



GARBAGE

Please bag all garbage and put it in your garbage cart.



Non-Recyclable Plastic

Non-Recyclable Paper

CFL lights are not garbage!
Requires proper disposal.
Visit lightrecycle.org to find a drop-off site.



Non-Recyclable Glass

Non-Recyclable Metal

Garbage Guidelines

- Please bag all garbage.
- Double bag pet waste, pet litter, packing pellets, vacuum dust, sawdust, and cold ashes.

Extra Garbage:

Garbage charges are based on cart size. 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.



KEEP OUT of Your Garbage

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| ▲ Hazardous Waste | ▲ Fluorescent Bulbs | ▲ Computers |
| ▲ Medical Waste | ▲ Fuel Tanks | ▲ Televisions |
| ▲ Syringes | ▲ Liquids | ▲ Batteries |



Batteries are not garbage! Do not throw batteries in the garbage. Take batteries for disposal to a hazardous waste collection facility.

What do I do with...?

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.



Paint

PaintCare is a new resource for free drop off! Visit paintcare.org/states/washington/ for more information on the program. If you can't drop off latex paint for recycling, mix in cat litter, shredded paper, or sawdust to solidify. Once dry, bag it and place it in your garbage.



Shredded paper

Use to soak up and harden latex paint in the garbage. In order to recycle shredded paper and documents to a shredd, take them to a shredd event.



RECYCLING

Please do not bag. Place these loose items in your recycling cart.



Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Tubs



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Paper



Food & Beverage Cans



Glass Bottles & Containers

Extra Recycling:

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



KEEP OUT of Your Recycling*

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| ▲ Plastic Bags | ▲ Diapers | ▲ Aerosol Cans |
| ▲ Foam Cups & Packaging | ▲ Liquids | ▲ Paper Towels |
| ▲ Hazardous Waste | ▲ Fuel Tanks | ▲ Plastic Clamshell Containers |
| ▲ Medical Waste | ▲ Computers & TVs | ▲ Broken Dishes, Ceramics & Window Glass |
| ▲ Syringes | ▲ Shredded Paper | |
| ▲ Batteries | ▲ Aluminum Foil | |

*Contamination charges may be applied if your recycling cart contains non-recyclable items.



COMPOST

FOOD SCRAPS & YARD DEBRIS

Sign up for compost service by phone or online at wmnorthwest.com/kingcounty • 1-800-592-9995



Food Scraps



Yard Trimmings



Food-Soiled Paper



KEEP OUT of Your Compost

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| ▲ Plastic Bags & Containers | ▲ "Compostable" Serviceware & Bags |
| ▲ Glass & Metal | ▲ Fats, Oil & Grease |
| ▲ Liquids | ▲ Diapers |
| ▲ Produce Stickers | ▲ Pet Waste |

Compost Tips:

- In your kitchen, gather food scraps in a colander or strainer, reusable container with a lid or a paper bag.
- Empty into your outdoor yard/food cart frequently.
- Layer food scraps with yard waste or newspaper to absorb liquids.

Extra Yard Waste:

There is a charge for extra yard waste that doesn't fit in your container with the lid closed. Put extra yard waste only in:

- Cans with handles (35 gal., 70 lb. limit)
- Label cans "Yard"
- Bundle tied with twine (4"x2" limit)
- Paper leaf bags

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

King County residents receive weekly garbage service. Recycling is collected every other week. Yard waste service is available by subscription.

Please follow these guidelines to ensure collection.

Please place carts at the curb by **6 am**

- Two (2) feet apart with lids opening toward street
- At least three (3) feet from cars, trees, mailboxes and utility boxes
- Wheels as close to the road as possible
- Please remove carts as soon as possible after collection
- Do not overstuff your carts. All materials must fall freely into the truck

Maximum allowable weights:

- 20-gallon cart – 35 lbs
- 35-gallon cart – 70 lbs
- 64-gallon cart – 120 lbs
- 96-gallon cart – 145 lbs



Monday - Friday
7am-5pm

Visit wmnorthwest.com/kingcounty
or call 1-800-592-9995 for:

- Missed collection or damaged containers
- Rates, billing and service information
- Bulky item collection
- Construction/demolition containers
- Disabled service options
- Vacation service hold

DO MORE WITH MY WM

Please create your My WM profile by visiting wm.com.

Easily view your collection schedule and stay informed of Service Alerts and schedule changes.

Receive real-time notifications and view images so you are always in the know.

Manage your billing by viewing payment history, changing your payment method or enrolling in AutoPay and Paperless billing.

Download the My WM mobile app to have your service and account information at your fingertips.

www.wm.com/us/en/my-wm-mobile-app



COMMUNITY RECYCLING OPTIONS

Many items are recyclable, but don't belong in the garbage or in your curbside recycling cart. Here are some recycling options for a variety of materials.

“What Do I Do With...?”

King County's comprehensive local recycling database and community recycling options.
206-477-4466
kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith



Washington State Recycling Database

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



Household Hazardous Waste

Safely dispose of old or unwanted hazardous products.

206-296-4692
hazwastehelp.org



Illegal Dumping Hotline

Report litter and illegal dumping.
206-296-7483
kingcounty.gov/dumping



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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 CART IS THE RIGHT CART.



Download the WM Cart app for iPhone or Android. Or try it out at www.wmnorthwest.com/kingcounty



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Activate your online WM account to enjoy these benefits:



- Manage WM services online
- View pickup and holiday schedules
- Set notification preferences for service alerts
- Update contact information
- Enroll in AutoPay and Paperless billing at wm.com

To learn more about how waste collection is regulated in your area, visit the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission website at www.utc.wa.gov. The commission website has a useful on-line “consumer guide” that answers most frequently asked questions about your garbage service.

King County

2025-26 Collection Calendar and Service Guide

