



City of Auburn

Commercial Collection Guide | 2026

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SERVICE TIPS & RESOURCES



This guide includes tips and resources to improve your garbage, recycle and yard+food waste collection services at your business. Others have found it easy to achieve success using these resources. Remember, we're here to help!

Service Highlights

CONTAINER COLORS & SIZES

- Garbage containers are grey. Yard+food waste containers are green. Recycle containers are blue.
- Contact us if you need to change sizes or service frequency. Container sizes range from 35-, 64-, 96-gallon carts to steel containers 1 cubic yard to 8 cubic yards and large drop-boxes 20 cubic yards and more.

RECYCLING REMINDER

- Paper cartons (milk or juice), shredded paper, and plastic bags should all go in the garbage. See page 3 for a complete recycling guide. Please contact us for additional recycling flyers.

Recognition

Sign up for the Envirostars program to become a certified green business and get ideas to become more sustainable.

For more info, visit: envirostars.greenbiztracker.org



Keep Enclosures Clean

- Ensure adequate garbage and recycling service so material doesn't get left on the ground.
- Area around containers must be clear of materials (extra bags or bulky items) for collection.
- Close container lids to deter pests and keep rainwater from entering your container.
- Flatten boxes.
- Request replacement of damaged WM containers.

Unlimited Recycling Service

- Auburn businesses may receive unlimited, weekly recycle collection in carts and/or containers (1 cubic yard to 8 cubic yard sizes).



Solid Waste Rates

- Please visit wmnorthwest.com/auburn for garbage, yard+food waste and recycle container options and rates.

Blocked Containers or Contaminated Recycling

- WM maintains a "Haul or Call" policy for collection.
- We ask customers to keep containers unblocked (parked cars, overflow material, locked gates, etc.) so that we can empty and replace them in a timely manner.
- If a driver finds the container blocked or contains contamination, dispatch will be notified.
- Driver will wait up to 4 minutes for container access before moving on with the route.
- If Dispatch reaches the customer, they will ask the customer to clear access or remove the contamination and arrange for later collection if necessary. Extra service charges may apply.
- If Dispatch is unable to contact the customer, they will leave a message explaining the circumstances, and ask the customer to call Customer Service to schedule another collection. Extra service charges may apply.

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RECYCLING



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

Metal

ALUMINUM & TIN CANS

Place lids in can, crimp the can shut. Labels ok.

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

BOTTLES & JARS

Only bottles and jars (no other types or shapes). All colors. Labels ok.

Paper and Cardboard

CLEAN & DRY

INCLUDES: paperback books, catalogs, magazines, dry food boxes (remove plastic liner), non-foil wrapping paper. Flatten all boxes (do not tie up); Maximum size 3'x3'.

Plastic

BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS

Ignore the numbers, recycle plastics by shape!



RECYCLING TIPS

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



Paper cartons (milk or juice) are not accepted and should be placed in the garbage.



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



Ignore the number on plastics—Look at the SHAPE.

Recycle plastic only if it is a bottle, jug or tub. No containers that held hazardous material.



Extra recycling: If you often generate extra recycle, please



call WM to increase your container to the next size. Recycling needs to be kept in a container and dry.

Your materials are being recycled!

All the recyclable items collected will be made into something new.

Recycling All Stars

Win a pizza party for your team!

Has WM contacted you about contamination in your business recycling? WM will recognize 1-2 businesses each year that demonstrate improved recycling by keeping materials clean, dry and loose, and only recycling items accepted in Auburn's program. Winners will receive a pizza party celebration by WM that includes games and prizes for staff.

Never received a contamination notice from WM? Businesses can also qualify by making an online pledge to continue to recycle right at wmnorthwest.com/auburn.

Free Recycling Assistance

WM WANTS TO HELP YOUR BUSINESS RECYCLE RIGHT

For free educational resources for your business including recycling fliers, e-blast content, and recycling 101 webinars, contact the outreach team at recyclenw@wm.com.

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YARD+FOOD WASTE



These go in your **green** yard+food waste container. Collected weekly. (Also offered twice-weekly for interested customers.)

Yard Waste & Plants

INCLUDES: Plants, grass clippings and weeds. (Remove plastic pots, twine, gardening tape and twist ties).

Leaves, tree branches and roots. (4' or shorter & less than 4" in diameter).

All debris must fit in cart/container with lid closed.



Food Waste & Leftovers

All food including, meat, bones, fish and cheese.



Remove candles from Jack-o-lanterns




Christmas Tree Collection Event:

For businesses who have yard+food waste services.

Visit wmnorthwest.com/auburn for dates and guidelines.

YARD+FOOD TIPS

Gather food scraps from your kitchen in:

- Paper grocery bag
- Reusable container
- Newspaper
- Certified compostable bag (Look for this symbol) 



Empty contents of reusable container into the yard+food waste cart/container frequently and rinse out.

-  **No Shredded Paper**
-  **No Milk Cartons**
-  **No Treated/Painted Wood**

Extra Yard Waste



(collected for a charge)

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.

Compostable Service Ware

ONLY APPROVED COMPOSTABLE ITEMS

Not all products labeled "compostable" break down in our local facility. For a list of approved compostable products, visit compostmanufacturingalliance.com.



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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 The Outlet Collection *(for small quantity generators)*

📍 **1101 Outlet Collection Drive, 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.

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

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.

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
uptekk.com

FLUORESCENT BULBS & TUBES



- LightRecycle.org

LATEX PAINT



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 and place in your garbage. Alternatively, PaintCare™ can recycle your paint.

- paintcare.org/states/washington

GENERAL SMALL & LARGE BUSINESS HELP

- <https://kingcounty.gov/en/legacy/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/facilities/hazardous-waste.aspx>

MEDICATION



- Med-project.org/locations/Washington
- **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
uptekk.com



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OTHER RECYCLING & DISPOSAL OPTIONS

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

BUILDING & REMODELING MATERIALS

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



PLASTIC BAGS

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

nextrex.com



FOAM BLOCKS & PACKING PEANUTS

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



CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS

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

- **Community Shred Events**
360-753-6200
atg.wa.gov/shredathon.aspx
- **King County Recycle Events**
auburnwa.gov/solidwasteevents



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
uptekk.com
- **Valley Recycling**
312 W Valley Hwy S, Pacific
253-288-0000

LARGE APPLIANCES & SCRAP METAL

- **UpTekk**
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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
- **Auburn Valley Humane Society**
1123 E Main St, Auburn
253-249-7849 #6
auburnvalleyhs.org



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/



Give it Away

Reusable 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

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

Please contact businesses for current rates, hours and restrictions.

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WM CONTACT INFORMATION:

☎ 253-939-9792 (M-F 7 am-7 pm, Sat 8 am-5 pm)

🌐 wmnorthwest.com/auburn

✉ pnwcmresources@wm.com

📱 My WM App (Apple and Android)

📘 **WM Auburn**

💬 Live Chat: **wm.com (M-F 8 am-5 pm)**

CONTACT WM TO:

- Report a missed collection
- Report missing/damaged carts
- Understand your bill
- Order bulky item collection (*mattresses, appliances, etc.*)
- Order construction/demolition waste containers (*for remodeling clean-up, etc.*)
- Find out if an item can go into the recycle or yard+food waste container

Weather Delays

If weather conditions delay collection, please check servicealerts.wmnorthwest.com/auburn for the recovery plan. Commercial customers are usually collected as soon as WM trucks can access roadways. Credits will not be issued for delays due to inclement weather.

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

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

Holiday Schedule

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.

How Slotted Lids Help You Recycle Right



Slotted lid recycling dumpsters are designed to prevent garbage, bagged material and other non-recyclable items from going in the recycling.

The lids are locked shut with a notched slot opening, easily accessible for you to pour in loose bottles, cans and paper while keeping contamination out.

Contact WM for free slotted lids on your recycling dumpster.

Community Resource Information

South King Tool Library Auburn A tool library is like a traditional library, allowing you to check out tools and equipment to help you build, repair and maintain your home and things. You need to sign up for a free SKTL membership to borrow tools. By sharing tools, we save money and space, while reducing consumption and waste.

• SouthKingTools.org 253-237-2290



City of Auburn Upcoming Events

• auburnwa.gov/solidwasteevents

Repair Cafes Free fix-it events for broken or non-functioning lamps, electronics, clothing, toys, heirlooms and more!

• kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/ecoconsumer/repair-events.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 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 206-477-4466



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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)

📺 WM Auburn

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

🌐 auburnwa.gov/utilities

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TRANSFER STATIONS

📍 **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/en/legacy/depts/dnrp/solid-waste

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

🌐 info.kingcounty.gov/services/recycling-garbage/solid-waste/what-do-i-do-with/

Washington State Recycling Database

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

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