

Recycling and trash-disposal resources in Haines, Alaska (prepared June 2009)

A wide variety of Haines businesses and organizations (government and non-profit) are available to help residents and visitors get rid of stuff they no longer want around. The information below was current as of June 1, 2009. For more up-to-date information, or for information about items not listed here, call one of the resources before making your first deposit.

Haines Friends of Recycling (HFR)
2.5 Mile Small Tracts Road
PO Box 822
Haines AK 99827
314.0133, 766.3721, 766.2185
www.hainesrecycle.com

HFR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that relies on annual memberships and fees, volunteers, and local organizations such as Haines Borough and the Alaska Marine Lines for support. All materials collected are recycled; HFR currently recycles 1,000 pounds of material every day. In addition to operating a recycle center, it offers recycling presentations and workshops, and a recyclables pickup service for households without transportation.

Hours of operation:

24 hours a day, 7 days a week for most recyclables (see **Note 1**)
9-12 Th and F, 10-2 Sat for some items (see **Note 2**)
One day each year for electronic waste (see **Note 3**)

Materials ACCEPTED: See Notes 1, 2 and 3

Materials NOT ACCEPTED: household trash; plastics #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7

Costs/fees:

- Per-use fee for non-members, all materials (donation)
- Annual fee for members (fee = annual donation)

Note 1: Open 24/7 for:

- aluminum cans (in sealed bags); other metals (clean and flattened tin cans without paper labels, aluminum foil, pet food cans, pie plates);
- white paper and unopened junk mail
- shredded white paper (in sealed bags)
- low-grade paper (catalogs, magazines, construction paper, six-pack/cases, cereal boxes, dog/cat food bags, yellow clasp envelopes, junk mail (not white), manila folders, colored paper)

Note 2: Open Th & Fri 9-12, and Sat 10-2, for:

- cardboard
- #1 and #2 plastics
- copper
- brass
- electric wire
- printer and copier cartridges
- cell phones
- fluorescent tubes

Note 3: Haines Friends of Recycling also holds an electronic-waste collection day annually, usually in June, at its Recycling Center, Mile 2.5 Small Tracts Road. Check news media and local bulletin boards for materials to be collected and other information. Fee charged.

Acme Transfer Co.
987 Haines Highway (behind Bigfoot Auto Service)
766.3826

Hours of operation:

10-2, M and F
9-4, Sat
Closed Tue, W, Th, Sun

Materials ACCEPTED (fee required except as noted):

- With prior approval (see **Note**): Contaminated soil or debris, friable asbestos, industrial process waste, liquid petroleum or chemicals, hazardous waste, animal carcasses
- Car and light-truck tires and rims, automotive batteries, washers, dryers, heaters, furniture and all items requiring compaction or special handling (different fees apply)
- Mattresses, Styrofoam, foam, other waste requiring special handling
- Refrigerators, freezers, other items with refrigerant
- Antifreeze, oil, bicycles, computing equipment, TVs, other electronic equipment
- Household trash
- Paper, cardboard and plastic
- Complete vehicles and related equipment
- Recyclable glass (clean), aluminum (NO FEE)

Note: The main source of the garbage Acme disposes of is municipal solid waste (household garbage). All contaminated soil or debris, friable asbestos, industrial process waste, liquid petroleum or chemicals, hazardous waste or animal carcasses require not only prior approval but also special permits from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and/or other agencies.

Haines Sanitation Inc. (dba Community Waste Solutions)
227 West Fair Drive
and
end of FAA Road (landfill site)
766.2736 (West Fair Drive), 766.3245 (FAA Road)

Hours of operation:

West Fair Drive: 9-5, M-F
FAA Road: 8-3, M-F; 11-3, Sat.

Materials ACCEPTED (fee required):

- Household trash
- Consumer electronics
- Large steel/metal objects (see **Note 1**)
- Printer and copier cartridges
- Rubber tires, other rubber products
- Wood products

Materials ACCEPTED (no fee):

- Glass products
- Tin and aluminum cans
- Paper and cardboard products
- Plastics (rinsed clean)

Materials NOT ACCEPTED:

- Batteries
- Light bulbs

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Haines Sanitation Inc. (continued)

Materials NOT ACCEPTED (continued)

- Hazardous waste (paints, oils, poisons, chemicals, medical instruments)
- Aerosol cans
- Fire extinguishers
- Propane tanks
- Call for additional information

Note 1: Large metal and steel objects (vehicles and refrigerators, for example) must be drained of all fluids before being taken to landfill.

Note 2: Haines Sanitation also offers curbside pickup at your home or business. Contact 766.2736 for additional information.

Other Recycling and Trash Disposal Resources in Haines, Alaska

Bigfoot Auto Service

987 Haines Highway
Open 8-6, M-F
766.2459

- **Used motor oil, cooking oil** (fee charged only for non-customers)
- **Auto and equipment batteries** (lead-acid type) (no charge)
- **Vehicle tires** (when new tires are purchased – fee charged)

Freddie's Auto & Truck Repair

225 N. 2nd Ave.
Open 8-5, M-F; 8-Noon, Sat
766-3807

- **Used motor oil, transmission fluid, gear lube, some solvents** (clean only; fee may be charged)

Haines Borough

103 Third Avenue South
Open 9-5, M-F
766.2231, ext. 31

- **Hazardous waste collection**, usually one day annually in July. Residents may bring household (no business) waste such as poisons, disinfectants, solvents, herbicides, used oil, flammable liquids (gasoline, diesel fuel, Blazo, etc.), paint products, paint thinner, furniture stripper, antifreeze, acids, cleaners, pesticides, transmission fluid, wood preservatives, floor wax, printing and photographic chemicals, NiCad and lithium batteries, auto batteries and mercury. No fee charged.
- **NOT ELIGIBLE:** explosives, blasting caps and gunpowder, reactives such as sodium metal, infectious wastes, radioactive wastes, and any other item not mentioned in the eligibility list above.
- Check news media and bulletin boards for scheduling and location.

Haines Borough Public Library

111 Third Avenue South
Open hours vary
766.2545

- **Aluminum-can collection bins** in lower parking lot (between library and Mountain Market). Recycling benefits Friends of the Library.

Haines Chamber of Commerce

219 Main Street, Suite 14
Open 9-5, M-F
766.2202

- **Community Pride Week:** Since the 1990s, various local organizations have organized an annual Community Pride Week, usually held in May. Part competition, park community-service project, part pageant, the event invites local residents and groups to collect trash in public areas (along roads and streams, in parks and vacant lots, etc.) while earning awards and competing for prizes. A King and Queen of Trash are also crowned. A special junk-vehicle disposal occurs during this period as well. The event is promoted in local media. For further information, contact the Haines Chamber of Commerce.

Haines Home Building Supply

1 Mile Haines Highway
Open 8-5:30 M-F; 9-5 Sat; 10-2 Sun
766.2595

- **Ink and copier cartridges, cellphones** left here are picked up by Haines Friends of Recycling.

Haisler Hardware and Supply

209 Main Street
Open 9-5, M-Sat
766.2591

- **Ink and copier cartridges, cellphones** left here are picked up by Haines Friends of Recycling.

Howsers IGA Supermarket

229 Main Street
Open 8-8, M-Sat; 10-7, Sun
766.2040

- **Ink and copier cartridges, cellphones** left here are picked up by Haines Friends of Recycling.

Radio Shack

715 Main Street
Open 9-6, M-F; 10-5, Sat
766.2337

- **Household batteries**

Salvation Army

5th and Union Streets (Thrift Shop in rear)
Open 1-5, Th, F; 11-5, Sat
766.2470

- **Clean, re-usable clothing, miscellaneous household items** in good working order (no furniture). Please bring items to Thrift Shop only when it is open; items left outside may be damaged by weather.

SEARHC Pharmacy

131 1st Street South
Open 8:30-5 (closed 1-2 pm), M-F
766.6350

- **Offers advice & informational literature on disposal of medications** (does not accept medications themselves)

Your own kitchen and garden

Open 24-7; hours may vary

- **Composting** recycles discarded organic matter (e.g., table scraps, leaves, flowers, weeds, sawdust, coffee grounds, etc.) into a soil conditioner that contributes to healthy plant growth. For more information, check out *The Gardener's Guide to Composting*, by Stu Campbell; *Worms Eat My Garbage*, by Mary Appelhof; and this Rutgers University website: njaes.rutgers.edu/pubs/publication.asp?pid=FS811.

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