



City of Auburn

Single Family Collection Guide | 2023

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Zero Waste of Resources

King County is working toward a goal of Zero Waste by 2030, meaning that materials of value, whether for reuse, resale, or recycling, will not be put in the garbage and end up in the landfill.

This does not mean that there will not be any garbage. Studies done at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill (where our garbage goes) show that over 70% of the “stuff” we throw away each year could be recycled, composted, or reused.

How can you help?

Rethink and reduce your purchases and practices, reuse materials and recycle the things that are recyclable. Visit King County’s website for more ideas on waste reduction at: kingcounty.gov/ZeroWaste



TOO GOOD TO WASTE

Almost 35% of food grown in the U.S. is never consumed.

Here is how you can help keep food out of the garbage:



Buy what you need.



PLAN Before you shop, check your fridge, freezer and cupboards. Plan meals with items you already have. Shop with a list and use restraint to avoid buying more than you need.

STORE



Store food properly to make it last longer.

Eat what you buy.



EAT Cook and eat the meals that you planned. Practice use-it-up methods, freeze it, or give it away to friends and family. Get creative. Use up overripe fruit in a smoothie, or wilted veggies in a soup. Stale bread can become breadcrumbs or croutons.

Compost the rest.



COMPOST Put unused food scraps into your yard+food cart.

For more ideas on reducing food waste, proper food storage tips, and creative recipes visit **King County’s Food: Too Good to Waste** RecycleFood.com

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RECYCLING



Place only clean, dry, and loose items (as listed below) in your **blue** recycling cart. Collected every other week.

Metal

ALUMINUM & TIN CANS

Place tin lids (3" or larger) in can, crimp shut.

SCRAP METAL

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



Glass

JARS & BOTTLES (ALL COLORS ACCEPTED)

Only bottles and jars—no other types or shapes of glass are allowed.



Paper and Cardboard

CLEAN & DRY

Clean and dry paper and cardboard. Corrugated cardboard no larger than 3'x3' in size, larger boxes cut down to size.



Plastic

BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS

Only recycle these "shapes" of plastic containers—do not worry about the recycling symbol or number.



Cooking Oil Recycling Collection

COOLED, USED FRYER OR COOKING OIL

- 📍 **Les Gove Park (collection box)**
910 9th St SE (south of the water spray park)

Bring your cooled, used fryer or cooking oil in a container that pours easily. Pour oil into the collection tank marked "Mahoney Environmental". **PLEASE take your container home with you.**

Open during daylight hours, 7 days a week. For more information call **253-931-3038**, option #2.



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RECYCLING TIPS

No plastic bags, garbage bags or "recycling" bags allowed.



Paper cartons (milk or juice) are no longer recyclable and be placed in the garbage.



Empty and rinse out all food residue. Labels do not need to be removed.



Extra recycling: For occasional extra recycling, place dry in a covered container or cardboard box, labeled "Recycling", at the curb next to your recycling cart.



Ignore the number on plastics—Look at the SHAPE. Recycle plastic only if it is a bottle, jug or tub.



Your materials are being recycled! All the recyclable items collected will be made into something new.

Recycling All Stars—Win a month of free service! Has your recycling container been tagged for contamination? WM will award a free month of service to 5 households per year that demonstrate improved recycling by keeping materials clean, loose, and only recycling items accepted in Auburn's program.



Have you never received a contamination Oops Tag? Households can still also qualify for the month of free service by making an online pledge and demonstrating consistent clean recycling. Take the pledge at: wmnorthwest.com/auburn

Go paperless and save \$5 per year on your garbage bill. wm.com/myaccount

Watch a video of a local WM recycling center at: wmnorthwest.com/cascaderecycling Some items may vary by location.

YARD+FOOD WASTE



These go in your **green** yard+food waste cart.
Collected weekly.

Yard Waste & Plants



Food Scraps & Leftovers

ALL FOOD INCLUDING MEAT, CHEESE & BONES



No utensils, cups, or dishes—even if labeled “compostable” or “biodegradable”.

Composting for the Holidays



Paper

MUST BE UNCOATED (NOT SHINY OR PLASTIC-LINED)



YARD+FOOD TIPS

Gather food scraps from your kitchen in:

- Paper grocery bag
- Reusable container
- Newspaper
- Approved compostable bag from recyclefood.com



Empty reusable container into the yard+food waste cart frequently, and rinse out.

NO SHREDDED PAPER, TO-GO CONTAINERS, MILK CARTONS, OR PET WASTE.



Extra Yard Waste



(collected for a charge)

If you often generate extra yard waste, additional yard waste carts are offered at a discounted rate. For occasional extra yard waste, place next to yard+food waste cart in any of the following:

- Heavy brown paper yard bags (available at hardware stores)
- 32-gallon cans labeled “Yard Waste” (65 lb. limit)
- Bundles tied with natural twine (4'x2' limit)

NO FOOD WASTE IN EXTRA YARD WASTE CONTAINERS

NO EXTRA YARD WASTE IN PLASTIC BAGS.

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GARBAGE



Bag these and put them in your **grey** garbage cart. Collected weekly.

Non-Recyclable Plastic



Non-Recyclable Glass



Non-Recyclable Paper



Non-Recyclable Metal



Other Garbage



GARBAGE TIPS

Numbers do not matter. If a plastic item is not a bottle, jug or tub, it belongs in the garbage.

Paper cartons (milk or juice) are no longer recyclable and should be placed in the garbage.

Double bag pet waste, vacuum dust, sawdust and cold ashes.

DO NOT put liquids, yard waste, hazardous waste or recycling in the garbage.



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 and place in your garbage. Alternatively, PaintCare™ can recycle your paint. For more info, visit: paintcare.org/states/washington

Extra Garbage

(collected for a charge)

If you often generate extra garbage, consider increasing to the next size cart. For occasional extra garbage, place next to garbage cart in any of the following:

- Securely tied plastic bags
- 32-gal cans with handles and lid (65lb limit)



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HAZARDOUS WASTE

Never dispose of **hazardous waste** such as the items on this page in the garbage, recycling, yard+food waste, or down the drain.

Auburn Hazardous Wastemobile at Outlet Collection

📍 **1101 Outlet Collection Way, Auburn**—outside loading dock area near Nordstrom Rack Saturdays and Sundays, except holiday weekends, 10AM–5PM

ACCEPTED ITEMS:



Auto Products



Oil-Based Paint & Solvents



Fuel



Cleaners



Batteries & Fluorescents



Weed & Bug Killer

Visit kingcountyhazwastewa.gov for a full list of accepted items, details, and restrictions.

CAUTION DANGER



These four words are on the labels of many products we use in our homes and businesses. These products are considered hazardous.

WARNING POISON



USE GREENER ALTERNATIVES

Visit kingcountyhazwastewa.gov for green cleaning recipes and other helpful information.

NOT ACCEPTED: ✗ Latex paint
✗ Empty containers ✗ TVs
✗ Computers ✗ Tires ✗ Electronics
✗ Explosives ✗ Marine flares
✗ Medicine ✗ Garbage

Other Hazardous Waste Recycling & Disposal Options

Please contact businesses for current rates, hours and restrictions.

ELECTRONICS



- TakeltBackNetwork.org
- **UpTekk**
101 Lund Rd, #A/B, Auburn
206-497-9979
www.uptekk.com

FLUORESCENT BULBS & TUBES



- www.LightRecycle.org

LATEX PAINT



- www.paintcare.org/states/washington

MEDICATION



- MedicineReturn.org
- **Auburn Police Department**
(Anonymous drop-off)
340 E Main St, Auburn
253-931-3080
- **HealthPoint Auburn**
126 Auburn Ave, Auburn
- **HealthPoint Auburn North**
923 Auburn Way N, Auburn

MOTOR OIL

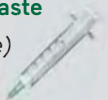


- **Autozone**
1072 Auburn Way N, Auburn
253-333-2075
- **Autozone**
4310 A St SE, Auburn
253-333-2079
- **O'Reilly Auto Parts**
222 A St SE, Auburn
253-735-4075

NEEDLES & SHARPS

Put needles in a puncture resistant container with a tight fitting lid.

- kingcounty.gov/SolidWaste
- **Bartell Drugs** (For a fee)
3902 A St SE, Auburn
253-939-8562
- **King County Public Health Center** (Free)
901 Auburn Way N, #A, Auburn
206-477-0600



TVS & COMPUTERS



Free—working or not

- eCycleWashington.org
- **Good Will**
1519 Auburn Way S, Auburn
253-939-1627
- **Rain City Recycling**
4150 B Pl NW, Ste 103, Auburn
206-651-7318
- **UpTekk**
101 Lund Rd, #A/#B, Auburn
206-497-9979
www.uptekk.com

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OTHER RECYCLING & DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Many items are recyclable, but don't belong in your curbside recycling cart.

BRANCHES & STUMPS



- **Bow Lake Transfer Station**
18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila
206-477-4466
kingcounty.gov/SolidWaste
- **Lloyd Enterprises**
(NO grass and leaves)
Milton Site,
80 5th Ave, Milton
253-874-6692

BUILDING & REMODELING MATERIALS

- **Habitat for Humanity Auburn**
1407 Auburn Way S
888-507-7078
habitatskc.org/store



CLOTHING & HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Donate used clothing and household goods to clothing banks and secondhand stores. Ripped, stained or damaged clothes, shoes, and linens aren't garbage anymore. Most secondhand stores accept these.

kingcounty.gov/ThreadCycle

- **Goodwill**
1519 Auburn Way S,
Auburn
253-939-1627



CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS



The Washington State Office of the Attorney General publishes a list of free community shredding events.

- **Community Shred Events**
800-551-4636
atg.wa.gov/shredathon.aspx
- **King County Recycle Events**
www.auburnwa.gov/solidwasteevents

LARGE APPLIANCES & SCRAP METAL



- **UpTekk**
101 Lund Rd, #A/B, Auburn
206-497-9979
www.uptekk.com
- **Valley Recycling**
312 W Valley Hwy S, Pacific
253-288-0000

MATTRESSES



- **NW Furniture Bank**
2301 Dock St, Tacoma
253-302-3868
NWFurnitureBank.com
- **UpTekk**
101 Lund Rd, #A/#B,
Auburn
206-497-9979
www.uptekk.com

PLASTIC BAGS



Clean plastic bags, dry cleaning bags and other types of film plastic can be recycled at most grocery stores.

PlasticFilmRecycling.org

REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS

Refrigerators and freezers must be specially handled due to coolants, so recycling options are more limited and costly than other appliances.

- **L & L Appliance**
1336 W Main St, Auburn
253-939-9338
- **UpTekk**
101 Lund Rd, #A/B, Auburn
206-497-9979
www.uptekk.com
- **Valley Recycling**
312 W Valley Hwy S, Pacific
253-288-0000

STYROFOAM™ BLOCKS & PACKING PEANUTS



- **Styro Recycle**
23418 68th Ave S
(West Valley Hwy), Kent
253-838-9555
StyroRecycle.com

TRANSFER STATIONS

Bulky items can also be dropped off at a King County transfer station. (For a fee)

- **Bow Lake Transfer Station**
18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila
206-477-4466
kingcounty.gov/SolidWaste
- **Algona Transfer Station**
35315 West Valley Hwy S,
Algona
206-477-4466
kingcounty.gov/SolidWaste



On-Call Bulky Item Collection

All residential customers can receive a free annual pickup of four items.

Acceptable Bulky Items

Appliances: Refrigerator and freezer, stove, cook top or hood range, clothes washer, clothes dryer, hot water heater, dishwasher, trash compactor, window or floor air conditioner, dehumidifier, water cooler, small furnace.

Furniture: Sofa couch (no sleeper sofas), sectional sofa, love seat, futon, recliners, lounge chair, ottoman, mattress and box spring, bed frame and rails, dresser, bookcase, desk, end table or nightstand set, coffee table, dining table and chairs, small entertainment center, filing cabinet.

Power Yard Equipment: Remove all oil, fuels or batteries. Electric, motorized or non-motorized: Trimmer, weed whacker, lawn mower, table saw, chop saw, generator, snow blower, power washer.

Exercise and Recreation Equipment: Treadmill, circuit trainer, rowing machine, exercise bike, elliptical, bicycle, basketball hoop and base, metal swing set.

Miscellaneous: BBQ's, small rug, hot tub cover, small ladder, large plastic play toy and outdoor kiddie pool, wheelbarrow, microwave, small outdoor (pop-up) canopies, vacuum cleaner, child car seat or stroller, artificial Christmas Tree.

Call **253-939-9792** to schedule your pickup. Mobile home park residents: Contact your property manager to schedule a pickup. For more guidelines visit wmnorthwest.com/auburn

Give it Away

Reusable household items can be sold or given away. Try posting a free ad. You will be amazed at what other people might want.

- Buy Nothing Group (Facebook)
- Craigslist
- Facebook Marketplace
- Nextdoor
- OfferUp



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ACCOUNT INFORMATION & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

WM CONTACT INFORMATION:

- 📞 253-939-9792 (M-F 7AM-7PM, Sat 8AM-5PM)
- 🌐 wmnorthwest.com/auburn
- ✉ pnwrsservices@wm.com
- 📱 My WM App (Apple and Android)
- 📺 **ThinkGreenAuburn**
- 💬 Live Chat: wm.com (M-F 8AM-5PM)

CONTACT WM TO:

- Report a missed collection
- Report missing/damaged carts
- Understanding your bill
- Order bulky item collection (*mattresses, appliances, etc.*)
- Order construction/demolition waste containers (*for remodeling clean-up, etc.*)
- Request cart roll-out service for people with disabilities
- Find out if an item can go into the recycle or yard+food waste container
- Mobile Home Park Residents: Contact your property manager to start, stop, or change services, for damaged or missing carts, and for missed collections

Weather Delays

If weather conditions delay collection, up to twice the regular amount of garbage, recycling, and yard+food waste will be collected at no charge on your next regularly scheduled collection day. Please note that recycling is collected every two weeks. Credits will not be issued for delays due to inclement weather.

For updated weather information, visit servicealerts.wmnorthwest.com/auburn.

To receive weather alerts, ensure your phone number is updated in your WM account.

After you receive your first quarterly billing, you can update your account preferences at: wm.com/myaccount.

Holiday Schedule

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Collection service is provided on all holidays except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

If your collection day falls on or after these holidays, your scheduled collection will be delayed one day that week. For example, if your regular collection day is Friday, holiday collection will take place on Saturday.

Cart Placement Tips



- Place containers at curb or alley by 7AM.
- 2' apart with lids opening toward street.
- 3' from cars, trees, mailboxes, fences and utility boxes.
- Please remove containers within 24 hours after collection.
- Please move basketball hoops out of the street on collection day.
- Avoid parking on the street in cul-de-sacs on collection day.

Community Resource Information

South King Tool Library Free checkout of tools and equipment to help you maintain your home and yard. There are many volunteer opportunities at this community nonprofit organization.
● SouthKingTools.org 253-237-2290



City of Auburn Upcoming Events
● www.auburnwa.gov/solidwasteevents



Repair Cafes Free fix-it events for broken or non-functioning lamps, electronics, clothing, toys, heirlooms and more!
● <https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste-programs/ecoconsumer/repair-events/repair-auburn.aspx>



The Garden Hotline Individualized solutions to garden problems that are practical, safe, effective, and natural. Our services, provided by local horticultural experts, are FREE to home gardeners and landscape professionals.
● GardenHotline.org 206-633-0224



Zero Waste Washington Policy change for a healthy and waste-free world. Envision a just, equitable, and sustainable future where we all produce, consume, and reuse responsibly.
● ZeroWasteWashington.org 206-441-1790



King County Solid Waste Division
The Solid Waste Division offers a number of innovative programs and services that focus on waste prevention, resource recovery, and waste disposal.
● kingcounty.gov/SolidWaste 206-447-4466



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CONTACT INFO



CURBSIDE GARBAGE, RECYCLING & YARD+FOOD WASTE SERVICE

📞 253-939-9792 (M-F 7AM-7PM, Sat 8AM-5PM)
TTY Relay Service: 711

🌐 wmnorthwest.com/auburn

✉️ pnwrsservices@wm.com

📱 My WM (App on Apple and Android)

🌱 **ThinkGreenAuburn**

Guías de reciclaje disponibles en español.
재활용 가이드는 한국어로 제공됩니다.
Руководства по утилизации доступны на русском языке.



Solid Waste & Recycling Division WASTE REDUCTION & RECYCLING INFORMATION

@ recycling@auburnwa.gov

WATER, SEWER & STORM INFORMATION

🌐 www.auburnwa.gov/utilities

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TRANSFER STATIONS (DUMP)

- 📍 **Algona Transfer Station**
35315 W Valley Hwy S, Algona
- 📍 **Bow Lake Transfer Station and Recycling Center**
18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila
- 📞 206-477-4466 🌐 kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

- 📍 **Auburn Hazardous Wastemobile**
1101 Outlet Collection Way, Auburn
- 📞 206-296-4692 🌐 kingcountyhazwastewa.gov

Recycling Databases



“What Do I Do With...?”

- 📞 206-477-4466 🌐 kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith

Washington State Recycling Database

- 📞 1-800-RECYCLE (732-9253) 🌐 1800recycle.wa.gov