



# Recycle right

At the Rainier and Rochester drop boxes

## Which plastics can I recycle?

In Thurston County, plastic is recyclable if it is **bottle** or **jug** shaped (has a neck smaller than its base), or is a **dairy tub**. Plastic buckets and rigid plant pots are also accepted. All other plastic containers go in the trash.

Most plastic containers have a number inside the recycle symbol at the bottom. This number tells you what type of plastic was used to make the item. All numbers are recyclable in Thurston County, as long as the container is a **bottle, jug, dairy tub, bucket, or rigid plant pot**.

**Recycle plastics and metals in the same drop box. All containers must be loose - not in bags or boxes.**

### Plastic containers & metal



Aluminum & tin cans



Metal pots & pans



Plastic dairy tubs



Plastic buckets & rigid plant pots



Plastic bottles & jugs  
(any container with a neck smaller than the base)

### ✗ The drop boxes do NOT accept these items:

- No plastic bags or plastic film.
- No lids or caps.
- No plastic take-out containers or frozen food trays. This includes the clear trays, tubs, and clamshell containers that hold take-out food, deli items, and produce.
- No containers that held hazardous wastes.

## Tips to prevent contamination

- **Make sure your items are recyclable.**

Read the signs carefully and ask the on-site attendant if you have any questions. Use this flyer when preparing your recyclables.

- **Remove lids and rinse containers.**

Remove all lids and caps from containers. Tin can lids must be attached to the can for recycling. Loose lids go in the trash. Rinse off any remaining food. It's okay to leave labels on.

- **Put your items in the bins loose - NOT IN BAGS OR BOXES.**

## Sort cardboard, mixed paper, and glass separately.

### Corrugated cardboard



### Mixed paper



### Glass bottles & jars



## ✗ The drop boxes do NOT accept these items:

- No light bulbs, glassware, ceramic, Pyrex, mirrors, or window glass - bottles and jars **only**.
- No pizza boxes or food-soiled paper.
- No lids or caps.
- No polystyrene foam (often called Styrofoam®). You can drop off molded blocks and food containers (must be rinsed clean) at the Waste and Recovery Center in Hawks Prairie or at DART Container Corp., located at 600 Israel Rd S.E. in Tumwater.



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