



# City of Federal Way

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2026 Multifamily  
Property Manager  
Resource Guide

## My WM

Use the My WM App or this guide for tips and resources to improve garbage and recycling at your property. Others have found it easy to achieve success using these resources.

Invite WM's Recycling Outreach staff to property events to provide fun and informative recycling presentations for residents. We're here to help! Contact [recyclenw@wm.com](mailto:recyclenw@wm.com) for more info.



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## Mandatory Recycling

- City Code 19.125.150(7)(h) requires residents to recycle, and properties to offer as much recycling service as garbage service. Request assistance and/or use resources listed in this guide to come into compliance.
- Recycling services are provided by WM at no cost to properties. Multifamily properties may have as much recycling service as their base garbage service.

## Illegal Dumping and Theft of Services

- "Illegal dumping" is garbage being placed on the ground instead of a container, regardless of who does it. If reported, Code Compliance will require the property owner to arrange for clean up.
- "Theft of service" is off-site material getting dumped in your garbage container without your permission (stealing your garbage service).
- Do not confront the suspect.
- Report to Police Department: 253-835-2121 [federalwaywa.gov/page/file-police-report-online](http://federalwaywa.gov/page/file-police-report-online)

## Contact us for more information on educating residents

Invite Recycling Outreach staff to:

- Distribute reusable tote bags for residents to collect and carry recycling.
- Distribute recycling flyers to residents. Recycling guides are available in Spanish, Korean and Russian.

- Distribute custom letters addressing specific issues such as tips for kids who take out the trash.
- Provide fun and informative recycling presentations at resident meetings and events.

## Save Time and Money



Garbage charges vary by size of container and number of pickups.

- Encourage recycling right. By increasing recycling and reducing garbage collection, you can reduce your bill.
- Right size your container and frequency of pickup so material doesn't get left on the ground.
- Garbage and recycling containers must be located together and be no more than 150 feet from any residential building for easy resident access. (As required by FWRC 19.125.150.)
- Consider contracting out garbage enclosure monitoring and maintenance.
- Request slotted lids for recycling containers to reduce contamination.
- Instruct residents to flatten boxes.

## Keep Enclosures Clean



Garbage trucks cannot pick up bulky items. WM offers a separate fee-based bulky item pick up service.

Hazardous waste is banned from garbage/recycling containers.

- Right size your container and frequency of pickup to avoid charges for extra set-outs.
- Close container lids to deter pests and keep rainwater from entering your container.
- Request free replacement of broken/damaged WM containers and lids.
- Pick up any litter or debris around containers frequently.

- Remove bulky items and hazardous waste from enclosures.
- Install cameras to monitor enclosures and institute fines to deter illegal dumping.

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# RECYCLING



Help residents Recycle Right®. Make sure only the items listed below go in the **blue** container.

**Mandatory Recycling:** The City of Federal Way requires all multifamily properties to recycle. WM wants to help you meet these requirements. Questions? Email us at [recyclenw@wm.com](mailto:recyclenw@wm.com) or call 253-833-3333.

## Metal

### ALUMINUM & TIN CANS

Place tin lids 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

Most types of paper and cardboard are accepted, as long as it is clean and dry. Instruct residents to flatten boxes.



## Plastic

### BOTTLES, CUPS, JUGS & TUBS

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



### FREE RECYCLING TOTE BAGS

These totes are great to give to your residents for collecting and carrying to the recycling container.

Contact the WM education team at [recyclenw@wm.com](mailto:recyclenw@wm.com) to request a delivery.



### SLOTTED RECYCLING LIDS

Slotted lids decrease garbage, bagged material and other non-recyclable items from going in the recycling.

The lids lock shut with a notched slot opening.

Contact WM for free slotted lids on your recycling dumpster.



## RECYCLING TIPS

**Clean • Empty • Loose**

**Valet Services may be used at your property.** Valet Services use plastic bags to collect materials. However, materials in plastic bags do not get recycled at recycling facilities. If your property hires a contractor to collect recycling in plastic bags at each residence, make sure they understand this rule and empty all materials out of bags into your containers. Another option is to instruct residents to self-haul recycling to containers.



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



**Remind residents that no plastic "recycling bags" or garbage bags are allowed in the recycling.** Residents should empty clean recyclables out of bags and boxes into dumpsters so they can be easily sorted.



**The numbers no longer matter.**

Recycle plastic only if it is a bottle, jug or tub.



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# YARD+FOOD WASTE



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

## Paper

**MUST BE UNCOATED (NOT SHINY OR PLASTIC-LINED)**



## Food Scraps & Leftovers

**ALL FOOD INCLUDING MEAT, CHEESE AND BONES**



## Yard Waste & Plants



## Are You Ready?

If your residents are super recyclers who know how to sort properly, contact us for assistance in starting a yard+food collection program.

By signing up for yard+food service you are:

- ✓ Offering a desirable amenity to your residents
- ✓ Potentially saving money on garbage service costs by diverting material away from the landfill

## Setting up a Successful Yard+Food Waste Collection Program

- 1 Identify where you can add a yard+food waste cart.** We recommend one 96-gallon yard+food waste cart for every 100 units. Yard+food waste carts should be placed next to the garbage and recycling containers.
- 2 Consider whether your property is ready to begin yard+food waste.** If your property experiences frequently contaminated recycling, it is best to focus on helping your residents recycle right.
- 3 Assess resident interest.** Reach out to residents to determine whether a yard+food waste program is something that would be used at your property.



### Recommended Waste Enclosure Layout

Place yard+food waste cart next to garbage and recycling.

Clearly label all waste containers.

- 4 Contact WM at 253-833-3333 to sign up for service.** You can cancel yard+food waste service at any time.
- 5 Educate and motivate residents.** Communicate with residents what can be included in the yard+food waste program through an email, letter, and/or meeting. Consider setting aside time for a kickoff meeting or open house event to answer questions about the new program.
- 6 Orient new residents.** At move-in, explain the yard+food waste program to new residents and provide copies of guides (available at [wmnorthwest.com/federalway/apartments](http://wmnorthwest.com/federalway/apartments)).
- 7 Track how the yard+food waste program is going.** Is the yard+food waste cart being used? Keep an eye on what is ending up in the yard+food waste cart and communicate with residents when the wrong materials are being put in.

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## GARBAGE



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

### Non-Recyclable Plastic



### Non-Recyclable Glass / Ceramics



### Non-Recyclable Paper



### Non-Recyclable Metal



If full, hazardous waste collection.



### GARBAGE TIPS

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

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



**Latex and oil-based paint recycling** information can be found at [paintcare.org](http://paintcare.org).



New options are available for paint drop off in Federal Way. Latex paint that has turned solid may be placed in the garbage.

### Dumpster Rental

Order roll-off dumpsters for large cleanups, junk and trash removal, and construction and demolition debris.

Contact us at  
**253-833-3333**  
to order.



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# BULKY ITEM DISPOSAL

## Bulky Item Collection

Bulky item collection is available at a charge.

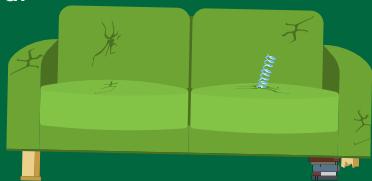
Bulky items include large appliances, sofas, and mattresses. Cubic yard rate available for miscellaneous items.

Call **253-833-3333** to schedule your pick up.

WM's fees are lower than local transfer stations (dumps)—and we come to you, saving the trip.

Check our website for details and rates.

[wmnorthwest.com/federalway/comguidelines/gif/comratesheet.pdf](http://wmnorthwest.com/federalway/comguidelines/gif/comratesheet.pdf)



## Give it Away

Some household items can be sold or given away.

Encourage residents to post a free ad internally at your complex or online; they will be amazed at what other people might want.

- Buy Nothing Project
- Craigslist
- Facebook Marketplace
- Nextdoor
- OfferUp



## Recycle Right®

Ensuring your recycling program is effective and accessible can be a great way to improve your properties.

**As a property manager, you are the key to success.**

Encourage your residents to recycle and dispose of things properly.

Fine tune your recycling program so your tenants don't just recycle, they Recycle Right®.

# HAZARDOUS WASTE

Never dispose of **hazardous waste** in the garbage, recycling, yard+food waste or down the drain.

Federal Way businesses may be eligible for no-fee hazardous waste disposal up to four times a year at Haz Waste Program collection sites.

To learn requirements visit: [kingcountyhazwastewa.gov/en/business-disposal](http://kingcountyhazwastewa.gov/en/business-disposal) or call the Haz Waste Help Line at 206-296-4692.

## Haz Waste Drop-Off Options are Improving in Mid-2026!

Visit [kingcountyhazwastewa.gov](http://kingcountyhazwastewa.gov) for a full list of locations, hours, accepted items, details and restrictions. Hazardous Waste Hotline: **206-296-4692**

### ACCEPTED ITEMS:



Auto Products



**Oil-based Paint\*, Thinners & Solvents**  
\*Visit [paintcare.org](http://paintcare.org) for info about recycling paint.



Fuel & Flammables



Cleaners



Batteries & Fluorescents



Weed & Bug Killer

### WORDS TO WATCH FOR

**CAUTION** **DANGER**  
**WARNING** **POISON**

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

### USE GREENER ALTERNATIVES

Visit [kingcountyhazwastewa.gov](http://kingcountyhazwastewa.gov) for green cleaning recipes and other helpful information.

### NOT ACCEPTED:

- ✗ TVs\* ✗ Computers\* ✗ Electronics\*
- ✗ Tires ✗ Explosives ✗ Medicine
- ✗ Garbage ✗ Empty Containers
- ✗ Latex Paint\*\*

free disposal options at:

\*[ecyclewa.org](http://ecyclewa.org)

\*\*[paintcare.org](http://paintcare.org)

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# OTHER RECYCLING & DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Many items are recyclable, but these specialty items don't belong in your curbside cart - please take to the locations listed below.

## BATTERIES

The City of Federal Way offers free battery recycling locations.

Find out more at this website:

- [federalwaywa.gov/page/battery-recycling](http://federalwaywa.gov/page/battery-recycling)

Also accepted at the Wastemobile.



## BRANCHES & STUMPS



Check website below for Transfer Stations that accept them.

- [kingcounty.gov/solidwaste](http://kingcounty.gov/solidwaste)  
206-477-4466

## BUILDING & REMODELING MATERIALS



- Habitat for Humanity ReStore  
4824 S Tacoma Way, Tacoma  
253-779-8149

- [thehabitatsstores.org](http://thehabitatsstores.org)

- Second Use Tacoma  
2328 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma  
253-267-0820

- [seconduse.com](http://seconduse.com)

## 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. Find locations at:

- [kingcounty.gov/threadcycle](http://kingcounty.gov/threadcycle)

## 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](http://atg.wa.gov/shredathon.aspx)

## COOKING OIL



- French Lake Dog Park  
31531 1st Ave S

- [federalwaywa.gov/page/cooking-oil](http://federalwaywa.gov/page/cooking-oil)

## ELECTRONICS



- [ecyclewa.org](http://ecyclewa.org)
- UpTekk  
101 Lund Rd, #A/B, Auburn  
206-497-9979
- [uptekk.com](http://uptekk.com)

## FLUORESCENT BULBS & TUBES



- [lightrecycle.org](http://lightrecycle.org)

- Northshore Ace Hardware  
35419 21st Ave SW, Fed. Way  
253-835-5052

- Batteries Plus Bulbs  
31830 Pac Hwy S, Federal Way  
253-666-9555

Also accepted at Haz Waste sites.

## LARGE APPLIANCES & SCRAP METAL



- Calbag Metals  
1602 Marine View Dr, Tacoma  
253-572-6800

- [calbag.com](http://calbag.com)

- Radius Recycling  
1902 Marine View Dr, Tacoma  
253-572-4000

- [radiusrecycling.com](http://radiusrecycling.com)

- UpTekk  
101 Lund Rd, #A/B, Auburn  
206-497-9979

- [uptekk.com](http://uptekk.com)

## Want to know what goes where in Federal Way?



Download the Recycle Coach app or visit our website by scanning the QR code or visiting: [Uqr.to/RecycleCoachFW](http://Uqr.to/RecycleCoachFW)

## POLYSTYRENE FOAM BLOCKS & PACKING PEANUTS



- Styro Recycle  
23418 68th Ave S (West Valley Hwy), Kent  
253-838-9555
- [styrorecycle.com](http://styrorecycle.com)

## REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS



Refrigerators and freezers must be specially handled, recycling options are more limited and costly than other appliances. WM offers curbside removal of bulky items. See *Bulky Item Collection* page for more details.

Check website below for Transfer Stations that accept them.

- [kingcounty.gov/solidwaste](http://kingcounty.gov/solidwaste)  
206-477-4466

## TVS & COMPUTERS



Free—working or not.

- [ecyclewashington.org](http://ecyclewashington.org)

- Goodwill  
32521 Pacific Hwy, Federal Way  
253-946-0447

- Video Only  
1643 S 352nd St, Federal Way  
253-661-7700

**Please contact businesses for current rates, hours and restrictions.**

Service providers are highlighted as a courtesy to the public and not as an endorsement or guarantee of the quality of services offered or provided.

## NEEDLES & SHARPS



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

Check website below for Transfer Stations that accept them.

- [kingcounty.gov/solidwaste](http://kingcounty.gov/solidwaste)  
206-477-4466

- Public Health  
33431 13th Pl S, Federal Way

## PAINT



Latex and oil-based paint are accepted at **no charge** at PaintCare drop-off locations.

- [paintcare.org](http://paintcare.org)

## PLASTIC BAGS



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

- [styrorecycle.com](http://styrorecycle.com)

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# MONTHLY GARBAGE & YARD WASTE RATES

January 1, 2026 thru  
December 31, 2026

Rates do not include  
taxes or applicable fees.



GARBAGE		1 Collection per Week	2 Collections per Week	3 Collections per Week	4 Collections per Week	5 Collections per Week
20-gallon cart	\$26.58	---	---	---	---	---
35-gallon cart	\$30.70	---	---	---	---	---
64-gallon cart	\$46.74	---	---	---	---	---
96-gallon cart	\$62.82	---	---	---	---	---
1-yard container	\$157.95	\$316.01	\$474.03	\$632.10	\$790.18	
1.5-yard container	\$213.71	\$427.54	\$641.38	\$807.53	\$1,069.06	
2-yard container	\$269.66	\$539.40	\$809.18	\$1,078.92	\$1,348.69	
3-yard container	\$382.16	\$764.46	\$1,146.71	\$1,528.99	\$1,911.31	
4-yard container	\$484.72	\$969.61	\$1,454.49	\$1,939.33	\$2,424.23	
6-yard container	\$696.30	\$1,392.65	\$2,089.08	\$2,785.43	\$3,481.86	
8-yard container	\$885.70	\$1,771.53	\$2,657.36	\$3,543.21	\$4,429.01	
Extra yardage, per yard	\$22.06	---	---	---	---	
GARBAGE COMPACTOR/ DROP BOX	Compactor drop box haul + disposal					\$298.31 per haul + \$221.73 per ton
	Drop box haul + disposal					\$245.76 per haul + \$221.73 per ton
TEMPORARY GARBAGE DROP BOX 90 days or less.		Hauling Charge	Disposal Charge	Container Daily Rent	Container Delivery	
	10-yard container	\$290.54	\$221.73 per ton	\$2.96	\$116.85	
	15-yard container	\$290.54	\$221.73 per ton	\$3.59	\$116.85	
	20-yard container	\$290.54	\$221.73 per ton	\$4.22	\$116.85	
	25-yard container	\$290.54	\$221.73 per ton	\$4.88	\$116.85	
	30-yard container	\$290.54	\$221.73 per ton	\$5.52	\$116.85	
	40-yard container	\$290.54	\$221.73 per ton	\$6.10	\$116.85	
RECYCLING All-in-one/mixed or single material (cardboard, etc.)	Multifamily properties receive unlimited recycling included with garbage service. Contact us to help you find the right service level for your property.					
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YARD+FOOD WASTE		1 Collection per Week				
	35-gallon cart	\$14.74				
	64-gallon cart	\$15.57				
	96-gallon cart	\$16.43				
	More container service	Interested in a larger container? Contact us for rates.				
MISC. SERVICES Rates are per month unless shown otherwise.	Return trip (container blocked or non-serviceable) (per line of business)	\$19.13				
	Redelivery (per container)	\$38.33				
	Roll-out cart (per cart, per 25 ft. after the initial 25 ft.)	\$1.87				
	Clean/deodorize compost carts (per yard of container including return delivery)	\$12.74				

**Recycle Right. See results in your bill:** The value of materials recycled will be credited back to Federal Way businesses on the garbage bill. This will change annually based on the amount of correctly recycled materials by all of Federal Way. Make sure to recycle only plastic bottles, jugs and tubs; tin cans, aluminum cans, scrap metal, paper, and cardboard and that all materials are clean and dry, and free from foods and liquids.



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# CONTACT INFO



## CURBSIDE GARBAGE, RECYCLING, & YARD+FOOD WASTE COLLECTION

- 253-833-3333 (M-F 7 am-7 pm, Sat 8 am-5 pm)
- [pnwrservices@wm.com](mailto:pnwrservices@wm.com)
- My WM (App on Apple and Android)
- [WMFederalWay](#)
- For live chat: M-F 7am-7pm, and Saturday 8am-12pm

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## Inclement Weather – Service Alerts

Putting safety first, minimizing disruption for customers and making sure you have the best information available. That's our commitment to you when conditions prevent us from collecting as usual.

## [servicealerts.wmnorthwest.com/federalway](http://servicealerts.wmnorthwest.com/federalway)



## Environmental Services Division RECYCLING & COMPOSTING INFORMATION

- 253-835-2761 [recycle@federalwaywa.gov](mailto:recycle@federalwaywa.gov)
- [federalwaywa.gov/recycling](http://federalwaywa.gov/recycling)

## King County TRANSFER STATIONS (DUMP)

- 206-477-4466 [kingcounty.gov/solidwaste](http://kingcounty.gov/solidwaste)

## Transfer Station options are improving in mid-2026!

Be sure to check: [kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/waste-services/garbage-recycling-compost/solid-waste-facilities](http://kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/waste-services/garbage-recycling-compost/solid-waste-facilities) for updates on what's accepted, fees, and locations.

## Recycling Databases

### Recycle Coach

[uqr.to/RecycleCoachFW](http://uqr.to/RecycleCoachFW)

### “What Do I Do With...?”

206-477-4466 [kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith](http://kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith)

### Washington State Recycling Database

1-800-RECYCLE (732-9253) [1800recycle.wa.gov](http://1800recycle.wa.gov)