
APPENDIX A

PUBLIC EDUCATION MATERIALS

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The following pages contain samples of public education materials used by the benchmarked programs, including:

Bellingham:

- letter to new subscribers (2 pages)
- tags for bins (2 pages, originally 8.5” by 14”)
- Whatcom County newsletter (8 pages)

Renton:

- recycling brochure (2 pages)
- utility brochure (2 pages, originally a 4-fold on 8.5” by 14” paper)

Pierce County:

- recycling brochure (10 pages, originally a large brochure, 5.5” by 11.25” when folded, that could be folded out to a poster 17” by 22”)
- solid waste newsletter, spring 2006 (partial copy, 3 pages, originally 9” by 12”)

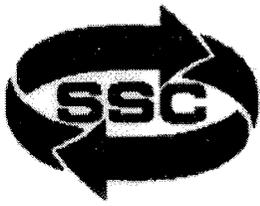
Eugene:

- recycling newsletter, spring 2006 (2 pages)
- recycling newsletter, summer 2006 (2 pages)

Tacoma:

- recycling booklet (10 pages, originally 4” by 9”, or 8” by 9” when open)

Note: most of the following public education materials have been converted to black and white copies to reduce the file size of electronic copies of this report.



**Sanitary
Service
Company**

Recycling & Waste Collection Services
Portable Toilet Rentals
Portable Storage Container Rentals
Commercial • Residential
www.ssc-inc.com

Dear Bellingham Resident:

Sanitary Service Company, Inc. is pleased to provide you with recycling and waste collection services. The following information is intended to help maximize your quality of service.

1. To avoid the inconvenience of being missed, always have your garbage toter(s) or cans(s) and recycling bins out in their proper place for pick-up the night before your regular collection day, or by no later than 6:30 a.m. the morning of your collection day.
2. We will collect all your garbage and recycling on your collection day(s). Should you have an unusually large amount of either garbage or recyclables, or for any pick-ups other than those on your regularly scheduled collection day, please call our office to arrange for a special pick-up. Additional garbage collected will result in additional charges.
3. Please prepare recyclable materials according to instructions. Contaminated loads cannot be recycled. Instructions for preparing your recyclables are detailed on the back of this letter.
4. The toter(s) and bin(s) provided remain the property of Sanitary Service Company, Inc.. Mark your address on your toter and recycling bins. A replacement fee will be charged for lost or stolen recycle bins. The customer is responsible for any theft, loss or damage in excess of normal use of any of these items. Please do not take them with you if you move.
5. We are unable to collect hazardous, toxic or radioactive wastes or substances, hot ashes, dead animals or dangerous chemicals. Hot ashes should never be placed in your garbage toter or can. Sanitary Service Company, Inc. is not responsible for articles left on or near toters or cans.
6. If we have your check returned to us by your financial institution there will be a \$10.00 reprocessing fee. Should service be interrupted for non-payment of your account there will be a \$5.00 re-start fee.
7. We work all holidays. If your collection day falls on a holiday, please set out your garbage and recycling as usual. Pickup may be missed due to weather or road conditions. If garbage and recyclables are taken on next pick-up, no credit will be given.

If you have any questions about your service, or would you like more information about any of our other home and business recycling and waste collection services, please call our office at 360-734-3490 or 398-2025 or e-mail us at ssc@ssc-inc.com. Office hours are 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday or visit our website at www.ssc-inc.com. Thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY, INC.

Your Home Team - Serving Whatcom County Since 1929
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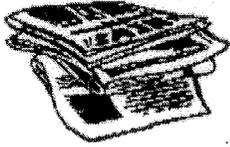
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Preparing Your Recyclables

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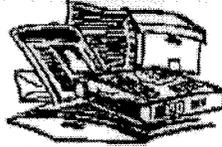
Newspaper – Red Bin



Clean newsprint, inserts and ads.
If windy, use a paper bag to secure top layer of papers.
No plastic delivery bags or rubber bands.

Mixed Paper – White Bin

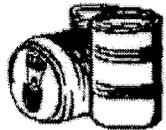
Old mail, magazines, catalogs, stationery, envelopes, computer, fax, copy and notebook paper, paper labels, cartons and bags, shoe & cereal boxes (discard liners & flatten).



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No paper towels, plates, napkins, wax or plastic-coated papers (i.e. milk, juice or frozen food containers), plastic, foil, tissue or carbon paper.

Bottles & Cans – Blue Bin

Glass Bottles & Jars: All colors accepted. Labels & lids OK. Remove lids and place loose in bin. Rinse clean. Avoid breaking glass.
No window glass, windshields, Pyrex, light bulbs, mirrors or ceramics.



Aluminum Cans, Tin Cans and Foil: Remove labels (recycle with mixed paper). Rinse clean. Flatten cans and foil products.
No oil filters, air filters or aerosol cans.

Plastic Bottles: Bottles with necks only (opening smaller than base). All colors and numbers accepted. Labels OK.
Discard all bottle caps, lids, rings and pumps.



Recycle These Types of Clean, Flattened Plastic Bottles

Kitchen: Milk, Water, Soda, Juice, Ketchup, Mustard, Cooking Oil & Detergent
Bathroom: Shampoo, Soap, Cosmetic, Medicine & Contact Lens Solution
Laundry: Detergent, Fabric Softener, Household Cleaner & Bleach
Garage: Windshield Washer Fluid

Sorry – We Can't Accept The Following

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NO Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Paint Thinner, Solvent, Pesticide or Hazardous Material Containers.

Markets exist for recycling most plastic bottles. Recycling some types of plastic bottles however, may not always be possible due to changing market conditions.

Other Recyclables – Set next to bins, not in bin

Cardboard: Corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags. Remove packing materials. 2-4 bundles per pick-up. Maximum height – 4-6". Flatten and bundle.
No Styrofoam, plastic packing or wax-coated boxes.

Motor Oil: Store in a one gallon or smaller, sealed, non-breakable container like a plastic milk jug (do not use bleach or water bottles). Mark container "Oil."
Used motor oil only. Do not mix with water, brake fluid, antifreeze, debris, paint thinner or other solvents.

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Residential RECYCLING REMINDERS

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MIXED PAPER – White Bin

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Remember!

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Bathroom: Shampoo, Soap, Cosmetic, Medicine & Contact Lens Solution

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Garage: Windshield Washer Fluid, Car Wash

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Glass Bottles & Jars: All colors accepted.

Labels & lids OK. Remove lids & place loose in bins.

Rinse clean. Avoid breaking glass. Bottles must be removed from containers (6-pak, 1/2 case boxes, etc.) and placed loose in bin.

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CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

**Join in the 6th Annual
Countywide Garage Sale.
Saturday &/or Sunday,
April 22 & 23, 9 am to 4 pm**

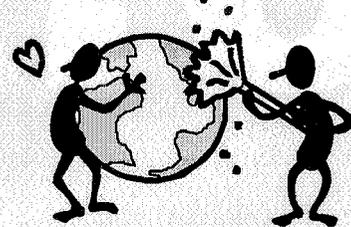
Details & Registration Form on Page 3.
Completed forms must be mailed or faxed to the Solid
Waste Office by no later than Friday, April 7

SOME HELPFUL GARAGE SALE TIPS:

- Plan ahead. Get your friends and family to help – multi-family sales always attract more customers!
- Reasonably price your items and make sure they're clean and neatly displayed. Hang clothes on a rack.
- Be prepared to bargain and let your customers make offers.
- Have plenty of change on hand, a calculator, and used grocery bags.
- Have fun, and donate your leftover items to charity.



Ten Great Reasons to Have A Garage or Yard Sale:



1. It's time to spring clean your garage, attic, spare room, etc.
2. It's a great way to meet your neighbors!
3. Your junk is always someone else's treasure.
4. Those clothes in your closet that you haven't worn in 10 years, it's time for them to go!
5. It's more fun than mowing the lawn or washing windows.
6. You'll have less stuff to dust.
7. It's a great fund-raiser for your club, church group, community association, scout troop, etc.
8. Stuff that doesn't sell can be donated to a local charity.
9. You can use the money you make to buy plants or bulbs for your spring garden, put it in your child's college fund, or whatever!
10. It's a good thing – you can reduce, reuse, and recycle all in one event!

2006 Master Composter Training

All sessions take place on Wednesdays, 7:00 to 9:00 PM at WSU Extension Office



First Session: March 15

- Fundamentals of Composting I
- Experiments with Compost

Second Session: March 22

- Fundamentals of Compost II
- Weeds and Compost

Third Session: March 29

- Whatcom Recycling and Composting, Sanitary Service Company's New Ventures
- It's More than Dirt, Life Below Ground

Fourth Session: April 5

- A Boatload of Reasons to Keep Biodiesel Afloat
- Commercial Composting Trends

Fifth Session: April 12

- Critters in your Compost

Sixth Session: April 19

- The Care and Feeding of Worms

Seventh Session: April 26

- Guest speakers from Whatcom County and City of Bellingham Public Works
- Reuse and Recycle

FIELD TRIPS:

March 25

- Ostroms Mushroom Farm Tour & Green Earth Technologies

April 1

- Disposal of Toxics & Northwest Recyclers

April 8

- Smit Dairy Compost & Vanderhaak Dairy Biogas Anaerobic Manure Digester

April 22

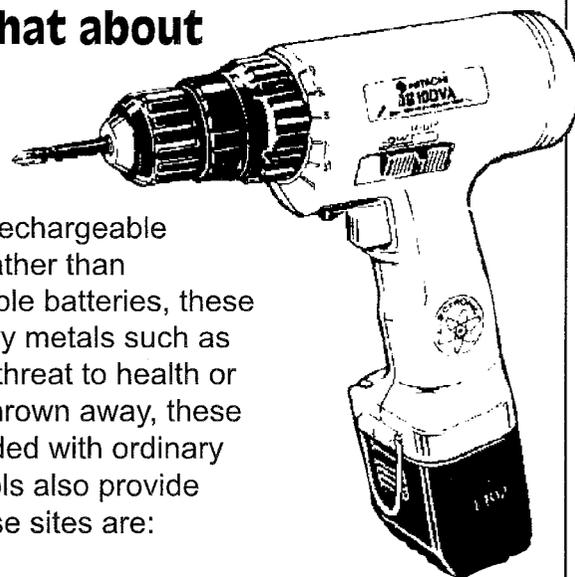
- Mt. Baker School System & Restoration Soil

April 29

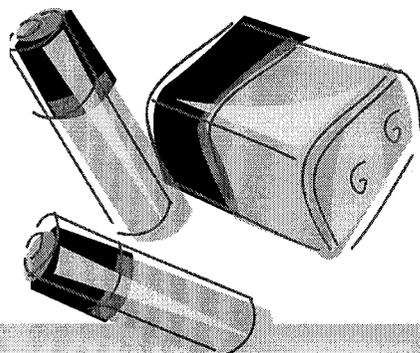
- Hands-on Tour of Hovander Park

For registration & details, call WSU Extension at 676-6736

I have a new cordless drill. What about the battery on my old one. Is it recyclable?



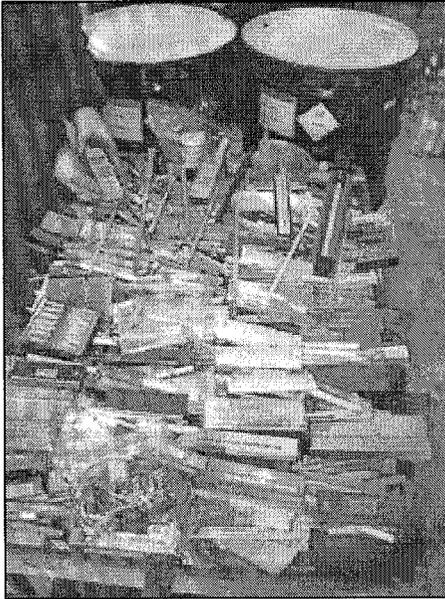
Cordless power tools such as drills, have rechargeable battery packs which need to be recycled rather than disposed of. Just like the small rechargeable batteries, these large battery packs also contain toxic heavy metals such as cadmium, mercury, and lead. There is no threat to health or environment while being used, but when thrown away, these batteries can cause serious harm if discarded with ordinary waste. Many local businesses that sell tools also provide drop-boxes for the batteries. Some of those sites are:



- Pro-Tool..... 733-7343
- Radio Shack..... 676-9912
- Lowes 734-2659
- Home Depot 715-0090
- Hardware Sales 734-6140
- Disposal of Toxics 380-4640

Check the website of the Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation (www.rbcc.org) for more information and listings of other recycling sites.

Mercury Thermometer Exchange Program nets 38 pounds of mercury

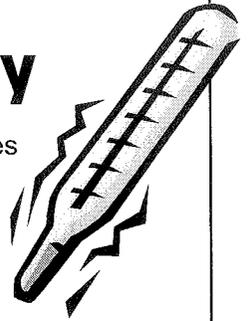


This past November, to promote America Recycles Day, the Whatcom County Solid Waste Division, in partnership with Brown & Cole Cost Cutter and Food Pavilion stores throughout the county set up collection sites for the exchange of mercury thermometers. Customers could bring in any mercury-containing thermometer and exchange it for a digital thermometer. Or, any mercury-containing item could be exchanged at the Disposal of Toxics Facility on Airport Way.

More than 2,100 thermometers were collected, along with additional mercury items that totaled 38 pounds of mercury. When you consider what damage just one drop of mercury can do to the environment, that's a significant amount to be properly disposed of.

Thanks, Brown & Cole for your support!

A Disposal of Toxics employee displays some of the mercury thermometers collected



EnviroStars

EnviroStars is a business recognition program to promote hazardous waste reduction and proper hazardous waste disposal in local businesses. Whatcom County cooperatively participates in this program with four other counties: King, Pierce, Kitsap and Jefferson. The program is partially funded by the WA Department of Ecology.



2006 Whatcom County EnviroStars

Star Rating	Business Name
★★★★★	A-1 Builders
★★★★★	Barkley Boulevard Dental Care
★★★★★	Milne's Downtown Auto Repair
★★★★★	Port of Bellingham - Blaine Harbor
★★★★★	Quicksilver Photo Lab
★★★★	Bellingham Automotive
★★★★	Humboldt Automotive, Inc.
★★★★	John Kole Vehicle Repair
★★★★	John Morgan's Unlimited Services
★★★	Active Earth Design
★★★	Evergreen Automotive Services
★★★	Trottner's Auto Repair
★★	Angler Automotive

The EnviroStars Rating System

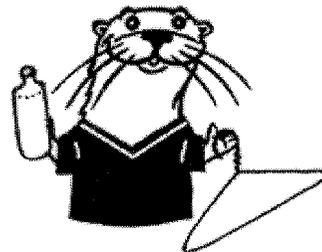
- 5 ★ *leader in hazardous waste prevention*
- 4 ★ *reduced waste in all aspects*
- 3 ★ *reduced hazardous waste produced*
- 2 ★ *manage hazardous waste properly*

To become certified as an EnviroStar, contact staff at the Disposal Of Toxics Facility, (360) 380-4640.



Andy Otter's Kid's Page

Soft Drink Bottle Hummingbird Feeder



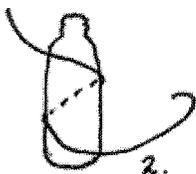
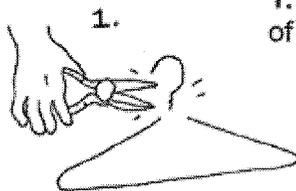
Make a hummingbird feeder from a glass soft drink bottle and a wire coat hanger.

Materials and Tools

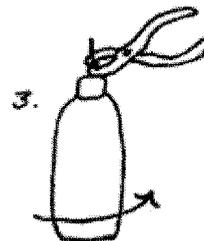
Glass soft drink bottle,
16 or 20 oz size
Wire coat hanger
Red plastic flower
Wire cutters and pliers
1/8 inch drill bit

Directions

1. Cut off the hook and twisted part of hanger



2. Bend the rest of the hanger around the bottle. Bend a hook on one end of the wire for hanging bottle. Bend the other end of the wire next to the bottle cap to make a perch for the hummingbird.



3. With the cap on the bottle, hold the drill bit with the pliers and turn the bottle to drill one hole. Drill only one hole in the center of the bottle cap. (You can ask a parent to use an electric drill instead)

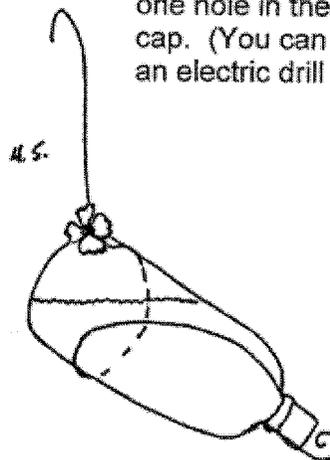
4. Fill the bottle about three quarters full with sugar water. Attach red plastic flower to wire at bottom of bottle.

5. Hang the feeder where it can be seen from a window.

6. Change sugar solution often and use only vinegar and water to clean the bottle.

Sugar Water Recipe

Add one cup sugar to a quart jar and fill with water. Stir to dissolve. Store any extra in refrigerator.



Whatcom County Solid Waste Division Provides Funding to Support New Local Recycling Programs



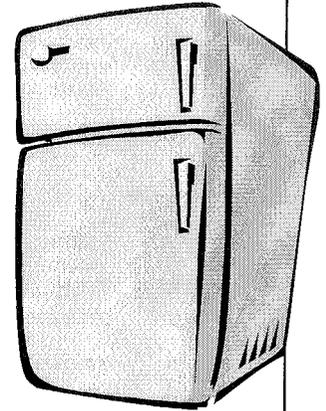
Beverage Container Recycling Now Available at Public Events

If you're planning on attending some of the local events in our area this spring or summer, such as a soccer tournament, the Ski to Sea Race or Parade, an outdoor concert or other events, RE Sources will be providing recycling containers for your empty soda cans or plastic water bottles. Just look for a large recycling container with a bright blue square top. There will be several of those scattered around the grounds of the event you're attending. Water bottles can quickly fill up a trash can to overflowing, and because they're so light weight, can blow out and create a litter problem. So find the blue-topped recycle containers and do the right thing! You'll be saving energy and helping to keep our parks and other outdoor event areas clean.

**Questions?
Call RE Sources
at 733-8307.**

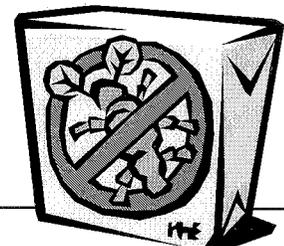
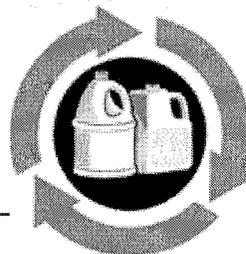
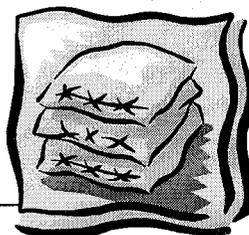
ReUse Works – 802 Marine Drive, open 10 to 6, Monday thru Saturday

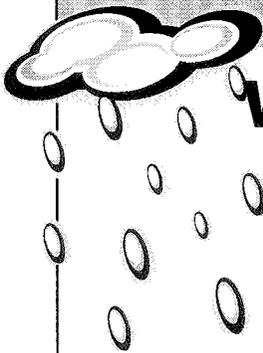
If you're in the market to replace an appliance that no longer works, but can't afford a brand new one, or you just bought a new appliance and have an old one to get rid of, there's a place that fills the bill. It's ReUse Works, a non-profit business that trains workers to repair used appliances, then turns around and sells them at a low cost. They take donations of refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers and ranges, whether they're broken or still working. They charge a small fee of \$25 per refrigerator or freezer, but anything else they'll take for free. Appliances that can't be fixed are recycled as scrap metal. For more details call 527-2646



Agricultural Plastics Recycling

It's become apparent in Whatcom County that there is a huge need for a way to collect agricultural plastics and products for recycling. Everything from pesticide containers, twine, baling wrap, feed bags, milk jugs and buckets, just to name a few. RE Sources has taken on the task of helping to find better and more affordable opportunities for our local farmers to recycle large amounts of various plastic containers rather than throw them in the trash. RE Sources has already held one meeting with local businesses, recyclers and other local agencies concerned with finding ways to deal with agricultural plastics. Working with local haulers, opportunities for collection of these types of plastics are being developed along with an informational handout to help familiarize farmers with available options for their plastics. For more information, call RE Sources at 733-8307.





What to do with all the rain???

Make a Rain Barrel and collect it!

Store it now and use it on dry days to water your lawn & plants.

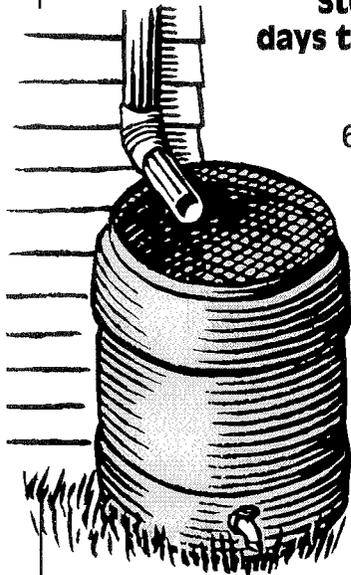
Call City of Bellingham, 676-6850, to sign up for classes, limited to 8 persons per class.

Saturday, March 11, 10 am at the RE Store

Thursday, April 20, 7 pm at the RE Store

Saturday, May 6, 1 pm at Hovander Homestead Park

Saturday, June 3, 10 am at the RE Store



One-day only plastic pot collection

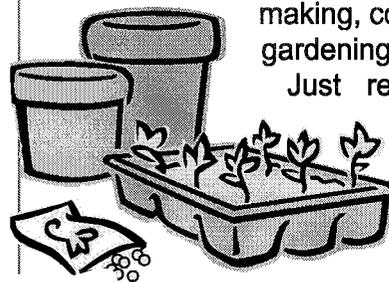
May 6, Hovander Homestead Park, at the annual Master Gardener's Plant Sale



Have old plastic planting pots or trays stacking up in your garage? Get rid of them at a one-day collection event. Just bring them with you to the 2006 Master Gardener's Plant Sale, Hovander Park on May 6, 9 am to 2 pm. They will be collected, then travel to Oregon where they'll be ground up for recycled signposts. Plus, you can shop for plants and take a class on rain barrel

making, composting or gardening. What a deal!

Just remember, it's one day only, May 6.



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- Compost Bin Plans – Low Cost*
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- Weed Management
- Appropriate Plants for Northwest Landscapes

To learn about insect pests and other gardening information, please contact the **WSU Whatcom County Extension Office at 676-6736**, or web-site: <http://whatcom.wsu.edu/ag/compost>

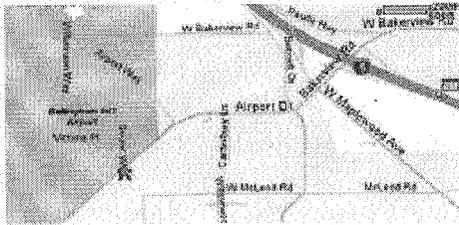
* Look for these handouts on-line at www.co.whatcom.wa.us

Mail your requests to:
Whatcom County Public Works
Solid Waste Division
322 N. Commerical, Suite 220
Bellingham, WA 98225
or Fax it to: (360) 738-4561



DISPOSAL OF TOXICS

Open Monday-Friday & 1st Saturday each month
9 am – 4 pm 3505 Airport Drive



They accept herbicides, pesticides, oil-based paint, solvents, used motor oil, antifreeze, medications, fluorescent light tubes, corrosive cleaners, etc., free to county residents. Call 380-4640 for details.

Clean Green Yard Waste Site Open

as of March 4th, Saturday & Sunday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Corner of Lakeway & Woburn, open holiday weekends.

The site accepts grass, weeds, and branches for a fee of \$2 per load, cash only. For more information, call 676-6850.



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For more information, call Whatcom County Solid Waste Division at 676-7695 or the Recycling Hotline at 676-5723

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Please, no hazardous waste, including pesticides, paints, solvents, household cleaners, poisons, fuels, swimming pool supplies, and batteries of any kind. Call **206-296-4692** for hazardous waste disposal options.

Scavenging recyclable materials from bins placed at the curb is theft that ultimately increases the cost of the program. Please contact the City to report scavengers.

Where to call:

FOR SERVICE AND COLLECTION
Waste Management—Rainier
206-243-4050

FOR BILLING INFORMATION
City of Renton Utility Billing
425-235-2520

FOR OTHER ASSISTANCE
Renton Solid Waste Coordinator
425-277-6197 or 425-277-5596

Yard Debris Collection Information
425-277-6197 or 425-277-5596
TDD Public Works Information Line
425-277-4431

King County Solid Waste Division
206-296-4466

Household Hazardous Waste Hazards Line
206-296-4692



This brochure was funded with a grant from the
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curbside recycling:



Are you in the loop?

If you are, keep up the good work! Renton residents are diverting over 50% of the waste stream through recycling.

Also, remember to reduce waste and to buy recycled products.



This paper is made from 50% recycled stock and 20% post-consumer waste.

Renton Recycles
City of Renton
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recycling guide

#1 PET Bottles Recycle soda, liquor and water bottles.

Please NO black, brown or gray bottles or hazardous containers (oil, antifreeze)

Please *rinse, remove lids, and flatten.*

#2 HDPE Bottles Recycle laundry detergent, dish detergent, shampoo, juice and milk bottles.

Please NO butter tubs, yogurt containers, hazardous containers, or other black, brown or gray bottles.

Please *rinse, remove lids, and flatten.*
Nearly 90 percent of Americans have reused a plastic product in the past six months.

Glass Recycle clear, brown and green bottles and jars.

Please NO windows, broken glass, ceramics, or light bulbs.

Please *rinse and remove lids.*

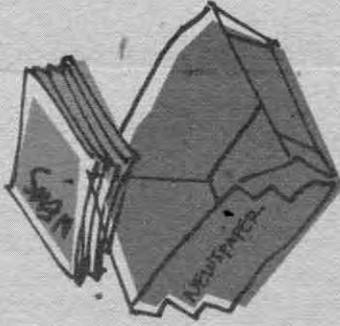
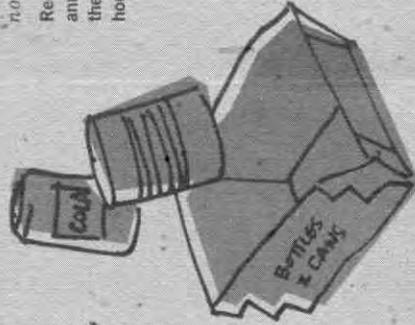
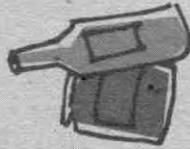
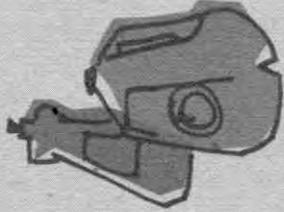
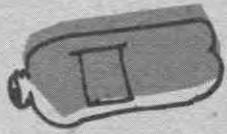
Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to light a 100-watt lightbulb.

Aluminum and tin cans

Recycle aluminum and tin food and beverage cans.

Please NO aerosol cans, aluminum foil, bottle caps, or non-metal lids.

Please *rinse, remove labels, and flatten.*
About 50% of the aluminum in beverage cans comes from used cans that were recycled and melted to make new cans. (EDF)



Newspaper Recycle entire newspaper, including all inserts.

Please *place loosely in bin.*

Each ton of newspaper recycled saves 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water.

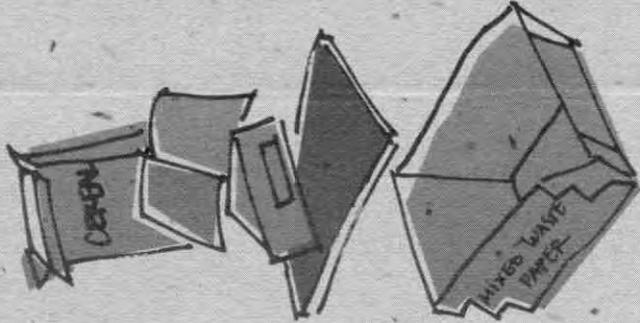
Mixed waste paper

Recycle magazines, junk mail, phone books, stationery, paperback books, envelopes with and without plastic windows, cardboard, cereal boxes, paper tubes.

Please NO wax or plastic coating, napkins, paper towels or tissue, food, grease or liquid, milk cartons, disposable diapers.

Please *breakdown cardboard boxes to no larger than 2' x 2' in size.*

Recycling at current levels in the U.S. annually saves enough energy to provide the energy needs of 9 million U.S. households. (EDF)



tips

All recyclables and garbage are collected on the same day each week.

Put extra recyclables in boxes, bags, or other types of containers, or bundle them with string (NOT WIRE) for collection.

Be sure to place recyclables no more than 10 FEET from the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. Please place *only full* bins on the curb for recycling.

Keep Recycling Clean—When In Doubt, Throw It Out! Recyclable materials are valuable resources only when they are clean, dry and free of other garbage.

Remember, the *Renton Recycles* program is just one way of recycling. You can also sell your recyclables to a private recycler or donate them to a charitable cause.

Remember:

- Recycle only the materials that are acceptable in the program.
- Clean and prepare recyclables properly.
- Place them in the right bins.
- Place them at the curb for recycling.
- Recyclable materials become the property of the City's collection contractor when placed at the curb.

WASTEWATER UTILITY



Objective: To collect and transmit the City's wastewater to King County Wastewater treatment plant for disposal.

There will be a 4% increase in Wastewater (Sewer) Utility rates for the City portion effective 1/1/2006.

2006 Monthly Wastewater Utility Rates

	Renton	King County
Single-Family	\$13.97	\$25.60
Other Users:		
Base Charge	2.12	N/A
Per 100 cf	1.58	N/A
Per 750 cf	N/A	25.60
Minimum charge.....	13.97	25.60

Outside City Limits - Renton Wastewater rates for customers outside city limits are 1.5 times the above.

Wastewater Utility Services:

- Operates and maintains a sanitary sewer system consisting of approximately 196 miles of gravity sewer, and 25 sewage lift stations and force mains.
 - Provides routine inspection, cleaning, and maintenance to ensure that the system operates properly.
 - Designs, permits, and builds new public sanitary sewer system infrastructure.
 - Reviews new projects for compliance with City codes.
 - Assures compliance with state and federal regulations relating to the operation of a sanitary sewer system.
 - Participates in regional wastewater coordination and management forums.
- Wastewater is sent to King County's South Plant where it is treated and discharged to Puget Sound. For more information regarding treatment, call **King County at (206) 684-1280**.

SURFACE WATER UTILITY



Objective: To effectively manage the quantity and quality of the City's storm and surface water runoff to protect people, property and environmental resources.

For the first time in four years, Surface Water Utility rates will increase by 3% effective 1/1/2006.

2006 Monthly Surface Water Utility Rates

Single-Family.....	\$ 5.55
Commercial Minimums: .5 Acre	or less
or more	> .5 Acre
Low Intensity	\$13.75.....\$27.50/AC
Medium Intensity	19.89..... 39.77/AC
High Intensity	25.65..... 51.29/AC

Surface Water Utility Services:

- Maintains and operates approximately 210 miles of storm pipe, associated catch basins and other public storm systems within the City.
- Provides emergency response during storm events.
- Plans, designs, permits, builds and inspects new public storm system infrastructure.
- Reviews new projects for compliance with City codes.
- Responds to drainage complaints and utility billing concerns.
- Creates and maintains utility billing accounts.
- Assures compliance with state and federal regulations relating to surface water runoff and water quality.
- Participates in the development of City standards relating to surface water management, flood hazard reduction, and critical area resource protection.
- Participates in regional surface water management coordination efforts including Endangered Species Act response, watershed management and the development of state regulations related to surface water management.

WATER UTILITY



Objective: To provide a clean, safe and reliable water supply and distribution system.

The Water Utility rates will increase by 3% effective 1/1/2006.

2006 Water Utility Rates

Size of Service	Basic Monthly Charge
3/4"	\$ 11.36
1"	14.23
1-1/2"	18.23
2"	31.87
3"	94.36
4"	136.40
6"	204.63
8"	284.22
10"	409.26
12"	568.44

Commodity Rates: 100 cf = 748 gallons

Single-Family/Duplex	
0 - 1000 cf / mo	\$1.91/100 cf
Over 1000 cf / mo.....	\$2.04/100 cf
All Other Users	\$1.91/100 cf

Fire Protection meter base charge \$3.68/ meter inch
Outside City Limits - Rates for customers outside city limits are 1.5 times the above.

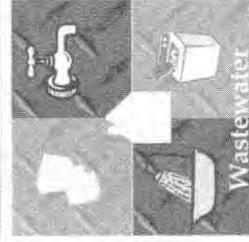
Water Utility Services:

- Operates and maintains the water system that provides a reliable, high quality water supply to over 50,000 residents. The water system consists of 8 wells, one spring, 291 miles of water mains, 18 pumping stations, 9 reservoirs and elevated tanks, 2 treatment facilities and 14,630 metered connections.
- Designs, constructs and inspects new infrastructure.
- Reviews projects for compliance with City codes.
- Assures compliance with state and federal regulations.
- Implements aquifer protection, water conservation and cross-connection control program.
- Represents Renton in regional water supply management forums.

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SOLID WASTE UTILITY



Objective: To provide a responsible comprehensive solid waste management program.

2006 Solid Waste Utility Rates

Residential Services:	(per month)
Mini Can (10 Gal.)	\$ 6.40
1 Can (32 Gallon)	13.44
2 Cans (32 Gallon)	21.37
3 Cans (32 Gallon)	28.82
64 Gallon Contractor Cart	\$ 23.33
96 Gallon Contractor Cart	\$ 31.15
Extra per 1/2 can (15 Gallons)	\$4.00 (per unit)
Return Trip charge	\$3.00 (per trip)

Residential service includes weekly garbage, recycling and yardwaste collection.

Commercial Services:	(per month)
Mini Can (20 Gal.)	\$12.10
1 Can (32 Gallon)	13.88
2 Cans (32 Gallon)	27.75
3 Cans (32 Gallon)	41.63
Extra commercial cans	8.00 (per pickup)

Containers:	(per month)
64 Gallon Contractor Cart	\$ 29.96
96 Gallon Contractor Cart	\$ 48.23
1 Yard, 1 pickup/week	\$ 75.65
1 Yard, 2 pickups/week	\$142.32
1 Yard, 3 pickups/week	\$208.97
1 Yard, 4 pickups/week	\$275.62
1 Yard, 5 pickups/week	\$342.29
1.5 Yard, 1 pickup/week	\$103.59
1.5 Yard, 2 pickups/week	\$197.32
1.5 Yard, 3 pickups/week	\$291.05
1.5 Yard, 4 pickups/week	\$384.78
1.5 Yard, 5 pickups/week	\$478.50
2 Yard, 1 pickup/week	\$127.42
2 Yard, 2 pickups/week	\$243.66
2 Yard, 3 pickups/week	\$359.92
2 Yard, 4 pickups/week	\$476.17
2 Yard, 5 pickups/week	\$592.42

General Solid Waste Service Information

- For residential service changes, you **MUST** notify Utility Billing at 425-430-6852.
- For missed pickups call Waste Management at 206-243-4050.
- For commercial service changes, please contact Waste Management at 206-243-4050.
- Residential service: place all containers at the curb by 7:00 a.m.
- Please remove all collection containers from the curbside and return them to their proper storage area on your property within 24 hours of collection.
- All garbage cans are provided by residents. Cans are not to be larger than 32-gallon capacity nor weigh more than 50 lbs. 96-gallon yard waste toter has a weight limit of 200 pounds. No sod or rocks will be accepted.
- The City provides 1 set of recycling bins and 1 yard waste cart to each household. Bins and carts remain the property of the City of Renton.
- Customer will be charged for service requested even if fewer units are serviced on a particular trip.
- Keep items not intended for collection separate from garbage and recycling containers.
- No credit will be given for a skip in scheduled service due to weather or road conditions. Collection missed will be taken on the next possible pickup.
- **Pickup days are Monday and Tuesday including all holidays except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. If your pickup day falls on or after any of the above holidays, collection will be one day late that week.**
- Recycling and yard waste service is available for multi-family residences.
- For recycling program information, call 425-430-7396 or 425-430-7397.

Commercial Services: (continued, per month)

3 Yard, 1 pickup/week	\$181.18
3 Yard, 2 pickups/week	\$349.53
3 Yard, 3 pickups/week	\$517.88
3 Yard, 4 pickups/week	\$686.22
3 Yard, 5 pickups/week	\$854.58
4 Yard, 1 pickup/week	\$234.00
4 Yard, 2 pickups/week	\$453.99
4 Yard, 3 pickups/week	\$673.98
4 Yard, 4 pickups/week	\$893.98
4 Yard, 5 pickups/week	\$1,113.96
6 Yard, 1 pickup/week	\$331.80
6 Yard, 2 pickups/week	\$640.29
6 Yard, 3 pickups/week	\$948.78
6 Yard, 4 pickups/week	\$1,257.26
6 Yard, 5 pickups/week	\$1,565.75
8 Yard, 1 pickup/week	\$427.53
8 Yard, 2 pickups/week	\$826.57
8 Yard, 3 pickups/week	\$1,225.60
8 Yard, 4 pickups/week	\$1,624.63
8 Yard, 5 pickups/week	\$2,023.67
Extra Commercial Yards	\$15.38
1 Yard Compactor	\$624.48
1.5 Yard Compactor	\$661.59
2 Yard Compactor	\$715.49
3 Yard Compactor	\$806.48
4 Yard Compactor	\$913.18
6 Yard Compactor	\$989.79
Multi-Family Yard Waste (incl. Cart)	\$39.62

Commercial Roll Off Rates	(per pickup)
10 or 15 Yard Containers	\$92.40
20 Yard Containers	\$100.85
30 Yard Containers	\$113.40
40 Yard Containers	\$125.53
10 Yard Compactor	\$130.46
20 Yard Compactor	\$130.46
30 Yard Compactor	\$226.80
40 Yard Compactor	\$302.40

Container Rental Rates	(per month)
10 Yard Container	\$38.66
15 Yard Container	\$55.16
20 Yard Container	\$71.68
30 Yard Container	\$88.18
40 Yard Container	\$108.69

Rates do not include dump fees for containers or compactors 10 yards or larger.

Solid Waste Utility Services:

- Manages the commercial and residential garbage and recycling contract to provide efficient and affordable waste collection and disposal.
- Provides Resource Conservation Education that heightens awareness of connections between personal choices and the impact to human health and our environment.
- Education emphasis areas include:
 - Waste Reduction & Recycling; Backyard Composting & Natural Yard Care Strategies; Household Hazardous Waste Disposal and Reduction Strategies.
- Education efforts target residents, businesses, and school-age children.

Did you know...?

- The City offers reduced rates for low-income senior citizens (62 and over), and low-income disabled citizens.
- For information or any rate questions please call Utility Billing Customer Service at 425-430-6852.
- Direct debit payment or on-line payment with e-check or a credit card is available. For detailed information go to the city's web-site, www.ci.renton.wa.us.
- Our office hours are 8:00AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday. We are located on the first floor of City Hall.
- A 24 hour Utility Bill payment drop box is available at the southwest corner of City Hall upper parking lot.

Single Cart Recycling Guide



Pierce County's New Curbside Recycling Program

Welcome to a new way to recycle

Curbside recycling is easier and more convenient with the new single-cart program.

Instead of sorting recyclables into three separate bins, you now will use a lightweight 96-gallon covered, wheeled, weatherproof cart that conveniently holds all recyclables, except glass. You can recycle glass at designated drop-off sites listed in this guide.

And for the first time ever, the curbside program will accept plastic bottles and paper milk-style cartons.

In this brochure you'll find tips about preparing recyclables, how to use the cart, changes in materials accepted at curbside, recycling alternatives and where to get more information.



New cart makes recycling easy

- Wheels and a handle make the cart easy to move.
- No need to sort recyclables.
- One container means just one trip to the curb.
- Eliminate the need to set out mixed paper in a sack or stack cardboard under the bins to keep it from littering the neighborhood.
- Get more garage space and store the recycling cart outside—the snug lid keeps out rain, insects and prying eyes.

Cart Placement Instructions

3-5 FEET CLEARANCE
ON ALL SIDES OF RECYCLING CART

18 feet clearance
above recycling cart



What to do on recycling day

- Carts should be at the curb by 6 a.m. on recycling day.
- The cart handles must face the house; the lid opening must face the street.
- Put the cart at curbside or within 3 feet of the traveled portion of the road.
- The cart should be at least 3 feet away from basketball hoops, trees, mailboxes and other containers. Place the cart 5 feet from cars.
- Allow 18 feet of space above the cart too, so the automated robotic "arm" on the collection truck has room to grasp the cart and operate most effectively.
- Do not block mailboxes.
- Please remove the empty cart from the curb as soon as possible.

All items must fit in cart

All recyclables must be in the cart to be collected. The automated trucks have a mechanical arm that picks up the cart, so items left outside the cart will not be collected.

Extra recyclables can be taken to staffed recycling stations throughout the county. For a list of those locations call (253) 798-2179 or visit Pierce County's website: www.piercecountywa.org/recycle.

Some paper cartons can be recycled

Paper milk-style cartons have been added to curbside recycling.

These cartons come in half-pint, pint, quart and half-gallon sizes for milk, cream, chocolate milk and orange juice. Recyclable paper cartons are those found in the refrigerated section of the grocery store.



NO small juice boxes or pouches can be recycled. These containers are made with a layer of foil that is difficult to separate during processing.

Preparing recyclables is easy

Your help is needed to keep recycling clean and free of contamination. Please do not put garbage or food waste in the cart. Contaminates can cause entire loads of otherwise clean recyclables to end up as garbage.

- Recyclables should be clean, rinsed, dry and empty. (Milk sours and will leave odors in the cart. It also can contaminate the paper.)
- Rinse containers with water and leave no food residue.
- Do not bag items.

- Labels can stay on.
- Plastic caps must come off. Throw them away.

Included in this brochure is a detailed chart of items that can and cannot be recycled.

RECYCLING ONLY All recyclables must be placed inside cart.

NO GLASS For a list of glass recycling centers, visit www.piercecountywa.org/recycle of any kind. No styrofoam, hot ashes, garbage, food or yardwaste.



CARDBOARD: Flatten boxes. Place inside cart.



PLASTIC: Bottles only, such as milk, pop, detergent or shampoo bottles. The opening must be smaller than the base. Rinse out and remove lids.



PAPER: Clean and dry newspaper, magazines, catalogs, mail, writing paper, phone books, cereal and other paperboard boxes, paper frozen food boxes, paper bags.



DO NOT RECYCLE THESE ITEMS: Glass, food-contaminated cardboard, paper or boxes, styrofoam, milk, soap, metal, aerosol cans, aerosol cans, yogurt, margarine or other spread containers, bottles that contained motor oil or hazardous materials, such as pesticides, herbicides or automotive fluids.

Please follow recycling preparation instructions on cart.

Plastic bottles now accepted—not caps

Good news! Plastic water and pop bottles, milk jugs and other plastic bottles are now accepted in the curbside recycling program.

NO CAPS. Please throw away the caps from these plastic bottles. They are made from different plastics and are not recyclable.

When putting plastic bottles in the recycling cart, be sure to "check for the neck." An acceptable plastic bottle must have an opening that's smaller than the base.

Plastics **NOT** accepted include:

- Plastic bags
- Butter tubs
- Yogurt-type containers
- Motor oil containers
- Plastic bottles that contained pesticides, herbicides or automotive fluids

By focusing on "necked" plastic bottles, Pierce County's program captures about 93 percent of the plastic bottles that can be recycled.



The 96-gallon cart makes recycling convenient

The standard 96-gallon cart is designed for convenience with wheels and a tight-fitting, waterproof lid that allows outdoor storage. A 65-gallon cart is also available.

The 96-gallon cart offers a number of benefits:

- All recyclables can fit in the cart. Please note: Items left outside the cart will not be picked up.
- The cart can handle the additional cardboard and other recyclables you may have during the holidays.
- You don't have to set out the cart each recycling day if you haven't filled it.
- If you switch your standard 96-gallon cart to a 65-gallon cart, the first exchange will be made at no charge. An exchange fee will apply if you decide to change back to a 96-gallon cart.
- Rates are the same for both carts.

If you have a particular problem transporting your cart because of long, steep driveways, or you have limited storage space, your hauler has other options to help you. Please call your hauler directly if you have these or other concerns.

Questions?

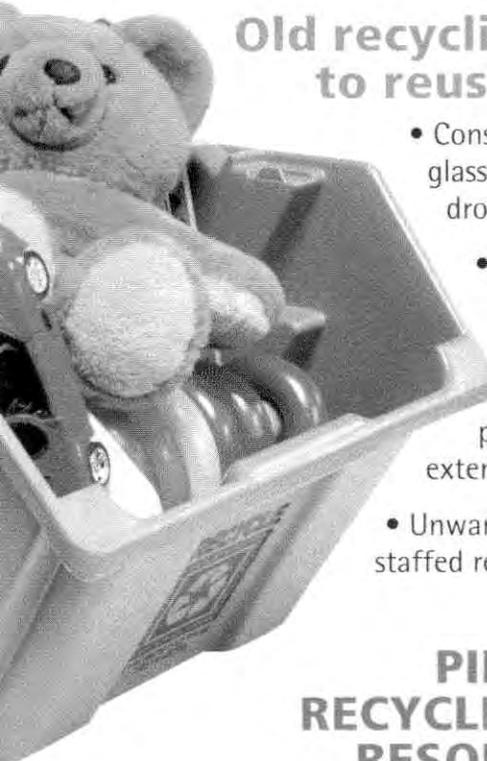
If you have questions about your new cart or the updated curbside recycling program, please call your recycling hauler.

American Disposal	(800) 529-9892
Lakewood Refuse (LeMay)	(253) 588-1705
Murrey's/DM Disposal.....	(253) 414-0345
Pierce County Refuse (LeMay).....	(253) 537-8687
University Place Refuse/Westside Disposal.....	(253) 564-3212

Recycling is a cooperative effort

Along with the recycling haulers, Pierce County Public Works and Utilities and local cities and towns are committed to service that is responsive, fair, efficient and effective. And we continue to look for new ways to improve quality and cost effectiveness.





Old recycling bins are yours to reuse

- Consider using your old stackable bins for glass recyclables, for easy transport to a glass drop-off site.
- Store a bin in the kitchen to collect recyclables, then carry the full bin outside and empty it into the cart.
- Clean bins make great storage for potatoes and onions, children's toys, extension cords, small tools, etc.
- Unwanted bins may be dropped off at staffed recycling stations only.

PIERCE COUNTY RECYCLING & DISPOSAL RESOURCE GUIDE

available online at
www.piercecountywa.org/recycle

Recycling non-curb-side items

- Clothing and other household items can be donated to thrift stores.
- Used motor oil is accepted at most Pierce County transfer stations, plus some retail auto parts and service stores.
- Latex (water-based) paint cans are allowed in the garbage if you dry the paint first by stirring in sawdust or kitty litter.
- Certain types of paint, pesticides and other household hazardous materials should be taken to the Tacoma Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at 3510 S. Mullen Street, just east of Fircrest. All Pierce County residents may bring household hazardous items to that facility free of charge.
- Computers are repaired or salvaged at businesses throughout the area. Refer to the Pierce County Recycling & Disposal Resource Guide for locations. The guide lists recycling options for hundreds of other items, too. Find it online at www.piercecountywa.org/recycle or call (253) 798-2179.
- Furniture may be accepted by organizations that help families in need. Check the Recycling & Disposal Resource Guide or a local church. Some furniture companies will take away and recycle your old mattress when the new one is delivered.
- Visit the website www.2good2toss.com to post and browse for items that still have life left in them.

What goes in my

Yes

Put these items in your recycling cart.



Milk jugs



Plastic bottles
(necks smaller than base)



Paper milk-style cartons



Phone books



Shredded paper



Mail, magazines, mixed
paper and catalogs



Metal cans



Aluminum cans



Newspaper & inserts



Paper bags



Cereal boxes



Cardboard



Paper or frozen food boxes

new recycling cart?

No

DO NOT put these items in your recycling cart.



Glass



Ceramics



Styrofoam peanuts



Glassware



Batteries



Aerosol cans



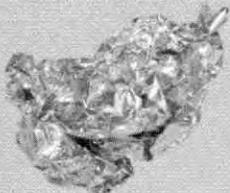
Toxic product containers



Plastic tubs



Plastic lids



Foil



Plastic bags



Light bulbs



Chip bags



Plastic cups



Styrofoam containers



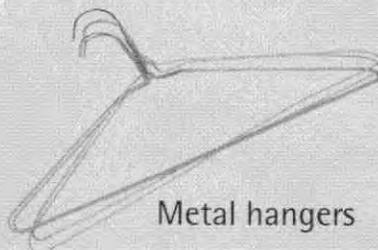
Frozen food bags



Pill bottles



Juice boxes



Metal hangers



Food-contaminated paper plates and napkins

No glass collected at curbside

Glass is no longer accepted at curbside because it often breaks in the cart. Glass shards mix with paper and other recyclables, which then damages processing equipment, lowers the value of the recycled paper, increases processing costs and poses a danger to workers at the sorting stations.

You can, however, take glass to drop-off sites throughout Pierce County.

Please sort the glass by color as marked on the drop-off site containers. This ensures maximum recyclability for the recycled glass.

Glass items that cannot be accepted include: plate glass, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, ceramics or kitchen cookware.

You also can continue to take recyclable glass to Pierce County transfer stations and the existing multi-material drop-off sites sponsored by cities or hauling companies.



Glass drop-off sites are conveniently located throughout Pierce County.

Glass Recycling Drop-Off Sites

Staffed Sites

Anderson Island
Transfer Station

9607 Steffensen Road

City of Tacoma Transfer
Station/Landfill

3510 S. Mullen

Hidden Valley
Transfer Station

17925 Meridian St. E.
Puyallup

Key Center
Transfer Station

5900 block
Key Peninsula Hwy.

Lakewood Refuse

3869 94th Street S.W.

LeMay
145th & Pacific Ave.
Parkland-Spanaway

Prairie Ridge
Transfer Station

Corner of Prairie Ridge
& South Prairie Road
So. Prairie-Bonney Lake

Purdy Transfer Station

14515 54th Ave. N.W.
Gig Harbor Peninsula

Puyallup Fairgrounds

5th St. S.W. &
15th Ave. S.W.
(Puyallup residents only)

Unstaffed Sites

Sumner Recycling Site
Sumner Treatment

Plant
13114 63rd St. E.

University Place
Refuse/Westside

Disposal
2815 Rochester St. W.

Organics Recycling
Center

Land Recovery, Inc.
10308 Sales Rd.
Lakewood

Murrey's Disposal
Corner of 70th Ave. E.
& N. Levy Road

Fife

Eatonville

Alley behind
102 Center St. W.

An updated list of all glass recycling drop-off sites can be found on Pierce County's website, www.piercecountywa.org/recycle.

Q & A

Q: What materials can be recycled in the new cart?

A: Newspaper, cardboard, cans, mixed paper, magazines, plastic bottles and paper milk-style cartons.

Q: Can I recycle small juice boxes and pouches?

A: No. The small boxes and pouches are made with a layer of foil that is difficult to separate during processing. Paper cartons that can be recycled are those found in the refrigerated section of the grocery store.

Q: Why is glass recycled separately?

A: Breakage during collection leaves glass shards in paper that damage processing equipment and pose a danger to sorting crews. This reduces the recyclability of recycled paper and increases processing and disposal costs.

Q: What should I do with recyclables that won't fit in the cart?

A: Items left outside the cart will not be collected. Recyclables also can be taken to staffed recycling stations throughout the county. For a list of recycling locations, call your hauler or visit the Pierce County Solid Waste Division's website, www.piercecountywa.org/recycle.

Q: Has my recycling pickup schedule changed?

A: The information packet delivered with your recycling cart contains your hauler's recycling pickup schedule. While haulers try to keep changes to a minimum, it may be necessary to reschedule some neighborhood collection days.

Q: What should I do with the three recycling bins from the current program?

A: You may keep the bins and reuse them as you wish. Unwanted bins can be turned in at staffed recycling stations.

Q: Do I pay extra for the new cart?

A: Curbside recycling costs are included in your garbage service. Garbage and recycling together are usually cheaper than garbage service alone.

With the extra capacity of the 96-gallon cart, you might be able to recycle more and reduce the number or size of garbage cans you need—an extra savings on your bimonthly bill. Ask your hauler about smaller-size options.

Q: Where can I get more information about recycling?

A: Call your hauler, or go online: www.piercecountywa.org/recycle.

For more recycling information call your recycling hauler, visit Pierce County's website at www.piercecountywa.org/recycle or call (253) 798-2179.

E-mail: pcsolidwaste@co.pierce.wa.us

Curbside Recycling Participation, Volumes Skyrocket

As a Pierce County resident, you aren't tossing out nearly as much garbage as you did a year ago. Recyclables that were ending up in the garbage are now going into your new recycling cart.

The ease of use, the freedom from sorting and the addition of plastics seem to be a winning combination. In the year since we began the single-cart recycling program, residents have increased their recycling 64 percent.

That's something we can all be proud of. Congratulations!

During the first seven complete months of the single-cart curbside recycling program:

- Participation rates climbed to 93 percent.
- The amount of paper and cardboard is up 83 percent.
- Each recycling household is setting out an average 44.5 pounds of recyclables per month.

For More Info

To learn more about the curbside recycling program, including a current list of glass drop off sites, call your recycling hauler, or look online at www.piercecountywa.org/recycle.

Your Involvement Can Make a Difference

You're doing well at recycling; now tell us how well we're doing.

A citizen-based solid waste advisory committee advises the County on waste and recycling topics.

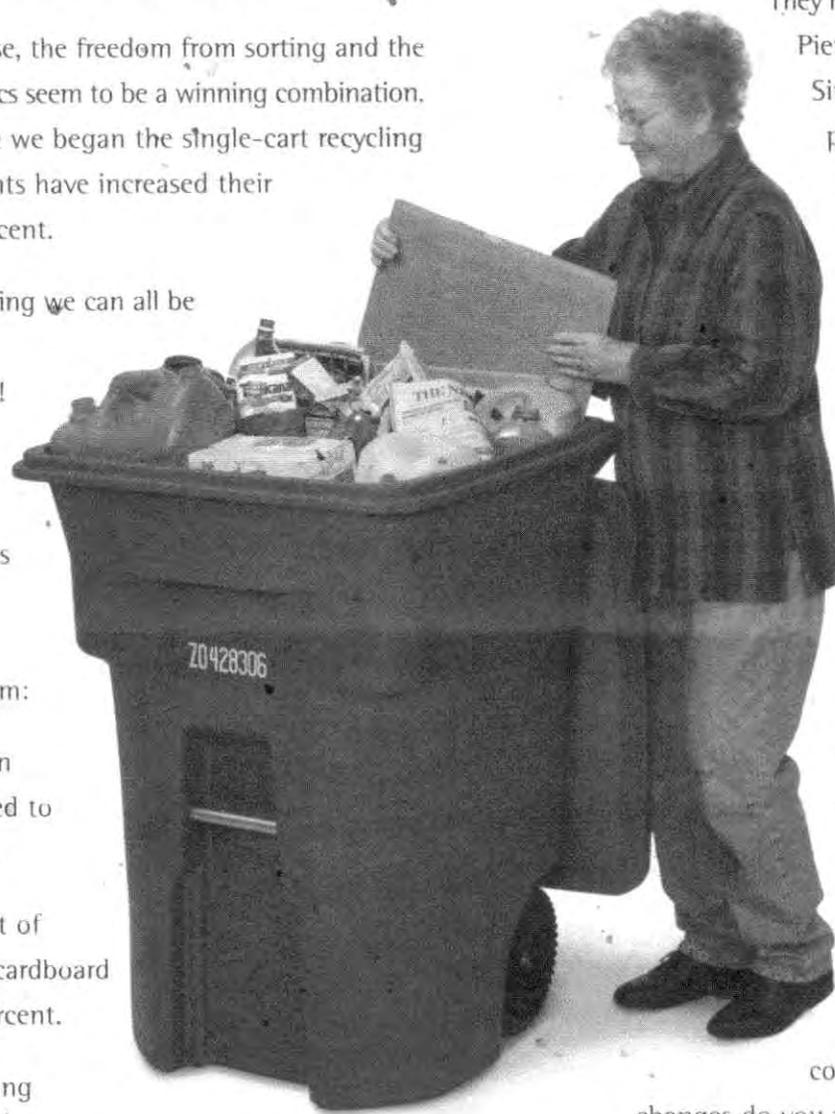
They helped us create the popular Pierce County Responds and Single-Cart Recycling programs. Now is the time for you to contribute your creative ideas.

The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) will be expanding and looking for new members. Over the next couple of years, we'll be updating our Solid Waste Plan. The plan helps us decide what programs come to your neighborhood and how to pay for it: Electronics recycling; "green building"; food waste recycling; new ways to collect glass; and maybe even mandatory collection programs. What

changes do you want to make to garbage and recycling programs?

Apply for membership on the committee and bring your ideas to share with the community. SWAC meetings are open to the public, so even if you don't want to be a member you can come and join in the discussions.

Check our website for more details: www.piercecountywa.org/swac.



Recycling Tips

What to do on Recycling Day

Recycling collection is safer and more efficient when carts are properly placed at the curb. Please follow these guidelines on your recycling day:

- The cart handles must face house; lid opening must face street.
- Put cart within 3 feet of the traveled portion of the road.
- Cart should be at least 3 feet from basketball hoops, trees, mailboxes and other containers. Place the cart 5 feet from cars.
- Allow 18 feet of space above cart, too, so the automated robotic "arm" on the collection truck has room to grasp the cart and operate most effectively.
- Do not block mailboxes.
- Please remove empty cart from the curb as soon as possible.

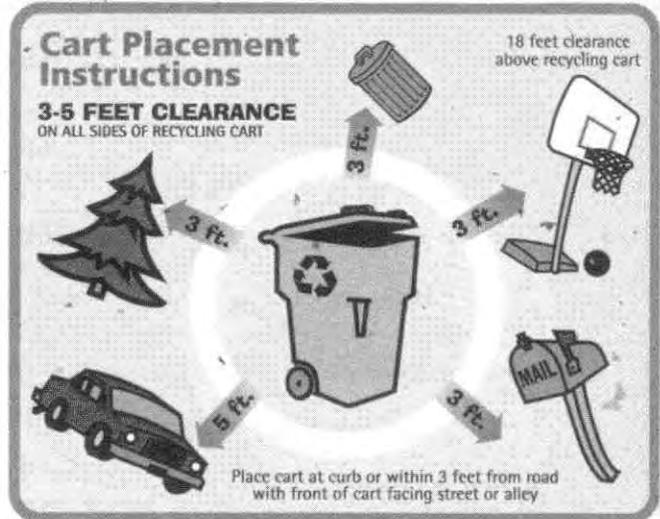
- Carts should be at the curb by 6 a.m. on the scheduled recycling day.

All Items Must Fit in Cart

All recyclables must be inside the cart to be collected. The automated trucks have a mechanical arm that picks up the cart, so items left outside the cart will not be collected.

Extra recyclables can be taken to staffed recycling stations throughout the county. For a list of those locations, call (253) 798-2179 or visit Pierce County's website:

www.piercecountywa.org/recycle.



Tip: If you need more space in your recycling cart, flatten cans and plastic bottles.

Recycling Success Stories

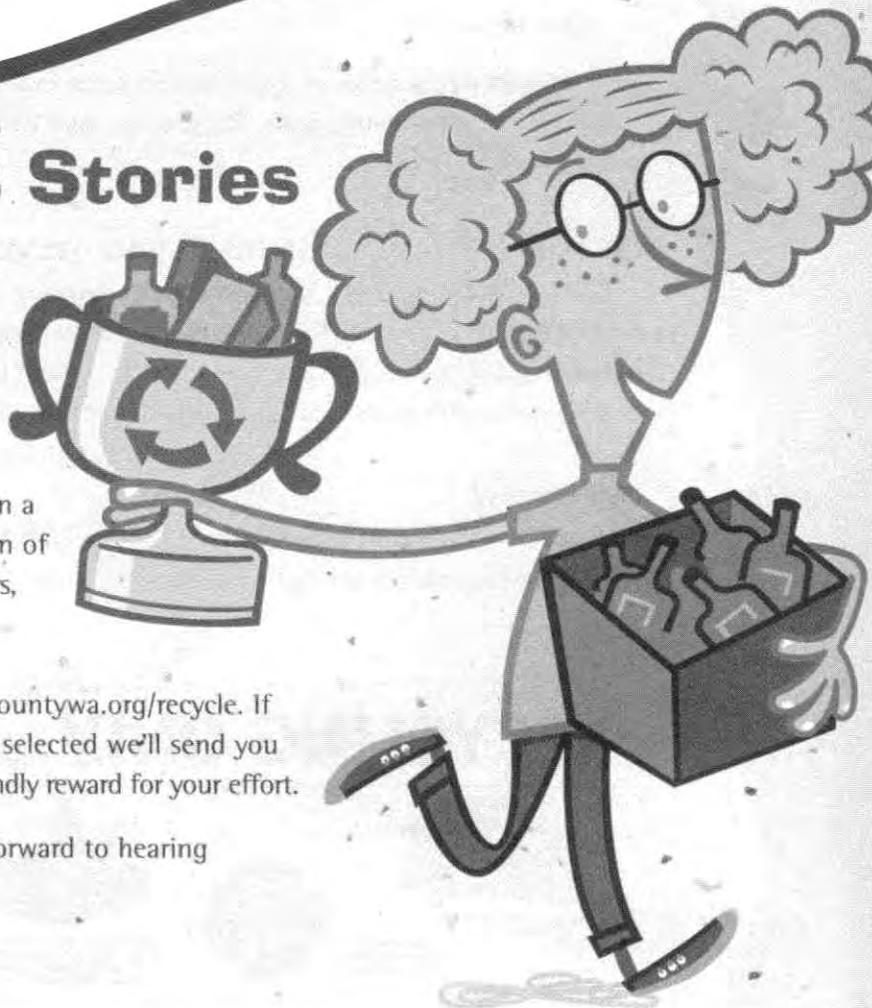
Are you making a difference? However big or small, tell us what you're doing to recycle more.

Write us a note, or better yet, send an e-mail describing your recycling efforts at pcsolidwaste@co.pierce.wa.us. Do you have a unique idea or system for recycling in your home? Have you found a great place to purchase recycled or used products? Or maybe you make a product using recycled or reused items? Are you the first in your neighborhood to put out your cart, reminding others that it's recycling day? In any case, you're making a difference and we want to tell your story.

We'll post the best stories, tips and experiences to share with our readers in a future edition of Earth Matters, and on our website

www.piercecountywa.org/recycle. If your story is selected we'll send you an earth-friendly reward for your effort.

We look forward to hearing from you.



Cut out this page and keep it for future reference.

Recycling Reminders

Preparing Recyclables is Easy

Materials remain recyclable when they are prepared properly.

- Recyclables should be clean, rinsed, dry and empty. (Milk sours and will leave odors in the cart. It also can contaminate paper in the cart.)
- Rinse containers with water and leave no food residue.
- Do not bag items (except shredded paper).
- Labels can stay on.
- Throw away plastic lids.

Put these items in your recycling cart:

Cardboard: Flatten boxes, place inside cart.

Cans: Aluminum and tin cans. Rinse out. Flatten (optional).

Plastic: Bottles only, such as milk, pop, detergent or shampoo bottles. The opening must be smaller than the base. Rinse out and remove lids.

Paper: Clean and dry newspaper, magazines, catalogs, mail, writing paper, phone books, cereal and other paperboard boxes, paper frozen food boxes, paper bags, shredded paper (place in brown paper bag, roll down the top and place it in your recycling cart).

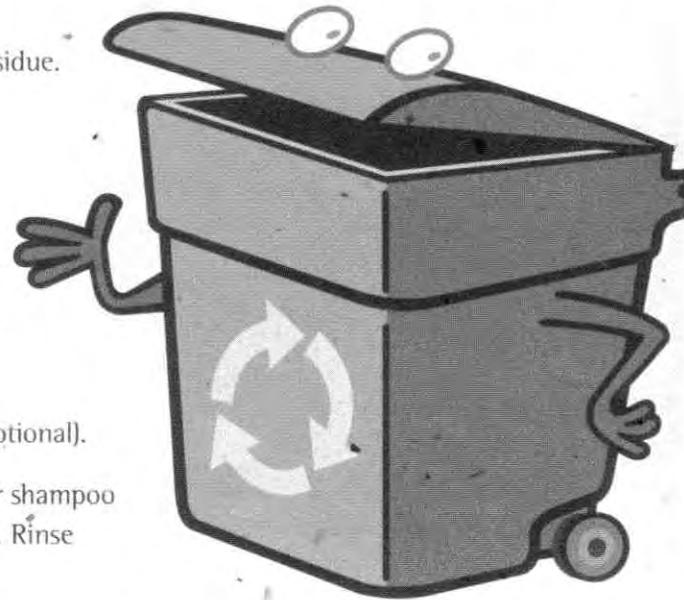
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Questions?

If you have questions about your cart or the curbside recycling program, please call your recycling hauler. Their phone number is printed on the recycling cart label.



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PAPER: Clean and dry newspaper, magazines, catalogs, mail, writing paper, phone books, cereal and other paperboard boxes, paper frozen food boxes, paper bags.

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Please follow instructions printed on your cart label.

The Sanipac[®] Recycler

SPRING 2006



Haul-i-days

Sanipac will be closed on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. Your trash will be picked up one day late that week – even Saturday, if Friday is your usual collection day.

See www.sanipac.com/residential/recycling_pickup/ for your schedule.



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What Goes – or Doesn't Go – Where?

Please remember to keep these items where they belong:

Shredded paper – must be contained in a paper bag with the top folded over, then tossed in your commingled cart. Loose shredded paper creates debris when it is picked up and when it is sorted at the commingling plant.

Dog waste, garbage, plastic bags, plastic pots – must go in your garbage, NOT in your yard debris cart. However, plastic bags are accepted at Lane County transfer



sites; plastic pots may be taken to the Glenwood facility. Leave yard debris loose. Do not bag it! The markets refuse contaminated loads, which could weaken the yard debris program.

Paint – Do NOT put oil-based paint or stain in your garbage; do not put in latex paint unless it is completely dry. Lane County's free hazardous waste program provides responsible paint disposal. Call 682-4120 for an appointment.



Recycling tips galore are on Sanipac's website! Visit www.sanipac.com, click on "FAQs" and then click on "Other Resources."

Sanipac Recycling Basics

It's easier than ever!

SPRING 2006

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MOTOR OIL - Put oil in a non-glass container with a screw-on lid and clearly label it. Place next to the blue box.

EVERYTHING ELSE - Go ahead! Throw tin, aluminum, plastics (except #6, which

can't be recycled), and all paper products (including junk mail, newspapers, magazines, cardboard, paper bags, non-foil wrapping paper, cereal boxes, egg cartons) together in your blue recycling roll cart. No plastic bags or poly foam.

GENERAL RECYCLING INSTRUCTIONS - Please make sure your carts are out by 7 a.m. on pick-up day. Place them at least 4 feet apart.

Proper placement of your garbage and recyclables is shown on our website on the "Residential" page. Remove your containers from the sidewalk and curb by midnight on pick-up day so they do not obstruct public areas or interfere with handicap access.

For ways to recycle other items, visit our website. Or, call 736-3600 for more detailed recycling instructions.

Presenting: Your Commingled Schedule, April - December

Is this a yard debris or commingled recycling week? Sometimes it's difficult to remember, so here's a list of 2006's remaining commingled recycling weeks.

Find your location on the map. If you are in the green area #1, your commingled schedule is every week marked in green on the calendar; if you live in south Eugene (#2), your schedule is marked in blue.

Yard debris is collected on the weeks your commingled recycling is not scheduled for pickup.

Unless you've selected a different schedule, garbage is collected every week. Thus, one week is for garbage and yard debris; the next week is for garbage and commingled recycling, including glass.

HAUL-I-DAYS

If your week includes a holiday, collection on and after the holiday will occur one day later (even Saturday). Holidays and the days that are affected are indicated with an *.

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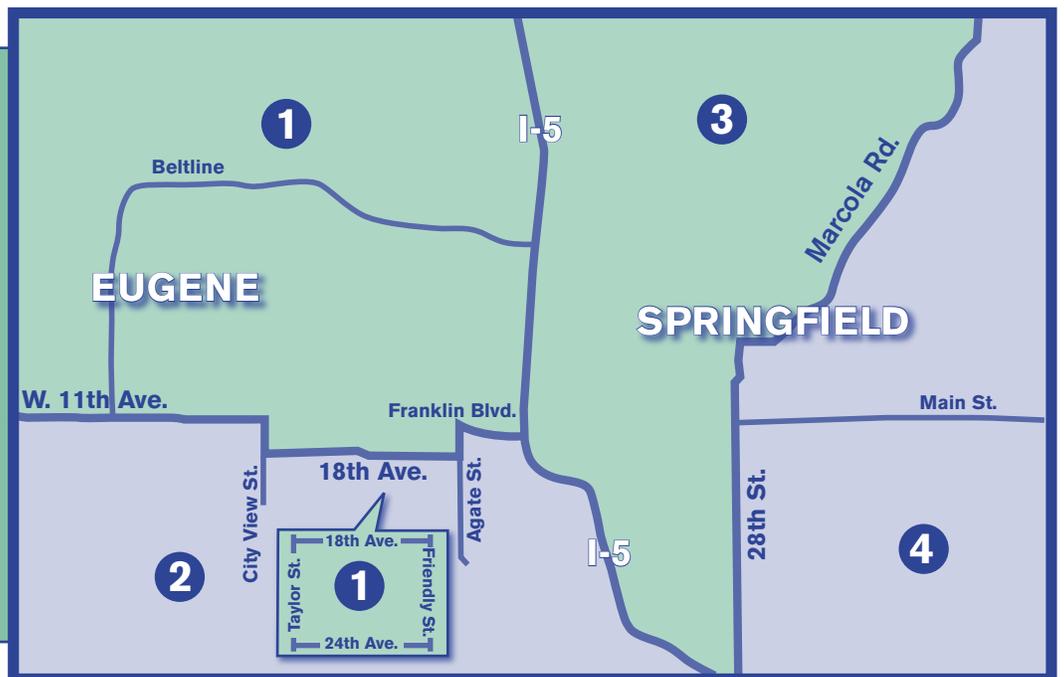
Eugene Area #1 Commingled Pick-up Weeks - GREEN
 Eugene Area #2 Commingled Pick-up Weeks - BLUE

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www.sanipac.com is another easy way to check your weekly schedule. Click on "Commingled Recycling" and select the sentence that says, "You may also check your residential commingled recycling schedule." When you see a map like this one, click on the area that matches your location, then select the day of your pickup. Your commingled schedule will be displayed.





JOHN HIRE'S GARDEN
(see story on back page)

Peanuts, Anyone?



All those polystyrene peanuts can find a better home than your closet or the landfill. Here are some ways to recycle them:

- Many packaging businesses and mailing houses in our area will take your peanuts if they are clean and dry.
- Call the Peanut Hotline to find Oregon businesses that want the packing material. The Hotline, provided by the Plastic Loose Fill Council, is at 1-800-828-2214.
- Give away your extras on Freecycle Eugene. On www.sanipac.com, click on "FAQs" and "Other Resources." Click the link to Freecycle.
- Trade the useless for the useful by bartering the peanuts for something you need. Visit www.bringrecycling.org and click on "Materials Exchange."

Please do not dispose of the peanuts as garbage – they never decompose.

Sanipac Recycling Basics

SUMMER 2006

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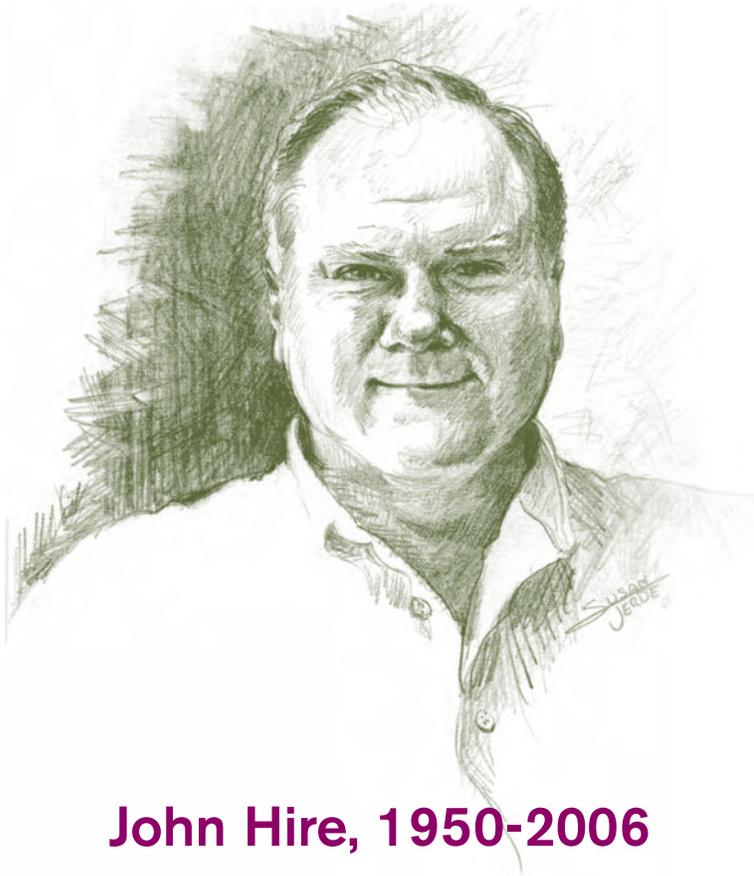
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Questions? Call 736-3600 for more detailed recycling instructions, or visit www.sanipac.com



John Hire, 1950-2006

We were deeply saddened when John Hire, our General Manager, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on May 31. John was a close friend and colleague to those of us who worked with him.

Portrait by Susan Jerde

John guided Sanipac for nearly 25 years. During his tenure, Sanipac embarked on several new programs that increased customer satisfaction and streamlined the operation. In 1990, Sanipac launched the residential “blue box” program to collect separated recyclables at the curb. In 2001, yard debris carts were introduced for Eugene customers. In 2004, our highly successful commingled recycling program began. That program, along with commercial commingling, means Sanipac collects about 85 million pounds of recyclables yearly.

John served on the board and executive committee of the Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association. He also chaired the Association’s Governmental Affairs Committee. He spoke to various organizations and trade groups throughout the community.

John was a straight shooter and an approachable leader. He was a great storyteller and would often share his tales with Sanipac’s drivers.

John had a green thumb and spent countless hours in his English garden, complete with a beautiful koi pond. The photo on the front of this newsletter shows a portion of his handiwork. Most of all, John was a family man. He adored his wife, Lana; sons Matt, Sean and Ryan; daughters-in-law, Erin, Laurie and Casey; and grandson Owen.

At Sanipac, John’s priorities included excellent customer service. We will continue that tradition in his memory.



Coffee Grows a Garden

Gardeners and owners of coffee shops are waking up and smelling the coffee – grounds, that is. Numerous outlets around Eugene and Springfield are happy to send gardeners home with coffee grounds.

Springfield are happy to send gardeners home with coffee grounds. It clears space in the shops’ garbage cans and, in turn, gardeners gain additional nitrogen for plant beds and compost piles. Houseplants like coffee grounds, too, and so do worms.

Some coffee shops offer the grounds on a regular schedule. Ask at your favorite restaurant or drive-through, or use your own grounds, and start perking up your garden.

Brown Pages Full of Recycling Tips



The front of your telephone book has a special section on recycling in Lane County. The brown pages are a helpful resource when you’re looking for ways to dispose properly of

things like tires, paint, computers and plastics. To reuse and recycle, let your fingers walk through the brown pages!

Guide to Residential Garbage & Recycling Services

Including Yard Waste, Call-2-Haul,
Household Hazardous Waste and Landfill Services



City of Tacoma Solid Waste Management

Solid Waste Management takes pride in its commitment to the environment and strives to provide superb customer service. This shows through the myriad services and programs we offer. They are designed to meet most of your solid waste and recycling-related needs. Please refer to this guide as a resource for general Solid Waste Management questions. You can find additional information about environmental education, volunteer opportunities, utility publications and more on our Web site, www.cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste. You may also call Solid Waste Management with your questions. Please see the inside back cover for our contact list.

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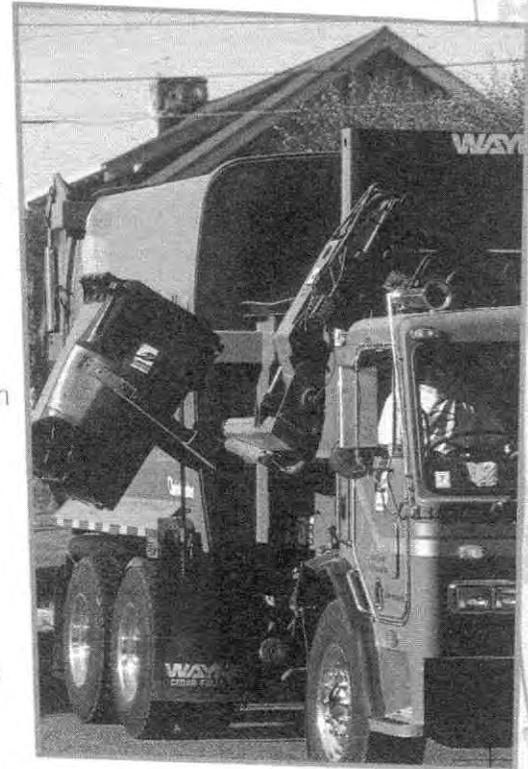
Garbage

253-591-5543

solidwaste@cityoftacoma.org
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday
(Closed all major City holidays)

Garbage Collection

Garbage is picked up once a week. To find out your garbage day, please refer to www.cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste or call 591-5543. If your garbage pickup day falls on New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving or Christmas Day, collection will be one day later for those weeks. For example, if New Year's Day is a Tuesday, and your garbage day is Tuesday, regular collection will take place on Wednesday instead. Collection for the rest of those weeks will also be one day late. We do work Saturdays during those weeks. On other holidays, garbage pickup is on your regular collection day.



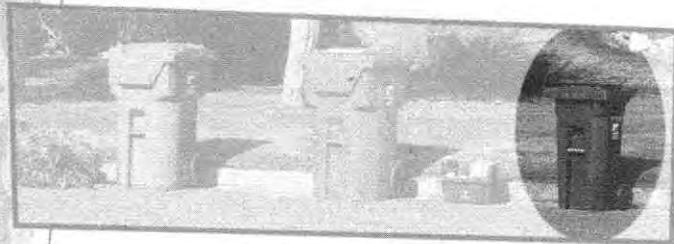
Set-out Guidelines

Please follow these guidelines when preparing for collection:

- Set your garbage container out by 7 a.m. on your pickup day.
- Place your garbage container with the lid opening toward the street or alley.
- Our automated trucks have a claw mechanism that picks up the cans, and in order for it to operate properly, your container must be at least four (4) feet from any obstructions, such as cars, telephone poles, buildings, fences or your recycling/yard waste containers.



- If you forget to put your container out in time for pickup, call us at 591-5543. We will try to pick it up the same day. There may be a fee.
- The lid must close completely. If you overfill your container, you may be charged extra.
- If you leave extra garbage within five (5) feet of your container, we will pick it up and may charge your account an extra fee.



Garbage Containers

City-provided green, wheeled garbage containers are required for all customers. Choose between four sizes—20-, 30-, 60- and 90-gallons. (The 20-gallon size is an insert in a 30-gallon container.) We recommend that a family of four—who recycles—use a 30-gallon garbage can.



Accepted Items:

The following are examples of what can go in your garbage container. Please bag all garbage.

- Toys
- Wood pieces
- Pizza boxes
- Clothing and fabrics
- Pet food bags
- Cement bags (empty only)
- Woven plastic bags (such as sand bags and feed bags)
- Food waste

- Empty automotive containers (oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid, or other)
- Scrap metal
- Tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins
- Feminine hygiene products
- Dirty paper plates and cups
- Dirty cardboard
- Dirty aluminum foil
- Styrofoam products*
- Cigarette butts
- Foam rubber
- Cat litter
- Cold ashes or charcoal briquettes
- Pet manure (if it is securely wrapped)
- Disposable diapers

Not Accepted:

- Liquids
- Asbestos
- Hypodermic needles
- Tires (Tires are not collected curbside, but they are accepted at the Landfill for a fee.)
- Hazardous materials or wastes and waste oil
To find out what is hazardous and how to dispose of hazardous wastes, refer to the Household Hazardous Waste section of this brochure.
- Large items (such as furniture, lumber, appliances, demolition debris, car parts)
To find out how to dispose of large household items, please refer to the Call-2-Haul section of this brochure.

Garbage Rates

Monthly rates are based on the size of your garbage container. For current rates, to order new service, to change your existing service or to find out about waste reduction, please refer to www.cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste or call 591-5543.

* *Environmental Services does not recycle Styrofoam products. But some commercial mailing businesses will recycle Styrofoam packing peanuts for free. Please check the phone book for mailing services near your home.*

CURBSIDE RECYCLING

253-591-5543

solidwaste@cityoftacoma.org

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday
(Closed all major City holidays)

Recycling Updates

(24-hour recorded message only)
253-565-5955

Recycling Collection

Recycling is picked up every other week on your garbage day. To find out your garbage day, please refer to www.cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste or call 591-5543.

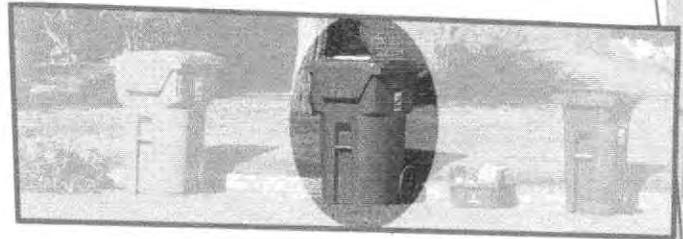


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Set-out Guidelines

Please follow these guidelines when preparing for curbside recycling:

- Please put your container out only when it is full.
- Place your recycling container with the lid opening toward the street or alley and place it at least four (4) feet from your garbage container.



Recycling Containers

Customers who recycle will receive a bright blue container with wheels for most recyclables and a small bin for glass and batteries. Customers can choose between a 30-, 60-, or 90-gallon recycling container. For a family of four, Solid Waste Management recommends a 90-gallon recycling container and 30-gallon garbage can.



Accepted Items:

Please see the perforated foldout in the back of this brochure for more details on what items are recyclable. Please rinse out bottles, jars, jugs, cartons and other items that may have food residue.

- Plastic containers with a  through  recycling symbol, including clean food containers, trays, shampoo bottles, and other bottles and jugs (Please remove lids and caps from containers and place them in the garbage.)
- Plastic grocery bags, fruit and vegetable bags, shopping bags and dry cleaning bags. (Put them into one bag and tie at the top.)
- Plastic-coated paper such as milk cartons, juice cartons, frozen food boxes and ice cream cartons.
- Boxes from food items such as cereal and cake mixes. (Remove liners and place in garbage container.)
- Cardboard (Flatten, bundle and place next to your recycling container. Large amounts of cardboard may be disposed of at the Recycling Center at no charge.)
- Newspaper, phone books, magazines, catalogs
- Junk mail (You can reduce your junk mail! Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste for a Junk Mail Reduction Kit.)
- Office paper
- Computer paper
- Wrapping paper (non-metallic)
- Clean aluminum, including cans, pie plates and foil
- Tin cans (You do not have to remove the labels, just rinse out.)
- Empty aerosol cans (If there's still product left in the container, it may be considered hazardous waste and may need to be taken to our Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Please see the Household Hazardous Waste section of this brochure for details.)

Not Accepted:

Paper

Carbon paper
Paper box liners or wrappings
Disposable diapers
Wrapping paper made of metallic foil or tissue (Paper wrapping paper is recyclable.)
Tissues, toilet paper, paper towels or napkins
Dirty paper plates and cups
Soiled newspaper

Plastics

Bottles that held motor oil, antifreeze, bleach, pesticides, or any other hazardous materials.
Plastic woven bags (such as sand bags and feed bags)
Caps and lids

Metals

Full or partially full aerosol cans
Paint or gas cans (Cans with **dried** paint go in the garbage. To dispose of cans with **wet** paint, see the Household Hazardous Waste section of this brochure.)
Caps and lids
Wire clothes hangers (Try recycling these at your local dry cleaners.)
Wire
Scrap metal items (Take to a scrap metal recycler listed in the phone book under "Recycling.")

Miscellaneous

Containers with food residue
Polystyrene cups or egg cartons
Cement bags
Clothing/fabrics (If items are still usable, consider giving them to a charity.)
Foam rubber
Pet food bags
Hardbound books
Computers or parts (Electronics can be recycled. Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste for more information.)
Pizza boxes
Styrofoam products (Styrofoam packing peanuts can be taken to most local mailing services.)
Wood and wood waste (Take to a wood recycler listed in the phone book under "Recycling.")

These items are not recyclable in the curbside program and should go either in your garbage container or to a local recycler of the material. If any of these items are placed in your recycling container, the entire container must be dumped as garbage to avoid contamination of our recyclable material. Repeated instances of contamination may result in a charge on your utility bill and/or removal of your container. Thanks for your cooperation.

Recycling Rates

There is no additional charge for recycling service. Recycling is included with residential garbage service. Remember, the more you recycle, the smaller your garbage container can be. The smaller your garbage container, the lower your rates!



Glass and Battery Recycling

Customers who recycle also will receive a small blue bin for collection of glass and household batteries. This bin is to be placed next to your big blue recycling container for collection on your recycling day.

Accepted Items:

- Glass jars and bottles with lids removed. Please place the lids in your big blue recycling container. Please rinse jars and bottles before placing them in your small recycling bin. You do not have to remove the labels.
- Household batteries. Please seal in a plastic bag and place in your glass bin.

Not Accepted:

These items are not recyclable and should go in your garbage container.

Plate or window glass
 Light bulbs*
 Ceramic mugs & dishes
 Mirrors
 Broken glass

Recycling Center at the Landfill

8 a.m.-6 p.m., every day
 (Closed: New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day)

The Recycling Center, located at the Tacoma Landfill, accepts all of the same recyclables that are accepted for curbside collection. However, you must separate your items at the Recycling Center. Tacoma and Pierce County residents may use the Recycling Center at no charge.

* You can recycle fluorescent light bulbs at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility for no charge.

Yard Waste

253-591-5543

solidwaste@cityoftacoma.org

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday
 (Closed all major City holidays)

Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste is collected every other week on your recycling day. To find out your recycling day, please refer to www.cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste or call 591-5543. If your recycling day falls on New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving or Christmas Day, collection will be one day later for those weeks. For example, if New Year's

Day is a Tuesday, and your recycling day is Tuesday, regular collection will take place on Wednesday instead.

Collection for the rest of those weeks will also be one day late.

We do work Saturdays during those weeks.

On all other holidays, yard waste pickup is on your regular recycling collection day.



Yard Waste Containers

Complimentary 90-gallon brown yard waste containers are available to all residential customers upon request.

City Container Set-out

When setting out City containers, follow these guidelines:

- Please put your container out only when it is full.
- Place your City yard waste container with the lid opening toward the street or alley. Place the containers at least four (4) feet from your garbage container.



- Please don't overload your container. The lid must sit flat on the top. Otherwise it's difficult for the trucks to pick up the containers and not spill the contents.
- The container must not weigh more than 250 pounds.

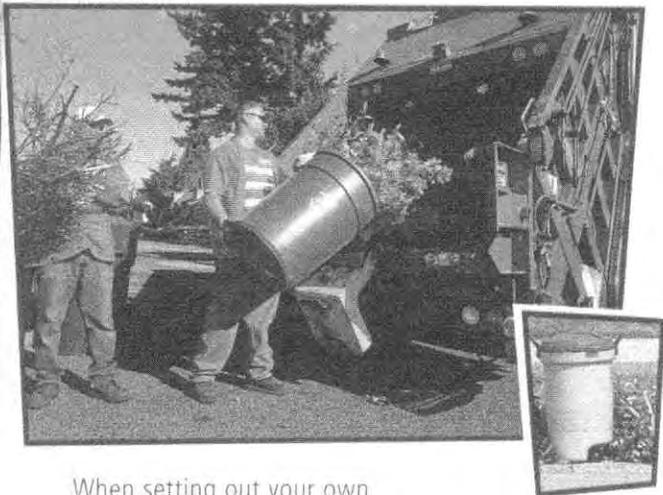


Customer Container Set-out

(Note: Yard waste in customer-owned containers will not be emptied after Nov. 14, 2005. See www.cityoftacoma.org/yardwaste for details.)

Customers may also use their own containers, but they must meet these specifications:

- Containers must be no larger than 34 gallons.
- Containers must have a removable lid.
- Containers must have handles on each side that workers can pass their hands through (like a coffee cup handle).



When setting out your own container, follow these guidelines:

- Please put your container out only when it is full.
- Place your yard waste container at least four (4) feet from your garbage container.
- Do not overfill your container. Overfilling poses a risk to our workers. The removable lid must be placed flat on the top of the can.
- The container must not weigh more than 70 pounds.

Accepted Items:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Prunings
- Clean beauty bark (small amounts)
- Fruit and vegetable matter (small amounts)
- Weeds and roots with the dirt shaken off
- Branches (if less than six (6) inches in diameter)*

** Branches less than six (6) inches in diameter must be bundled with heavy twine (no string, wire, plastic, etc.) into 3-foot lengths and placed next to your yard waste container. Bundles must be light enough for one person to lift. Larger diameter branches may be brought to the Landfill for a fee.*

The yard waste items we accept are composted and turned into organic fertilizer. Not all items are compostable, however.

Not Accepted:

- Sod
- Dirt
- Rocks
- Manure
- Lumber
- Cat litter
- Stumps or logs
- Yard waste in bags
- Large amounts of fruit and vegetable matter

Non-acceptable items may be recycled or disposed of (for a fee) at the Tacoma Landfill. For information on the hours of the Tacoma Landfill, see the Landfill Services section of this brochure.

If you put any of these items in your yard waste container, the entire contents must be dumped as garbage to avoid contamination of our recyclable material. Repeated instances of contamination may result in a charge on your utility bill and/or removal of your container.

Yard Waste Rates

There is no additional charge for yard waste recycling. It is included with your residential garbage service.

Yard Waste at the Landfill

City of Tacoma residential solid waste customers may bring yard waste free of charge to the Landfill. Yard waste is defined as above-ground cuttings such as grass clippings, prunings, cut limbs (up to eight (8) feet in length and eight (8) inches in diameter) and clean beauty bark. We do not accept sod, dirt, rocks, large stumps, food wastes and animal wastes.

Call-2-Haul

253-573-2468

solidwaste@cityoftacoma.org

8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday
(Closed all major City holidays)

Are unusable appliances, furniture, rolled carpet and other large items a nuisance at your home? Solid Waste Management will haul them away with our Call-2-Haul program.



Before you call us, however, consider giving your reusable castoffs to a charitable organization. Not only would they appreciate your donation, sharing usable items saves room in the landfill, which is great for the environment. Also, most places will write you a receipt for a tax deduction.

Schedule a Call-2-Haul Pickup

Solid Waste Management garbage customers living in a single-family home or duplex may schedule up to two Call-2-Haul appointments each year. Simply call the Call-2-Haul hotline, 573-2468. Solid Waste Management staff will ask about the items you want collected and then they'll schedule an appointment for a pickup.

Accepted Items:

- Up to three (3) large items: Unusable appliances such as refrigerators, water heaters, washing machines, dryers; furniture such as sofas, chairs and tables; also, large rolls of carpet (limit of six (6) feet in length and one (1) foot in diameter).
- Up to 15 boxes and bags of smaller household items. Each box or bag must be light enough for one person to lift.
- Medium-size items such as vacuum cleaners, strollers, lawn chairs, etc.

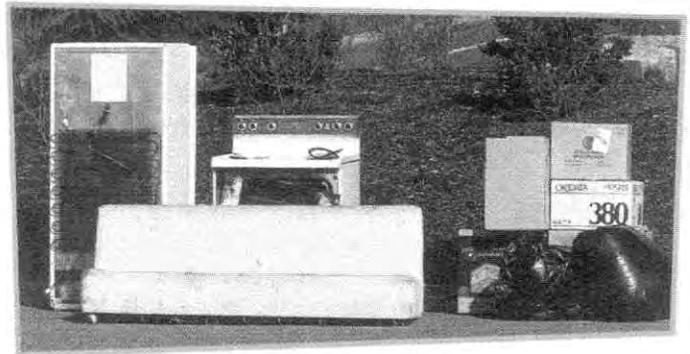
Not Accepted:

- Glass
- Construction, demolition or remodeling debris
- Car, truck, boat and motorcycle parts
- Tires
- Liquids
- Hazardous materials
- Regular household garbage or recyclables
- Yard waste
- Doors or windows
- Items from businesses (machines, furniture, etc.)

Some of these items may be recycled commercially. Please see our Web site, www.cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste or call Solid Waste Management, 591-5543, for more information.

Preparing for your Call-2-Haul Pickup

Please place your items neatly along the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day. Please do not set out your items before then as the items may get wet or blown away by wind; or someone may also rummage through your pile or add items to it, which may result in the load not being collected. Leaving the items out for a long period of time also causes an eyesore for the neighborhood.



Call-2-Haul Rates

There is no additional charge for the Call-2-Haul program. It is included as a part of your residential garbage service.



Household Hazardous Waste

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

253-591-5418

8 a.m.-6 p.m., every day
(Closed: New Year's Day, July 4,
Thanksgiving and Christmas Day)

What should you do with that old can of oil-based paint sitting in your garage? Where can you get rid of your used motor oil? Dispose of these items and more at the City of Tacoma Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at the Tacoma Landfill.



Household Hazardous Waste Rates

There is no additional charge to dispose of household hazardous waste.

Customers must show proof of Tacoma or Pierce County residency to use the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. You will need to have photo identification showing you live in the City of Tacoma or Pierce County.

Disposal

Many common household materials—from antifreeze to household cleaners—are considered hazardous materials and need special handling. Never put hazardous products in the garbage, down the sink or toilet, or into a storm drain. Staff at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility can dispose of hazardous items safely. If you have large quantities, please call 591-5418.



Accepted:

- Oil-based paints
- Household cleaners
- Solvents
- Automotive products
- Antifreeze
- Acids and caustics
- Pool chemicals
- Flammable liquids
- Yard and garden chemicals
- Insecticides
- Glues
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Mercury thermometers
- Unusable gas and fuel
- Motor oil*

Not accepted:

- Commercial/business hazardous waste
- Ammunition and explosives
- Asbestos
- Latex paint*
- Contaminated soil

If you have questions about proper disposal of these non-acceptable items, please call the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 591-5418.

* Used motor oil can also be recycled at various service stations and auto parts stores.

* Latex paint is not considered a hazardous material if disposed of correctly. Solidify with cat litter or cement mix. Once the mixture hardens, place in your garbage container.

