YOUR NEW SNOHOMISH COUNTY
Recycling Guide

These guidelines are for services provided by Waste Management in Snohomish County.

www.wmnorthwest.com/snoco
1-800-592-9995
RECYCLING

NEW! Recycling Tips:
- Do not bag items
- Place recyclables loose in cart

Clean paper & cardboard

Glass jars and bottles
Empty of all food or liquid
Labels OK

Aluminum and tin cans
Labels OK, Place lids in can, crimp shut

Scrap metal
Small, non-working metal appliances, pots, tools, etc.
Limit 2’ x 2’ x 2’, 35 lbs; no wood, plastic, or rubber attachments; no sharp metal

WA State bag ban will be in effect Oct. 1, 2021. Bring your reusable bags to the store when possible, and to avoid a fee!
Contact Waste Management for:
- Missed collection
- Missing/damaged containers
- Sign up or change collection services
- Rates, billing and service information
- Bulky item pick-up service
- Construction/demolition containers
- Disabled service
- Información en Español

M-F 7AM–7PM, SAT 9AM–1PM
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WEATHER DELAY?
Visit wmnorthwest.com/weatherboard
for up-to-date information on weather-related service delays.

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

CART PLACEMENT TIPS
- Place containers at curb by 6AM
- Two (2) feet apart with lids opening toward street
- At least three (3) feet from cars, trees and mailboxes, fences and utility boxes
- Please remove containers as soon as possible after collection.
- Do you have extras? Please see the following pages for how to set them out.

Plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs

Extra Recyclables
Place extra recyclables in a bin or cardboard box at the curb next to your recycling cart. There is a charge for extra recycling.

MYTHBUSTERS

MYTH: All plastics can be recycled.

FACT: Not all plastics can be successfully recycled. At this time only some plastics can be made into new things.

Bottles, jugs, and dairy tubs. Focus on recycling plastic by shape. Jugs, tubs, and bottles can be recycled and made into new products.
COMPOST | FOOD SCRAPS AND YARD DEBRIS

These items go in your compost cart

Food scraps and leftovers
All food including meat, cheese and bones.

Plants, flowers and yard debris

TIP: Remember to trim down branches to 4’ x 4” and make sure your trees are undecorated.


These four words are on the labels of many products we use in our homes and businesses and are considered hazardous. Take these items for proper disposal at the Snohomish County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off station.

Accepted items:
- Aerosol cans (with contents; if empty, dispose in the garbage)
- Automotive products (antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, motor oil; do not mix any fluids)
- Batteries (all types), automotive batteries (limit 5)
- Fluorescent light bulbs & tubes (limit 10)
- Household cleaners (ammonia, bleach)
- Gasoline (30 gallon limit)
- Pesticides & garden chemicals
- Hobby chemicals
- Oil-based paints & stains
- Propane tanks
- Pool & spa supplies
- Road flares that do not contain an explosive charge
- Products that contain mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Thinners & solvents

Not accepted: Empty containers, TVs, computers, tires, electronics, explosives, marine flares, medicine or garbage.

For more information on what’s accepted visit snoco.org/solidwaste.

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Station
3434 McDougall Avenue, Everett
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday through Saturday
425-388-6050

Snohomish County Public Works
Solid Waste
425-388-3425
www.snoco.org/solidwaste
Let’s get back to the basics of recycling. Remember these three rules each time you recycle:

1. Recycle all empty plastic bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.
2. Keep food and liquids out of the recycling.
3. Empty recyclables directly into your cart – NO bagged recyclables.

ALWAYS KNOW WHICH BIN IS THE RIGHT BIN.

Uncoated paper
Greasy paper or pizza boxes, shredded paper (layer in cart, or place in paper bags; no plastic), uncoated non-shiny paper plates, waxed paper, waxed cardboard, approved compostable packaging (see cedar-grove.com)

When you’ve used what you have and still have some left? Compost!
1) Collect food scraps in a kitchen container, paper bag or approved compostable bag.
2) Empty into your outdoor food and yard waste cart.
3) Rinse kitchen container and repeat!

TIP: Empty your kitchen container into your cart regularly.

Did you know?
Almost 35% of what ends up in the landfill is food scraps and food-soiled paper?

Extra Yard Waste
There is a charge for extra yard waste.
Put extra yard waste in Kraft paper bags or 32-gallon containers with lids – label “yard.” Only extra yard debris may be placed in Kraft bags. Food scraps and uncoated paper must be placed in the compost cart. Call 1-800-592-9995 for more information.

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GARBAGE
Bag all garbage and put in your garbage cart.

Non-recyclable plastic

Non-recyclable glass

Non-recyclable paper

Non-recyclable metal

Lids less than 3" diameter

Other garbage

Garbage Guidelines
Please:
• Bag all garbage.
• Double bag pet waste, pet litter, packing peanuts, vacuum dust, sawdust and cold ashes.

Extra Garbage
Garbage charges are based on cart size. There is a charge for extra garbage that doesn’t fit in your cart with the lid closed. If your garbage cart lid is open more than 6 inches, there will be a charge for extra garbage.

Bulky items such as mattresses, large appliances and building materials can be picked up by special arrangement for a fee. Contact us for fee information.

Plastic bags
Bag plastic bags together and take them to your local grocery store for recycling, reuse them or put them in the garbage.

Hardcover books
Donate them to a school or charity.

Shredded paper
Layer in your compost cart or use to soak up and harden latex paint.

Latex paint cans
May be placed in the garbage if paint is solidified. To solidify, mix in cat litter, shredded paper, sawdust, or paint hardener. Once paint is dry, leave the lid off the can, bag it and place in your garbage!