

# Join us for the NEW **THINK GREEN** Reuse & Recycling Challenge!

Waste less and win  
up to **\$20,000** for  
your community!



**Who?** You! Waste Management has partnered with neighborhood organizations to reduce waste.

**Where?** Teamed up Seattle neighborhoods in 3 Waste Management service areas.

**When?** April 2016 – October 2016

**How?** Two ways to win:

1. The community that reduces the most garbage wins \$5,000.
2. Each community can complete monthly sustainable activities and recycling outreach challenges to win up to \$15,000. Flashmobs, YouTube videos, posters, fliers, and meetings... you get the idea!



How can you help your community win?

**SHOP SMART. WASTE LESS.  
RECYCLE MORE. TELL OTHERS.**

#### SHOP SMART

- Opt out of unwanted junk mail, catalogs and phone books
- Buy groceries in bulk quantities
- Plan meals without waste
- Visit your local Seattle Public Library for books, DVDs, and CDs

#### WASTE LESS

- Bring your own reusable bags and containers when you shop
- Use a reusable water bottle instead of buying a disposable plastic one and drink coffee from a reusable mug instead of paper cups
- Visit the Seattle's South Household Hazardous Waste Facility for free hazardous products, including oil-based paint, household cleansers, wood care products, antifreeze and other automotive products
- When printing, print double-sided
- Visit [wmnorthwest.com/seattle](http://wmnorthwest.com/seattle) for more waste reduction tips

#### RECYCLE MORE

- Check the back of this handout for a detailed description of what goes in the recycle, food and yard waste, and garbage
- Find out what else can be recycled at [www.seattle.gov/util/MyServiceLookitUpWhatsAccepted](http://www.seattle.gov/util/MyServiceLookitUpWhatsAccepted)

#### TELL OTHERS

- Work with your region's partner organization to engage others and compete in monthly challenges



Get involved here: [www.wmnorthwest.com/seattle](http://www.wmnorthwest.com/seattle).

You will find your neighborhood region's partner organization, complete contest rules, and waste reduction tips. We will update the competition rankings each month.



# Where Does It Go?



See what goes in your recycling, food and yard waste or garbage bins

## Recycling Place clean and empty items loose in cart, not bagged or in boxes.



No Food. No Liquid. No Single Plastic Bags.

- Paper
- Cartons & boxes
- Flattened cardboard
- Coated paper
- Glass bottles & jars
- Cans
- Aluminum foil

- Lids (3 inches or wider)
- Scrap metal (less than 2ft. x 2ft. x 2ft.)
- Plastic bottles, jars, tubs
- Plastic trays, cups, containers
- Plastic plant pots
- Plastic bags (bagged together)
- Pill bottles (no prescription vials)

Packaging must be clean to be recyclable.



Please Rinse & Recycle!

## Food+Compostables Compost Food. It's Not Garbage Anymore!



No Plastic Bags. No Plastic. No Metal. No Glass. No Animal Waste.

- Meat, fish, dairy & cheese
- Bones & shells
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Fruits & vegetables
- Pasta, bread, grains & rice
- Tea bags

- Compostable containers & items
- Paper towels & napkins
- Uncoated paper bags
- Greasy cardboard pizza boxes
- Uncoated paper plates

- Shredded paper (mix with yard waste)
- Grass, weeds & leaves
- Houseplants (no pots)
- Branches (less than 4 feet x 4 inches)

## Garbage See back page for reuse & recycling options.



No Food. No Recyclables. No Yard Waste.

- Foam containers
- Packing peanuts (bagged)
- Unusable ceramics & glassware
- Utensils
- Incandescent light bulbs

- Lids, caps, tops (less than 3 inches wide)
- Ziploc, food & single plastic bags
- Kitchen fats, oils, grease (in secure container)
- Hygiene products
- Diapers & animal waste (bagged)

- Food-soiled coated paper
- Food-soiled plastic containers
- Fruit stickers
- Paint cans (lid off, dry & empty)
- Empty toxic containers

Products containing toxic materials are prohibited from food and yard waste, recycling and garbage.



Not sure where it goes? Find out at [www.seattle.gov/util/lookitup](http://www.seattle.gov/util/lookitup).

www.seattle.gov/util 206-684-3000 TTY 206-233-7241

This information can be made available on request to accommodate people with disabilities and those who need translation assistance.

