

RECYCLE



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Food & Beverage Cans



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Glass Bottles & Containers

Everything you put in your recycling cart should be:
Empty, Clean, Loose

- Give food containers a quick rinse.
- Ensure items are empty and dry from liquids.
- No bagged recyclables.

KEEP OUT of Your Recycling

- ▲ Single Plastic Bags
- ▲ Food
- ▲ Liquids
- ▲ Dirty Items

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

It is **prohibited** to put recyclables in the garbage.

(Seattle Municipal Code sections 21.36.062 and 21.36.083)

COMPOST



Food Scraps



Food-Soiled Paper



Approved Compostable Bags & Packaging



Yard & Plant Waste

Products must be marked COMPOSTABLE.

KEEP OUT of Your Yard Waste

- ▲ Plastic
- ▲ Plastic Bags
- ▲ Glass
- ▲ Metal
- ▲ Animal Waste and Rocks

COMMERCIAL COMPOSTING REQUIREMENTS

It is **prohibited** to put food scraps, compostable paper and yard waste in the garbage.

(Seattle Municipal Code sections 21.36.062 and 21.36.083)

GARBAGE



Plastic Wrap, Bags, Wrappers, Utensils and Food Packaging



Foam Containers and Trays

COOKING OIL - WHAT TO DO

Properly managing waste when handling cooking oil in commercial settings is crucial for cleanliness, safety, and responsible disposal.

- Adequate Waste Containers: Commercial establishments need enough containers for all waste, including cooking oil residue.
- Responsible Disposal: Owners must ensure safe storage and disposal of garbage, including used cooking oil.
- Secure Storage: Garbage cans must be tightly covered to prevent leaks or spills.
- Condition Standards: Containers with leaks, sharp edges, or holes should be replaced promptly.
- Environmental Safety: These measures maintain a clean and safe environment when managing cooking oil waste.

https://bit.ly/SPU_cooking_oil

BATTERIES AND ELECTRONICS - WHAT TO DO

Seattle Public Utilities Director's Rule SW-404 **bans the disposal of batteries and certain electronic products** in municipal solid waste. Drop off locations include transfer stations and many others.

• https://bit.ly/WDIG_batteries

• https://bit.ly/WDIG_electronics

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Electronics, fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, and other hazardous items are NOT allowed in the garbage.

Visit hazwastehelp.org for safe disposal options.



BE SUCCESSFUL, WE ARE HERE TO HELP

Want to set up a successful recycling and composting program? We're here to help!

Contact a WM Recycling Specialist at recyclenw@wm.com for:

- Free site visits and waste sorts
- Free recycling and composting posters and container labels
- Free advice on what to recycle and compost
- Free presentations on waste reduction, recycling and compost collection
- Free consultation on recommended service level to increase diversion and save money!



Recycle right. For more information, visit: wmnorthwest.com/seattle

SEATTLE REQUIREMENTS & PROGRAMS



Charges for Lockable Containers

Locks now REQUIRED for containers stored in right-of-way. If you have previously ordered locks that need to be replaced or need to order new locks, please use your designated contractor contact info below to order locks. This update is in accordance with Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 21.36.060 that requires all garbage cans and detachable containers be stored in the right-of-way in business districts and kept tightly covered and in good condition for garbage storage.



Beyond the Bin - Hazardous Waste

Hazardous material needs to be handled separately from regular garbage, recycling and compost. If you see DANGER, POISON, CAUTION or WARNING on the label the product is hazardous. Visit hazwastehelp.org or call 206-263-8899 to learn how your business can safely manage its hazardous waste.



Seattle's Recycling & Compost Requirements

Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) section 21.31.082 and 21.36.083 prohibit food scraps, compostable paper, yard waste and recyclables from going in the garbage.



Seattle's Green Business Program

The Seattle Public Utilities Green Business Program EnviroStars business recognition program offers free tools and assistance to help Seattle area businesses conserve resources and prevent pollution. <https://bit.ly/green-your-business>



Reuse Seattle is dedicated to bringing reusable food and beverage container solutions to businesses in Seattle, aiming for a waste-free future. The organization envisions establishing a network of reuse systems for food and beverage containers at various institutions, venues, businesses, and communities in Seattle. By creating systems for collection, transportation, washing, and digital infrastructures, Reuse Seattle is working to make reuse convenient and accessible across the community. <https://reusesattle.org/>

Seattle Food Service Requirements

Food Packaging Ordinance: Seattle Municipal Code (21.36.086)



Dine-in: Restaurants and food service businesses must use **compostable items or durable serviceware** for dine-in service.

Effective July 1, 2020

Take-out: Packaging must be either recyclable or compostable for take-out service. Plastic coated brown paper is prohibited.

Update effective July 1, 2023



Compostable Serviceware: Single-use straws, utensils, and portion cups must be compostable. Disposable plastic items are prohibited.

Update effective July 1, 2023*

Foam Banned: Businesses are prohibited from using plastic foam (Polystyrene foam)

Effective July 1, 2009

*Flexible plastic straws are allowed when required by customer for physical or medical condition.

The City of Seattle requires food service businesses to use food service packaging and service ware—items such as containers, cups, straws, utensils, and other products—that is either reusable, recyclable, or compostable. Single-use items that are not accepted in Seattle's recycling and composting programs are not allowed. Single-use items used for on-premise food service must be compostable. These requirements apply to all food service businesses, including restaurants, grocery stores, delis, coffee shops, food trucks, and institutional cafeterias.

In addition, businesses with customer disposal stations where customers discard single-use packaging must provide options to collect recyclable and compostable packaging in clearly labeled bins and these businesses must sign up for composting and recycling service offered by a collection service provider.

<https://bit.ly/food-packaging-requirements>



Commercial Construction & Demolition Debris Services



WM is the City of Seattle's contracted hauler for non-recyclable construction waste. The City of Seattle has specific recycling and disposal requirements for construction, remodeling and demolition activities within the city. Learn more at: <https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/construction-resources>

For more information, contact WM's Builders Direct: 1-800-963-4050

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Seattle's Clear Alleys Program (CAP)

This program replaces dumpsters, creating cleaner, safer alleys! WM is the service provider for CAP in the Pioneer Square, International District and Columbia City neighborhoods.

How it works:

In the Pioneer Square, International District, and Columbia City neighborhoods, specially marked plastic bags of garbage and recycling are set out in alleys. WM collects garbage bags three times and recycling two times per day, seven days a week. Businesses with available off-alley storage do not need to participate in this program.

To learn more or to order bags, visit: <https://www.wmnorthwest.com/seattle/seattlecap.html>



How to Contact Us



WM Customer Service
Call **1-855-894-9447** (please note our Seattle specific number!)
Visit wmnorthwest.com/seattle

Phone service is available on Monday - Friday 7am - 7pm and Saturdays 9am - 1pm

Please call or visit our website for:

- Sign up for service or change your service level
- Report a missed collection
- Order CAP bags
- Pay your bill
- View inclement weather or holiday collection schedules
- Inquire about locking your lid



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Online billing: www.wm.com/pay-my-bill

Business Recycling
2024 RESOURCE GUIDE

(please keep for reference)

SPU-COMM_BROCHURE_2024 100% post-consumer recycled paper



City of Seattle

Commercial Services Guide 2024

