



Where Do I Take My..?

There are many local recycling options for items that cannot be placed in your recycle cart. Listed below are just a few examples. Find more on our database of reuse and recycling locations at www.WhereDoITakeMy.org

Foam blocks and food containers

Take foam to the Waste and Recovery Center (WARC) at 2420 Hogum Bay Road NE in Hawks Prairie. Put foam in a clear plastic bag provided on-site.



You can also take foam to DART Container Corp. at 600 Israel Road SE in Tumwater.



Foam must be clean and have the symbol.

Electronics

Recycle TVs, computers, monitors, laptops, tablets, and E-readers free through Washington State's E-Cycle program. For locations, visit www.EcycleWashington.org or call 1-800-RECYCLE.

Check our database for local businesses that accept other types of electronic items.

Household hazardous waste

Take products that say DANGER, WARNING, or CAUTION to HazoHouse at the Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center.



Service is free for residents. Never put hazardous chemicals in the trash or down the drain.

Waste Reduction

Thurston County Solid Waste is your waste prevention and recycling resource! We offer a variety of free programs and services to help you reduce waste at home, work, school, and play. Visit our website or call to learn more.

Presentations

Invite our knowledgeable staff in to speak to your workplace, service organization, or community group. Let us know a topic you are interested in and how much time you have and we will customize to fit your needs. Examples include Recycling 101, Reducing the Use of Plastics, and How to Waste Less Food.

Technical Assistance

We assist schools and businesses with money saving waste prevention strategies. Services include waste audits, purchasing reviews, training, and recycling programs.

Prevention of Wasted Food

Food is the largest percentage of our waste stream. We help stores, restaurants, and residents reduce the food they waste and save money.

Youth Outreach

We provide presentations, activities, and volunteer opportunities for classrooms, scout troops, youth groups, and individuals.



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Recycling at home

Residential waste reduction guide



✓ YES! These items go in your curbside recycle cart



Magazines, catalogs, & mail
(windows, staples, and sticky notes OK)



Paper bags



Paperback books



Cereal & food boxes



Cardboard (flattened)



Phone books



Newspapers



Aluminum & tin cans



Pots & pans

Put glass in a separate bin

Rinse glass bottles & jars and place in a separate bin that you provide (labels are OK)



Rigid plastic plant pots
(empty, no dirt)



Plastic buckets
(clean, no lids or handles)



Plastic bottles, jugs, and jars
(neck must be narrower than the base)



Dairy tubs & yogurt cups

Only the items shown above go in your recycle cart. You do not need to remove labels, staples, envelope windows, or sticky notes. All items must be free of food and other contaminants. Please rinse properly.

No lids or caps. This list may be different than what you've seen in the past.

Recycling markets periodically change and affect what is collected.

When in doubt, leave it out

If you are unsure which items go in your recycle cart, the rule of thumb is **"When in doubt, leave it out."** When recyclables are contaminated with other materials, processing costs increase. The result is a more expensive recycling program and a lower commodity credit (rebate) on your bill.

Which plastics go in my cart?

The number on the bottom of a plastic container does not tell you if it is recyclable. It simply shows you what kind of plastic the item is made of. Only the items listed on the chart should be placed in your recycle cart.



Quick pickup tips:

Put your glass in a 5 to 20 gallon bin that you supply. Drill drain holes in the bottom to keep your bin from filling with rain. Make sure the bin is visible from the road when placed with your cart.

Place your cart:

- Out for collection by 6 a.m.
- At the curb or within 3 feet of the driving surface of the road or lane, with the opening of the cart facing the street or alley. Allow 18 feet of space above the cart for the truck's arm.
- 5 feet from basketball hoops, trees, mailboxes, or other containers.
- 5 feet from vehicles. Try not to block bicycle lanes or sidewalks.

Apartments, condos, and mobile home parks

Find out where garbage and recycle bins are located. If you have questions or comments about your complex's recycling service, please contact the owner or manager of your residence. They will contact the hauling company.

Service contacts

For questions about **billing, pickup, or service**, contact your hauler. Ask about options such as drive-in and carry-out service, alternative bin sizes and pickup schedules, bulky item pickup, recycle only collection, and shredding.

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