

## More resources



### OPTIONS FOR PREVENTING WASTE

#### Information to help you dispose or recycle materials properly:

##### What Do I Do With...?

www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wdidw

##### Ecology

www.800Recycle.wa.gov

##### Free exchanges to buy, sell or give away reusable items

www.seattle.craigslist.org

www.2good2toss.com

www.freecycle.org

##### Find it on the web:

##### Information on recycling, disposal, waste prevention, and more:

City of Auburn

www.auburnwa.gov/solidwaste

Waste Management

www.wmnorthwest.com

##### Tips on how to Think Green:

Waste Management

www.wmnorthwest.com

##### Illegal Dumping:

Please call 206-296-SITE (7483)

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Hazardous products say "Caution, Warning, Danger & Poison" on the label, are harmful to humans, wildlife and the environment, and are not allowed in the garbage.

For proper disposal information, please visit:

##### King County Auburn SuperMall Wastemobile (FREE):

1102 SuperMall Way (Backside of mall between Nordstrom & Sports Authority)

Open 1st and 3rd full weekends of the month (Fri., Sat. & Sun) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For a complete schedule and what materials are accepted, visit www.LHWMP.org or call 206-296-4692.

##### Computers, Monitors & TV. Recycling (FREE)

Goodwill, 1519 Auburn Way S., 253-573-1333 (information line)

A Plus Removal & Recycle, 116 Clay St. NW, #B1, 253-737-4441

E-Cycle Washington www.ecyclewashington.org

Ecology 1-800-RECYCLE (732-9253)

##### Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes and Alkaline & Rechargeable Batteries

Auburn SuperMall Wastemobile (see above)

##### Unwanted Medicines

Auburn Police Department, 340 E Main Street, #201, 253-804-3115

Take Back Your Meds www.takebackyourmeds.org

##### Sharps Disposal

Auburn Public Health Center, 901 Auburn Way N, 253-833-8400

Waste Management www.thinkgreenfromhome.com

### Waste Prevention is Even Better Than Recycling

Before you buy, use or discard an item, ask yourself:

#### Reduce:

Can I buy this product with less packaging?

#### Reuse:

Can I or someone else use this again?

#### Recycle:

Can I recycle this after I use it?

#### Buy Recycled:

Can I get this item with recycled content?

## FAQs NEW SERVICE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

### What does this new service mean?

Waste Management will still be your service provider.

The City of Auburn is transitioning to automated collection, which means no more customer-owned cans. Waste Management will be providing 35-gallon carts for customers who currently have 32-gallon cans for garbage.

All containers throughout the City of Auburn will be the same color for all material waste streams—gray for compostables, green for garbage (except for gray 10-gallon can) and blue for recycling.

**New recyclables now accepted:** Non-toxic aerosol cans and plastic cups are now accepted in your recycling cart!

### Will my rates change?

No change in garbage rates for customers who currently have a 32-gallon customer-owned can.

Customers who already have 35-gallon cart service will see a decrease in their garbage rate.

Customers who currently have a 20-gallon can for garbage service will receive a 20-gallon cart for no rate increase.

### What does automated collection mean?

With automated collection, our trucks are able to pick up and empty the materials from each cart directly into the truck. Automated collection is better on the environment. Trucks spend less time idling which helps us provide more efficient service.

### Will my service day change?

Your service day will not change. Your garbage and compostables will continue to be collected weekly and your recycling will be picked up every-other-week on the same day as garbage.

Please continue to use the same collection schedule that the City provided last year.

### Will my billing change?

No. The City of Auburn will continue to send monthly bills. If you have billing questions, please call the City of Auburn Utility Billing at 253-931-3038.

### What if I need to change my container size for garbage, recycling or compostables?

You can change your container size by calling 253-931-3038. Rates vary according to container size. There is no fee for recycling, but there is a fee for garbage and compostables.

### Container options include:

Container	Options
Garbage	10, 20, 35, 64 and 96-gallon
Recycling	35, 64 and 96-gallon
Compostables	35, 64 and 96-gallon



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Solid Waste & Recycling Division  
25 West Main Street  
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## AUBURN Residential Garbage, Recycling and Compostables Guidelines

### NEW SERVICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

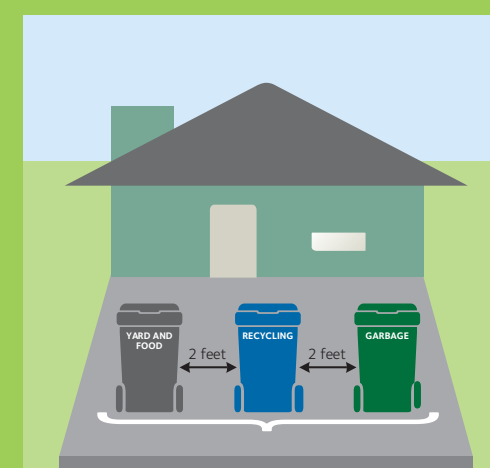


Waste Management is pleased to provide these guidelines to help make it easier to use our services. Please save for future reference.

Visit our website, [www.wmnorthwest.com](http://www.wmnorthwest.com), for more tips on how to Think Green.

# Service Information

## CONTAINER SET OUT GUIDELINES



Your containers will be collected weekly.

- Place containers at the curb by 7:00 a.m.
- Place containers two (2) feet apart with lids opening towards street.
- Place containers at least three (3) feet from obstructions such as cars, trees, mailboxes. (Our trucks need clear access to empty containers.)
- Place wheels as close to the curb as possible.

## SERVICE NUMBERS

- City of Auburn**
- Billing, set up, service changes 253-931-3038
  - Solid Waste & Recycling website [www.auburnwa.gov/solidwaste](http://www.auburnwa.gov/solidwaste)
- Waste Management**
- Missed collections 1-800-592-9995
  - Website [www.wmnorthwest.com/auburn](http://www.wmnorthwest.com/auburn)

## WEATHER DELAY?

If weather conditions prevent safe collection, up to twice as much garbage, recyclables, and compostables will be collected at no extra charge on your next regular collection day. No credits will be issued for collection delays due to weather.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Waste Management provides collection service on all holidays except Thanksgiving, Christmas Day (Dec. 25) and New Years Day (Jan. 1). If collection falls on or after any of these holidays, your scheduled collection will be one day later that week.



## RECYCLING

Empty your clean recyclables out of bags and boxes into your blue recycling cart for easy sorting.

All recyclables should be clean and empty

### Clean paper and cardboard

Flattened cardboard (limit 2x3 ft), newspapers, inserts, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, paperback books, mail (window envelopes ok), paper bags, and food boxes.



### Paper food containers

Clean paper cups, milk and juice cartons, juice boxes, and frozen food boxes. (rinse clean, no caps or lids)



No shredded paper (layer in compostables cart instead) or put in garbage.

### Clean glass bottles and jars

All colors and sizes. (no caps or lids, labels ok)



### Clean metal

Aluminum and tin cans, scrap metal and small metal appliances (limit 2x2x2 ft, 35 lbs). **New! Empty and non-hazardous aerosol cans now accepted.** (Please rinse and empty cans)



### Clean plastic containers

Plastic bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs (no caps or lids). **New! Plastic cups are now accepted.**



Plastic grocery bags are accepted at local grocery stores for recycling. Better yet, choose reusable instead!

## Recycling is collected every-other-week on your garbage day.

- Empty clean recyclables out of bags and boxes into the cart so they can be easily sorted.
- Put all recycling in your blue recycling cart.

**No cost for extra recycling:** Put extra recycling in kraft bag, cardboard box or 32-gallon container with handles and lid. Please label "Recycle".



## COMPOSTABLES

All of these materials can go in your gray compostables cart.

Where does it go? Food scraps and yard trimmings are processed into compost and sold at home and garden stores. For more information visit [www.cgcompost.com](http://www.cgcompost.com).

### Food scraps and leftovers

Meat, fish, dairy, fruit, vegetables, shells, bones, pasta, rice, eggshells, nutshells, bread, grains and leftovers.



### Food-soiled paper

Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, waxed cardboard, soiled paper bags, kitchen paper towels, paper napkins, non-coated paper plates, approved compostable containers and loose shredded paper.



No fats, oil or grease in food/yard waste. Harden and put in garbage.

No diapers, glass, plastic, or pet waste.

### Plants, flowers and yard trimmings

Plants and flowers, landscape vegetation, vegetative garden waste, windfall fruit, jack-o-lanterns, brush and branches (no larger than 4" in diameter x 4' in length).



### Approved compostable packaging

More items at [www.gogreenscene.com](http://www.gogreenscene.com)



## Compostables are collected weekly.

**Collect food scraps. It's easy to do!**

- Use a collection method that works for you.
  - Collander or strainer
  - Paper grocery bag
  - Reusable plastic, metal, or ceramic container with a lid
  - Approved compostable bag
- Empty your collection container into the compostables cart/container frequently.
- Layer food scraps with yard waste, newspaper or shredded paper to absorb liquids.

**There is a charge for extra yard waste:** Put extra yard waste in kraft bag, cardboard box, or 32-gallon container with handles and lid (65lb limit). Please label "yard".

**Do not** put food or food-spoiled paper in extra yard waste bags or cans.



## GARBAGE

These items are neither recyclable or compostable. Please put them in the green garbage cart/container.

### Non-recyclable plastic

Styrofoam containers or packing peanuts, plastic utensils, prescription vials, motor oil containers, garden hoses, snack bag wrappers, etc.



### Non-recyclable glass

Window panes, mirrors, ceramics, dishware, light bulbs, broken glass, etc.



### Non-recyclable paper

Diapers, paper towels, napkins, wrapping paper and bows, etc.



Donate books to a local charity or school.

### Non-recyclable metal

Paint cans, lids, caps, sharp metal objects, plastic appliances, etc.



Alkaline batteries are accepted at local hazardous waste facilities. Better yet, use rechargeable batteries instead.

Latex paint is not accepted at hazardous waste facilities. Use kitty litter or paint hardener to solidify latex paint. Once dry and hardened, please dispose of latex paint in your garbage container.

## Garbage is collected weekly.

- Please bag all garbage.
- Weight limit: 35-gal/65 lbs

**There is a charge for extra garbage:** Garbage set outside of the container or above the top of the container (lid not closed) will be subject to additional charges.

**Bulky items** like mattresses, appliances, and building materials can be picked up by special arrangement for a fee. Call the City of Auburn at 253-931-3038.

