

Resources

Waste Management
wmnorthwest.com • 800.592.9995

Skagit County Solid Waste Dept.
wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty (search "solid waste") 800.592.9995

800RECYCLE
1800recycle.wa.gov • 800.RECYCLE (732.9253)
Online information to help you dispose of materials properly.

Household Hazardous Waste
wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty (search "solid waste") • 360.424.9532

Take it Back Network
takeitbacknetwork.org
Recycle electronics, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, and other mercury-containing products.

E-cycle Washington
ecyclewashington.org • 800.RECYCLE (732.9253)
Free recycling locations for computers, monitors and TVs.

Comuter and Television Recovery
skagitriversteel.com • 360.757.6096

Sharps Mail Back Program
thinkgreenfromhome.com

Safe Medicine Disposal
takebackyourmeds.org

Environmental Kids Club
epa.gov/kids

Classroom Resources
thinkgreen.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?

There are many alternatives to putting unwanted items in the garbage. If an item is in good condition, donate it or give it away.

Plastic Bags & Dry Cleaning Bags
Plastic bags become litter and endanger wildlife

- Use durable bags
- Reuse plastic bags
- Recycle at grocery store

Clothing & Shoes

- Donate to second hand stores such as Goodwill or your local consignment shop

Styrofoam Blocks & Packing, Tires, Cooking Oil...and more!

- takeitbacknetwork.org
- 1800recycle.wa.gov
- 800.RECYCLE (732.9253)

Online Materials Exchange

- Craigslist: Skagit.craigslist.org
- 2Good2Toss: 2good2toss.com
- The Freecycle Network: freecycle.org

What do I do with?

Some items such as medical wastes, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, needles, fuel tanks, electronics and chemicals are hazardous and are not allowed in garbage or recycling. They require special handling as indicated below.

Use rechargeable batteries. Many stores accept rechargeable batteries for recycling.



Motor Oil

Put in tightly closed 1 gallon milk jugs and take to a hazardous waste station.

- wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty (search "solid waste")
- 800.592.9995
- Skagit County transfer stations (wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty, search "transfer stations" for locations and quantity limitations).

Computers, Monitors & TVs

Free recycling locations:

- ecyclewashington.org
- 800.RECYCLE (732.9253)
- takeitbacknetwork.org

Cell Phones & Other Electronics

(printers, fax machines, DVD players, etc.):

- takeitbacknetwork.org

Large Appliances

(refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers, dryers, stoves, ranges, furnaces, etc.)*

- Sell, donate or give away
- wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty

Unwanted Medicines

To properly dispose of expired and unwanted medications visit:

- takebackyourmeds.org

*Washers, dryers, stoves, ranges, dishwashers, microwaves and hot water tanks (that are 85% metal or more), may be recycled free of charge, at the Skagit County transfer stations and Neighborhood Recycle & Disposal Centers. Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, heat pumps and dehumidifiers contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which are regulated under the Federal Clean Air Act, and must be disposed of properly. These items cannot be disposed or recycled at Skagit County Solid Waste facilities. For more information visit www.wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty (search "solid waste") or call 800.592.9995.

Batteries

(rechargeable, alkaline, button, lead acid automobile, UPS)

- Skagit County Hazardous Waste Drop Off Station (visit wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty for hours and location)
- thinkgreenfromhome.com
- call2recycle.org

Mercury-containing Products

(mercury switches, thermometers, thermostats, etc.):

- wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty (search "solid waste")
- 800.592.9995

Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes

- thinkgreenfromhome.com
- takeitbacknetwork.org
- 800.592.9995

Needles/Syringes and Sharps Disposal

Used needles and syringes are dangerous in garbage and recycling because they can injure residents, collectors, and sorters, as well as spread diseases.

- Upriver Services
45770A Main St., Concrete
360.853.7009
- Skagit County Health Dept.
700 S 2nd St., #301, Mt. Vernon
360.336.9477

Oil-based Paint, Chemicals, Pesticides, Propane Tanks & Automobile Fluids

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Station.

- wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty (search "solid waste")
- 800.592.9995



Waste Management
720 4th Avenue, Suite 400
Kirkland, WA 98033
For more information, visit wmnorthwest.com
800.592.9995 (M - F 7AM to 5PM)
Online Billing: wm.com/wm/ezpay

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2011-12 Collection Calendar Enclosed

Everything has its place.
Recycle right!
Read & use these guidelines.

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SKAGIT COUNTY Residential Recycling, Yard and Food Waste Guidelines



Waste Management is pleased to provide these guidelines to help make it easier to use our services.

Visit our website, wmnorthwest.com, for more tips on how to Think Green.

www.wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty

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)



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

Clean glass bottles and jars

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



Clean metal and foil

Aluminum and tin cans, empty aerosol cans, scrap metal and small metal appliances (limit 2x2x2 ft, 35 lbs). Please rinse and empty cans.



Clean plastic containers

Plastic bottles, cups, jars, jugs, and tubs. **New!** Plastic planter pots, lids (greater than 3 inches in diameter), clamshells and deli trays.



No shredded paper (layer in yard cart instead)

- Empty clean recyclables out of bags and boxes into the cart so that they can be easily sorted.
- Put all recyclables in your blue recycling cart.
- Blue recycling carts are emptied **every other week**. (see enclosed calendar)
- Put extra recycling in 32-gallon containers with handles and lids. Label "Recycle".*
- Do not put hazardous or medical wastes, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, needles, liquids, fuel tanks, computers or TVs in garbage or recycling.

*There is no charge for extra recycling



YARD AND FOOD WASTE

All of these materials can go in your green food and yard waste 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 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 and brush.



Approved compostable packaging*

More items at gogreenscene.com



No plastic bags or containers in food/yard cart.

*look for these items at participating restaurants.

Collect food scraps. It's easy to do!

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

Extra yard waste: There is a charge for extra yard waste. Put extra yard waste in kraft paper bags or 32-gallon containers with handles and lids (65 lb. limit), label "yard".



GARBAGE

These items are neither recyclable or compostable. Please put them in the gray garbage cart.

Do not put hazardous or medical wastes, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, needles, liquids, fuel tanks, computers or TVs in garbage or recycling.

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.



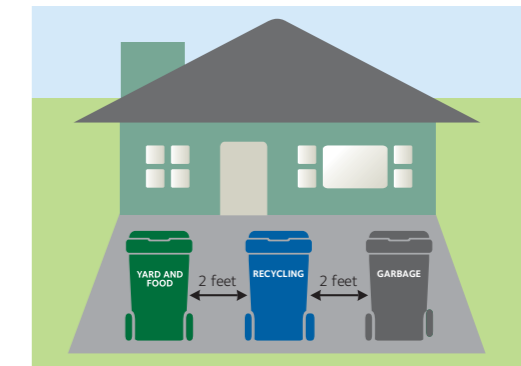
Alkaline batteries are accepted at local hazardous waste facilities. Better yet, use rechargeable batteries instead.

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.

- Please bag all garbage.
 - Double bag pet waste, pet litter, packing pellets, vacuum dust, sawdust, and cold ashes.
 - Weight limit: 32-gal/65 lbs** for your collector's safety.
- Garbage** charges are based on container size. There is a charge for extra garbage that doesn't fit in your container with the lid closed. Bulky items like mattresses, appliances, and building materials can be picked up by special arrangement for a fee. Call Waste Management customer service at **800.592.9995** or visit wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty.



SKAGIT COUNTY COLLECTION GUIDELINES 2011-12



Please place containers at the curb by 6:00 a.m.

- Place containers two (2) feet apart with lids opening towards street.
- Place containers at least three (3) feet from cars, trees, and mailboxes.
- Please take containers in as soon as possible after collection.

Visit wmnorthwest.com or call 800.592.9995 (M-F 7AM-5PM) for:

- Missed collection
- Missing/damaged carts
- Collection rates or service subscription
- Bulky item collection (mattresses, appliances, etc.)
- Construction/demolition containers (remodeling, etc.)

WEATHER DELAY?

If weather conditions prevent safe collection, up to twice as much material will be collected at no extra charge on your next regular collection day for each container not emptied. No credit for collection delayed due to weather.

♻️ Recycling/Yard and Food Waste collected on shaded weeks.

♻️ Yard and Food Waste collected from Shelter Bay subscribers weekly Mar-Nov, first full week of the month, Dec-Feb. All other County yardwaste customers every other week on shaded weeks.

• **Holiday Delays:** If collection day falls on or after **Thanksgiving, Christmas** (Dec 25), or **New Year** (Jan 1), collection will be one day late. (e.g. Regular Th on Fri; Fri on Sat)

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