



Altus Air Force Base: A Commitment to a Cleaner Future

At Altus Air Force Base, our mission readiness is tied to the health of our environment. We are dedicated to leading the way in pollution prevention and responsible waste management. This guide is your resource for joining the effort and making a positive impact, right here at Altus.

Your Central Hub: The Recycling Center (Bldg. 400)

The heart of our recycling and reuse operations is the Recycling Center in Building 400 on Ordnance Road. This facility is the primary destination for a wide range of materials. For your convenience, a 24/7 Drop-Off Site is located outside the main building, allowing you to recycle anytime.

What to bring to the Recycling Center:

Material - Accepted Items

Paper & Cardboard - All types, including office paper, newspapers, magazines, and flattened cardboard boxes.

Plastics & Cans - Plastics #1 and #2, as well as aluminum and tin cans.

Scrap Metal - General scrap metal, including iron, steel, and copper. Use the large roll-off dumpsters.

Bulk Items - Large, unwanted items like old furniture should be brought directly to the designated roll-off dumpsters.

Printer Cartridges - Both laser and ink jet toner cartridges.

Batteries - Rechargeable batteries.

The Recycling Center is staffed Monday through Friday, from 0700 to 1600.

Community Outreach & Education

Our environmental commitment extends beyond the base gates. We believe in the power of education to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards. You can find our team actively participating in community events, including:

- **STEM Events & The Altus AFB Air Show:** We engage with the public, showcasing how environmental responsibility is integral to the Air Force mission.
- **Base Library Partnership:** We collaborate with the base library to provide fun and informative sessions for children, teaching them the "how" and "why" of recycling.



Give It a Second Life: Reuse Programs at Altus

Before you throw something away, consider if it can be reused. Altus AFB has several excellent programs designed to give items a second chance and reduce our overall waste.

Program/Facility	What It's For	Location/Contact
Recycling Center Reuse	Drop off serviceable wooden pallets. You can also pick up a limited supply of used moving boxes in	Building 400
Thrift Shop & Airman's Attic	Donate or find gently used clothing and household goods. Perfect for finding a bargain or helping out	Check base directory for locations.
DLA Disposition Services	Processes good, usable government furniture, office equipment, and electronics for reuse within	Contact your unit property custodian.

A special note for residents of Altus AFB Homes: While curbside recycling is not currently offered, we strongly encourage all residents to use the convenient 24/7 drop-off location at the Recycling Center.

Specialized Recycling: Expended Ammunition (ESACCS)

As part of our commitment to resource management, Altus AFB operates a robust program for recycling Expended Small Arms Cartridge Casings (ESACCS). All spent brass casings are collected from training and qualification events. These materials are processed as a valuable scrap metal, generating revenue that directly supports base MWR (Morale, Welfare, and Recreation) programs. This turns a waste product from a core military task into a direct benefit for our service members.

Simple Actions for a Big Impact

Every member of Team Altus can contribute to our environmental goals through small, daily actions.

- Go Digital: Use e-mail instead of paper memos whenever possible.
- Print Smart: Set printers to default to double-sided (duplex) printing.
- Recycle Toners: Always recycle your used printer cartridges at the Recycling Center.
- Order Wisely: Avoid stockpiling materials and order only what you need to reduce waste.

Key Contact for Recycling Questions

Have a question about recycling or pollution prevention? Our program manager is here to help.

Topic	Contact	Phone Number
General Recycling	Qualified Recycling Program Manager, Danika Toole - danika.toole@us.af.mil	(580) 481-6221