill Industries of Acadiana / Boys and Girls Club of Acadiana
Big Brothers or Big Sisters of Acadiana (must have Windows 2000 or greater) / Local Churches / Safe Houses / Acadiana Outreach Center (must have Windows XP)
Sylvan Learning Center / United Way of Acadiana / Schools

*You may also check on-line with various retailers (e.g., Best Buy or Office Depot) about certain computer donation programs.

Electronics “with a chip” can be recycled at Lafayette Consolidated Government’s spring and fall **Household Chemical Collection Day.





Construction Debris

Construction debris is just as it sounds – bricks, processed wood (plywood, two-by-fours, etc.), shingles, flooring tiles, and any other waste that is generated by constructing a new building or tearing down an old one. For smaller repair jobs at your home, you can place the construction debris into your 96-gallon garbage cart. Please remember that the lid on your 96-gallon cart must be fully closed for the safety and efficiency of the automated garbage system. If any construction debris is left on the ground next to your garbage cart, Allied Waste will not collect it. The debris must be in the 96-gallon cart to have it collected. Allied Waste can assist you with disposal of construction debris removal; they can be reached at 232-5730.

If you are paying a contractor to do construction or demolition work, the most convenient way to deal with the waste is to tell contractors to include the cost of removing and properly disposing of any waste in their total price.

For a larger construction job you are doing yourself, you may need to rent a construction dumpster from one of the waste companies that have them available. **Allied Waste does rent construction dumpsters, and they can be reached at 232-5730. Additionally, other companies rent construction dumpsters; please check the yellow page heading titled “Garbage & Rubbish Removal” in all the available phone books in Lafayette.**

You may also bring construction debris to local construction and demolition landfills listed below. These landfills are permitted and regulated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and they have very strict guidelines as to what they can and cannot accept from the public. Nothing but construction and demolition (C&D) debris can be brought to a C&D landfill. Anything other than construction and demolition material may be cause for the C&D sites below to not allow someone to dump his or her material. There is a charge to dump at the C&D landfills. The sites that accept construction debris for a fee are listed below:

COMPANY	LOCATION	PHONE
Angco, Inc	4042 NE Evangeline Thruway	896-0302
Greenpoint, Inc	1469-A Old Spanish Highway Cade, LA	560-5433
Scott Construction Dump	210 Gene Road	232-8392

*Please call ahead before going to any of the sites listed above.

CLEANING OUT THE GARAGE?

Occasionally you may have a large cleanup project that would exceed the capacity of your garbage cart. If you do not have the ability to remove the debris yourself, **please contact the Environmental Quality Division at 291-8529** for information on businesses that can provide both the removal and disposal of your unwanted material. Fees apply to these disposal options.

TIPS

- Donate items that are still in usable condition (see page 9).
- Put what you can each week into your 96-gallon cart; just make sure the lid is closed.



Scrap Metal, Tires, Propane Containers and Cooking Oil

SCRAP METAL

Scrap metal such as bicycles, swing sets and lawnmowers can be dropped off at the locations below. Lawnmowers must have all motor oil drained and the gas tank and tires must be removed before mowers can be dropped off. Smaller appliances such as microwaves, blenders, and toasters cannot be recycled – dispose of them with your garbage. Some of the companies below pay for certain scrap metal. Please call ahead.

COMPANY	LOCATION	PHONE
**Public Works South District Yard	1017 Fortune Road	291-7072
Southern Scrap Recycling	4802 Cameron Street	233-1038
D & L Recycling	6212 Cameron Street	233-6063
Louisiana Scrap Metal	2200 Cameron Street	233-0112

*Please call ahead before going to any of the sites listed above.

**The Public Works South District Yard is strictly a free drop-off site.

WASTE TIRES

Your garbage hauler will not pick up tires. Tires were banned from landfills in 1992, which is why your garbage hauler will not pick them up at your residence. There are two drop off locations to properly dispose of tires. There is no charge at either site.

COLT INC

1223 Delhomme Avenue Scott, Louisiana 235-0353 Monday – Friday 8 am to 5 pm

LCG SOUTH DISTRICT PUBLIC WORKS YARD

1017 Fortune Road Youngsville, Louisiana Monday – Friday 7 am to 3 pm

- **There is a limit of five (5) tires per day, per vehicle at both sites.** Most tires can be disposed of at no charge, but for tires larger than 18-wheeler tires, please call COLT, Inc. at 232-5730.
- Tires still on the rim are acceptable.
- You will need your driver's license and vehicle license plate number to verify residency in Louisiana, and you must sign a log at each of the two offices that accept tires.
- Most tires such as car, truck, motorcycle, and 18-wheeler tires can be disposed of for free; however, please call COLT, INC. at 235-0353 about any unusual or "specialty tires."

PROPANE CONTAINERS

Look in your telephone directory's yellow pages under "Gas-Propane" for the nearest propane retailer. Please call regarding acceptance of USED PROPANE CYLINDERS and a possible disposal fee.

COOKING OIL

Cooking oil should not be disposed of in your garbage, nor should it be poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet. Pouring oil onto the ground is also harmful to the environment. The Environmental Quality office constantly maintains an updated list of places that will accept cooking oil. Fees may apply. Please call 291-8529.



Environmental Code Enforcement, Stormwater and Illicit Discharge

ENVIRONMENTAL CODE ENFORCEMENT

To help provide a better environment and quality of life for all citizens of Lafayette Parish, Lafayette Consolidated Government has instituted local ordinances concerning such issues as those listed below:

- **Tall Grass (exceeding 12 inches)**
- **Litter, Trash and Debris on property**
- **Overflowing and unsanitary commercial dumpsters**
- **Problems with garbage, yard waste, and bulky waste collection**
- **Overgrown property containing “noxious” plant growth**
- **Rodent infestation**
- **Other public nuisances**

To find out more information or to report a potential violation, please contact the Environmental Quality Division Code Enforcement Section at 291-8518. Thank you for your assistance in keeping Lafayette a clean and beautiful place to live!

“STORMWATER” DEFINED

Stormwater is rain. Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater runoff from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into stormwater systems that lead directly to local waterways including the Vermilion River.

The stormwater system is separate from the sewage system. All the pipes and drains inside buildings are connected to a “sanitary sewer,” or to a septic tank. The sewer system takes wastewater to a treatment facility before being discharged into the Vermilion River. Septic tanks discharge treated wastewater over irrigated land or into ditches.

All drainage channels – ditches, coulees, and storm drains – make up the “stormwater system,” which is also referred to as our “watershed.” This system channels stormwater to our subsurface ground water, bayous, rivers, wetlands, and ultimately the Gulf of Mexico. Anything entering our stormwater system flows untreated into the waterways we use for recreation, including boating, fishing, swimming, and in some areas as a drinking water source.

POTENTIAL STORMWATER POLLUTION SOURCES:

- Grass, leaves, dirt, and debris blown into storm drains
- Chemical spills or improperly disposed of hazardous wastes such as gasoline and motor oil dumped into storm drains or onto the ground
- Improperly treated sewage flowing into a ditch or coulee
- Sediment-laden stormwater flowing from an active construction site
- Suspicious liquids flowing into a ditch, coulee or bayou from an outfall pipe
- Pet waste (droppings on the ground)

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WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME TO PROTECT WATER QUALITY

- Don't over-water your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. Use these chemicals in the recommended amounts and only when necessary. Use organic mulch or alternative pest control methods whenever possible.
- Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into the storm drains or waterways. Lafayette city and unincorporated parish have curbside yard waste pick up which is turned into a desirable, totally useful, nutrient-rich soil additive. Come pick up the end product, compost, free of charge.
- Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.
- Use native Louisiana plants – with a heartier, more absorbent root system – to create a rain garden in your yard to absorb rainfall runoff and naturally filter pollutants. Visit the website http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rain_garden for more information. Examples of native plants are the Louisiana Blue Iris, Indian Blanket, Black-Eyed Susan, Cardinal Flower, Claspng Coneflower and Rain Lily, just to name a few (Google "Louisiana native plants").
- Use a commercial car wash that treats or recycles the wastewater, or wash your car on your lawn so the water infiltrates into the ground.
- Repair leaks on your car and dispose of used automotive fluids and batteries at designated drop off or recycling locations.
- When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

ILLICIT DISCHARGE

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines **Illicit Discharge** as any flow into the storm drain system (storm drains, ditches, coulees) that is not composed entirely of rainwater and is not authorized by a permit. **Please DO NOT dump or pour anything into the storm drain; it does NOT get routed to a sewer plant for treatment. Chemicals and debris in the storm drain pollutes our waterways.**

LAFAYETTE PARISH STORMWATER ORDINANCE

Please be advised that the Environmental Quality Division of Lafayette Consolidated Government has adopted an **Illicit Discharge and Construction Runoff Stormwater Ordinance**. The ordinance is currently being enforced to the maximum extent practicable, as required by state and federal law, which prohibits chemicals and debris from entering the storm water drainage system. The purpose of the ordinance is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Lafayette Parish through regulating what is entering the storm drainage system.

IF YOU OBSERVE ANY ILLICIT DISCHARGE ACTIVITIES AND WOULD LIKE TO REPORT THEM PLEASE CONTACT THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SECTION AT 291-8529.



Mold, Lead and Asbestos

MOLD

Mold and mildew are types of fungi that grow on damp surfaces. Toxic mold produces mycotoxins, sometimes referred to as “black mold.” All mold that is black, however, is not necessarily toxic. Property owners are responsible for the costs of mold testing and clean up. There are no state agencies in Louisiana that test or clean up mold. Furthermore, there are no regulations requiring mold testing or clean up in private residences, but there are regulations or licensing requirements for companies that professionally clean up or eliminate mold. **For more information call the “Mold Hotline” at the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals at 1-888-293-7020.**

LEAD

Many houses and apartments built before 1978 have paint that contains lead (called lead-based paint). Lead from paint chips, and dust can pose serious health hazards if not handled properly.

Consider the following:

- If you rent, notify your landlord of peeling or chipping paint, and clean up any paint chips immediately.
- Clean painted surfaces and floors weekly using warm water and a cleaner made specifically for lead; thoroughly rinse sponges and mop heads after cleanings.
- Wash children’s hands often, especially before eating or bedtime.
- Repair damaged painted surfaces and plant grass to cover soil with high lead levels. These actions are not permanent solutions and will need ongoing attention.
- To permanently remove lead hazards, hire a certified lead “abatement” contractor who can remove, seal, or enclose lead-based painted surfaces. Just painting over the hazard with regular paint is not enough.
- Always hire a person with special training for correcting lead problems, contact National Lead Information Center (NLIC) 1-800-424-LEAD.
- For more details, go onto this website – epa.gov/lead/ – or call 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

ASBESTOS

Asbestos was commonly used in construction between 1920 and 1978 in a variety of applications; for example, floor tiles; pipe insulation; roofing material; insulated wiring; fuse box liners; ceiling tiles and “sprayed-on” ceilings; wall and ceiling joint compounds; and insulation on boilers, water-heaters and furnaces. Although asbestos from a residential project is not regulated if performed by a homeowner, certain procedures should be followed to ensure the safety of the home’s occupants and to ensure that no harm is done to the environment. If a contractor is hired for a private residential job, the contractor must follow regulations set forth by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) for removal procedures and subsequent disposal of waste asbestos.

If you are uncertain about whether asbestos is in your home, it is best to contract an inspector who is accredited by the LDEQ to make that determination. A listing of accredited inspectors is available at the following LDEQ web-address: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2883/Default.aspx>. If an accredited inspector deems removal to be warranted, it is best to hire an asbestos contractor who is licensed with the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors (LSLBC) to remove and dispose of asbestos-containing construction material. A complete listing of LSLBC-licensed contractors is available at the web-address above. It is the homeowner’s responsibility to be familiar with asbestos regulations (refer to the web-address above). Call the LDEQ “Asbestos Information Hotline” at 225-219-3181 with any questions.

Commercial asbestos is regulated by LDEQ regulations. It should be removed and properly disposed of only by licensed asbestos contractors, closely adhering to LDEQ regulations. When hiring a private contractor for a commercial job, a complete list of LSLBC-licensed contractors is available at the web-address above.



Home Sewer Systems

SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Private septic systems are designed to receive and “decompose,” or treat, wastewater discharged from drains, washing machines, and toilets. Properly designed and installed systems will efficiently treat domestic wastewater and sewage, and return good quality water to our waterways. When operating incorrectly, however, private septic systems can allow pollutants to enter the storm drain system and ultimately our watershed.

If you have recently purchased your house and do not have information on your septic system, you will need to locate your tank before you can inspect, clean and properly maintain it. Please contact the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) for information concerning your system at 262-5616. DHH provides information to the public on which companies are licensed to work on your individual home sewer system.

SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE – It is prudent for a homeowner to inspect the septic system with a licensed septic installer to determine whether it needs pumping, and establish an appropriate interval for routine inspection and cleaning. As a rule, septic tanks should be pumped out at least every three years. In situations involving heavy use or small capacity tanks, more frequent pumping may be necessary. Routine yearly inspection of the tank and screens by the homeowner or a trusted serviceman is advisable to protect the life of the system. A screen on the septic tank outlet prevents scum and sludge from escaping or leaving the septic tank. It is important that these screens be inspected – and cleaned when necessary – each time the tank is pumped.

WARNING SIGNS OF A SYSTEM IN DANGER OF FAILURE:

- Poor drainage of waste pipes from house.
- Sludge or scum layers approaching the vicinity of the outlet pipe, which is determined by removing the tank cover and inspecting the contents of the tank.
- Broken or deteriorated inlet or outlet screens.
- Leakage of raw or semi-decomposed sewage on the ground in the vicinity of the septic tank.

SEPTIC SYSTEM MAINTENANCE TIPS

- Avoid discharge of excess amounts of water into the system to prevent overburdening it. Check with your plumber and consider water conservation measures such as installing water-saving showerheads.
- Too much organic material such as food scraps placed into the septic system can overburden it.
- Place as little paper in the system as possible.
- Keep chemicals out of the septic system as they overburden it and can cause pollution when wastewater is discharged.

IF YOU NOTICE A MALFUNCTIONING SYSTEM PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT’S REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SECTION AT 291-8529, OR THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS AT 262-5616.



Rechargeable Batteries and Cell Phones*

Numerous locations around town accept rechargeable batteries for recycling (examples: batteries for cell phones, power tools and wireless phones). See the listing below for locations and contact information. Call ahead to find out what types of batteries they accept. Single-use household batteries cannot be recycled.

COMPANY	LOCATION	PHONE
AT&T Wireless*	3807 Ambassador Caffery	988-1891
AT&T Wireless*	2429 W. Congress Street	266-9978
AT&T Wireless*	3564 W. Pinhook Road	837-5566
Best Buy*	5627 Johnston Street	216-0501
Grainger	1508 Eraste Landry Road	237-0507
Fastenal	4205 Cameron Street	232-3665
Fastenal	Highway 90 E. Broussard	839-5553
Home Depot	3721 Ambassador Caffery	989-0911
Home Depot	1700 NE Evangeline Thruway (In Receiving)	289-1394
Home Depot	213 Saint Nazaire Road	839-7307
Lowe's	3726 Ambassador Caffery	981-3434
Lowe's	120 E. Gloria Switch Road	291-2601
Office Depot	4670 Johnston Street	988-6503
Office Depot	1879 W. Pinhook Road	234-9900
RadioShack	5725 Johnston Street	984-9776
RadioShack	3802-A Johnston Street	981-4346
RadioShack	200 Production Drive	233-1104
RadioShack	1215 NW Evangeline Thruway	234-7680
Sears Repair Services	5550 Cameron Street	233-0108
Verizon Wireless*	5725 Johnston Street	988-4506
Verizon Wireless*	3621 Ambassador Caffery	988-1150
Target	4313 Ambassador Caffery (Customer Service)	406-2536
Target	3225 Louisiana Ave	769-7515

See page 6 - "Oil, Automotive Batteries, Antifreeze and Gasoline" for car battery disposal.

*These locations accept both rechargeable batteries and cell phones.



Environmental Outreach & Education

Call the Environmental Quality Division to schedule anything below, 291-8529.

WHAT YOU CAN DO – THE “HANDS-ON” APPROACH

- **Adopt-A-Road** – Any type of group can select a stretch of road, anywhere within Lafayette Parish, and keep it litter free by cleaning it several times a year. All supplies are provided to accomplish your mission of transforming Lafayette Parish into a cleaner community. Over thirty groups have signed up and Lafayette Parish is cleaner for their efforts.
- **Storm Drain Marking Program** – Any type of group can label storm drain catch basins, which alerts the public not to dump any waste into the drains. The Environmental Quality Division supplies all the necessary material to affix the label “No Dumping – Drains to Bayou” to storm drains. Hundreds of storm drains have been marked, but many more await your group as you do your part to keep Lafayette Parish’s waterways clean.
- **Annual Trash Bash** – Every spring, hundreds of volunteers – groups of all sorts and individuals – head out to some of the more littered roads and waterways in Lafayette Parish to pick up litter. Call and sign up today and take pride in Lafayette.
- **Report Littering** – Call the litter hotline at 291-7000 and report littering you witness. (See page 8 for details.)

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

The Environmental Quality Division offers environmental presentations for students of most ages in the classroom, as well as civic, scout or church groups. Any organization desiring to increase their knowledge and understanding of the topics listed below should call to schedule a presentation:

- Recycling
- Litter Reduction
- Local Water Quality and Pollution Prevention

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

- **Recycling Foundation** – See how the recycling industry truly operates. Learn the facts about where your milk jugs, beer bottles and soup cans go once they leave Lafayette to be remade into another product. Fine tune and upgrade your recycling knowledge by scheduling a tour of the facility.
- **Compost Facility** – Observe how tree branches, grass clippings and other green waste are turned into a desirable, totally useful, nutrient-rich soil additive instead of going into a landfill and just sitting there taking up valuable landfill space. Composting results in a cost savings for Lafayette’s residents on their garbage bills... then they benefit twice by coming to get the end product, compost, free of charge. Waste reduction through composting is good for your wallet and for the environment. It’s environmental enhancement the natural way. Learn more by signing up for a tour of the facility at 400 Dugas Road.
- **Closed Landfill** – The N. Dugas Landfill in north Lafayette Parish operated from 1980 until 1988. Now it’s closed and is being restored to a natural Cajun prairie using native grasses, plants and trees. See the natural beauty and learn how something that was once a waste site is now an asset to the Lafayette community.
- **Rain Garden** – Observe how a “planted depression” of native plants can filter pollutants from stormwater runoff along impervious areas such as parking lots, roadways, and rooftops before the water enters our watershed (storm drains, ditches, coulees, bayous). Learn how rain gardens are environmentally beneficial, and how you can construct your very own.

OTHER ENVIRONMENTALLY BENEFICIAL PROGRAMS SUCH AS MODELS FOR RAIN GARDENS, CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PROGRAMS AND RAIN BARRELS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE LAFAYETTE PARISH BAYOU VERMILION DISTRICT AT 237-8360.

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Curbside recycling is available to residents in the city of Lafayette. If you live in the city and do not have the 64-gallon "smart cart," please call the Recycling Foundation at 234-0066 to get a cart delivered. It's simple. Everything goes in the one cart. Bring it to the street when it's your collection day, and voila, you've made a valuable "environmental deposit."

The mission of the PRIDE Guide is to have an informed, involved population in Lafayette Parish that participates in the numerous environmental programs offered by Lafayette Consolidated Government's (LCG) Environmental Quality Division. The goal is an environmentally-sound community, which creates an enhanced quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

No disposal problem is too large or too small. If you have questions about the proper disposal of an item, or questions about anything addressed in this guide, please call LCG's Environmental Quality Division at 291-8529.



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING ANY TOPIC IN THIS PRIDE GUIDE, PLEASE CALL THE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY DIVISION AT 291-8529 OR VISIT LAFAYETTELA.GOV

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