### Resources

Here, you'll discover resources for items that we are unable to accept at our facility. We regularly update this page as we identify new resources to assist you, so we encourage you to revisit frequently for the latest information.

#### **Electronic Waste**

While we are unable to accept electronics (e-waste) at our facility currently, we are committed to helping you dispose of your old electronics responsibly. Our plan is to host at least one event annually, with hopes of scheduling one in the spring and another in the fall. Event details will be posted on our website, shared through our social media channels, and included in utility bills.



If you can't wait until our next event, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) offers a list of convenient recycling resources on their website. We recommend contacting the recyclers listed, as some may have associated fees.

https://www.deq.ok.gov/land-protection-division/recycling/computer-equipment-recycling/recycling-electronic-waste/

#### Putrescible, Bulky, and Non-Hazardous Waste

These items fall under the category of regular solid waste, and non-bulky items can be disposed of in your regular trash. For bulky items, we recommend bringing them to the Transfer Station. If you have any inquiries about your bulky waste or require information regarding fees for utilizing the transfer station, please feel free to reach out to the Sanitation Division at (405) 329-1023.

Please be aware that refrigerators and freezers must be certified as freon-free and tagged before they can be accepted.

**Biomedical Waste and Pharmaceuticals** (except home-generated sharps in approved sealed containers)

Medical supplies (dressings, tape, etc.) containing blood or body fluids should be placed in a plastic waste bag and sealed, then placed in a second plastic bag and sealed. Secured infectious waste bags may be disposed of with other household trash. **Do not** put unsecured infectious waste items with other household trash.

You have options for the proper disposal of prescription medications. You can take them to the Norman Police Department or the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department. Additionally, local pharmacies like Walgreens and CVS may provide disposal services.

### **Ammunition/Explosives**

Please contact the non-emergency number for the Norman Police Department at (405) 321-1444.

### Motor Oil, Oil Filters, Antifreeze, and Cooking Oil

We are delighted to offer a self-serve area right here at the Complex, where Norman residents can conveniently and responsibly dispose of motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, and cooking oil at no cost. This self-serve area can be found behind the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, under the blue carport. Simply drive through the gate of the Complex, take the second left, and there you'll find it. No appointment is needed, you can pull up and pour your items into the designated tanks. We even provide poly carts for your trash disposal.

We kindly request that you help us maintain this area by cleaning up after yourself and refraining from leaving containers, whether full or empty, on the ground or placing them in the oil filter bin. If you happen to find a tank full, please don't hesitate to notify us by calling the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at (405) 366-5463. If this is the case, we recommend returning at a later time to dispose of your items. Your cooperation in keeping the area clean and efficient is greatly appreciated.



Please be aware that this area is monitored, so remember to bring your City of Norman Utility bill for proof of residency when you visit.

#### **Tires**

Once again, we're delighted to offer a self-serve area right here at the Complex, providing a convenient and responsible way for Norman residents to dispose of tires. This self-serve area is located behind the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. As you drive through the Complex gate and take the second left, you'll find the tire disposal area approximately halfway down.

We can accept tires of all sizes, even those with rims, except for solid tires, which are solid rubber all the way through. To ensure efficient use of this area, we kindly ask that you limit the number of tires you dispose of at one time to fewer than ten.

Please be aware that this area is monitored, so remember to bring your City of Norman Utility bill for proof of residency when you visit.

## **Smoke Detectors/Alarms**

While the law permits these items to be placed in regular trash, it is important to note that they can contain small amounts of radioactive materials. For proper disposal, it's recommended to send them back to the manufacturer. You can find a list of resources available through the US Postal Service online to assist with this process.

https://about.usps.com/postal-bulletin/2012/pb22334/html/cover\_025.htm

# **Swollen/Damaged Lithium Batteries**

Currently, we are unable to accept swollen or damaged lithium batteries due to the potential risk of explosion and fire. If you have such batteries for disposal, we recommend contacting Batteries + Bulbs at 2401 West Main Street, reachable at (405) 455-7587. We advise giving them a call in advance, as there may be a small fee associated with the disposal service.