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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
 - **Tips on how to Think Green:**
Waste Management
www.wmnorthwest.com
- **Illegal Dumping:**
 - Please call 206-296-SITE (7483)

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?

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

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. Customers who currently have a 20-gallon can for garbage will receive a 20-gallon cart.
- 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!

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 note: Compostables will be picked up weekly year round.

Will my billing change?

Yes. Beginning 10/1/2011, the City of Auburn will bill you monthly for solid waste services. Waste Management will continue to bill you through the end of September. Any final bills you receive from Waste Management after 10/1/2011 will be for extra charges accrued before the billing switchover. After 10/1/2011, if you have billing questions, please call the Utilities Department at **253-931-3038**.

Current rates can be found at www.auburnwa.gov/solidwaste.

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

If I currently have a customer-owned can, when will I get my new cart?

We will begin delivering new carts in mid-September. The first week of September, we will mail you a "Heads up" postcard outlining more detailed information, including your exact cart delivery date.

What will happen to the customer-owned can I have now?

We encourage you to keep it to store extra garbage and recycling that is accumulated during service delays caused by weather events. If you don't want your customer-owned can, please label it "remove" and we will take it away on your collection day (at no cost) after October 1, 2011.

What if I don't have a customer-owned can? Will my existing carts get replaced?

We will re-label your carts instead. The labels will contain updated guidelines since new recyclables such as plastic cups and empty, non-toxic aerosol cans are now accepted.

Who Do I Contact for Questions?

For missed collection please contact Waste Management at 1-800-592-9995. For all other questions, please call the City of Auburn at **253-931-3038**.



City of Auburn
Solid Waste & Recycling Division
25 West Main Street
Auburn, WA 98001



THINK GREEN®

WEST HILL Residential Garbage, Recycling and Compostables Guidelines

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF AUBURN NEW SERVICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

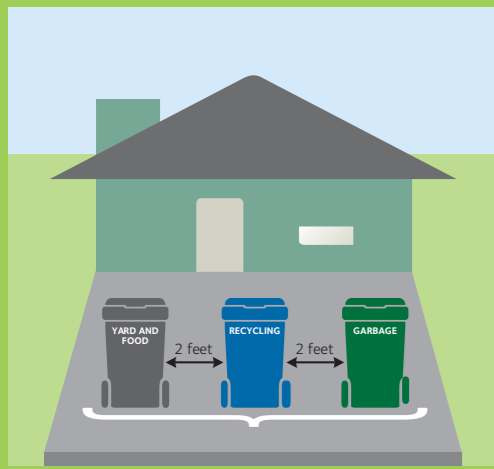


Waste Management is pleased to provide these guidelines to help make it easier to use our services. Please save for future reference.

Visit our website, www.wmnorthwest.com, 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

Waste Management
 ■ Missed collections 1-800-592-9995
 ■ Website 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.

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.



All recyclables should be clean and empty

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.

Food scraps and leftovers

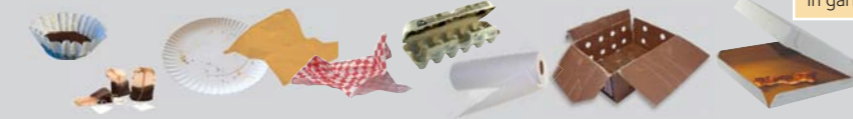
Meat, fish, dairy, fruit, vegetables, shells, bones, pasta, rice, eggshells, nutshells, bread, grains and leftovers.



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.

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



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.

