



City of Federal Way

2026 Single Family
Collection Guide

Exclusive Federal Way Services Line: 253-833-3333 | wmnorthwest.com/federalway

Annual Bonus Curbside Pickup!

Once per year, WM Single Family customers can order **NO-COST COLLECTION** of up to 3 bulky items and extra trash and smaller items (up to 15 kitchen-sized trash bags and/or small boxes). Visit uqr.to/bulky for more information and call 253-833-3333 to order.



Want to Know What Goes Where in Federal Way?

Ask the Recycle Coach!

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



Think Outside the Cart **REDUCE AND REUSE BEFORE YOU RECYCLE**

Waste prevention is our biggest opportunity to reduce the consumption of natural resources.

Prevent food waste— buy only what you need:

When grocery shopping, be thoughtful. Make a list and buy only what you need to minimize any food waste and save money, too!



Buy nothing:

Instead of buying items you will use infrequently, consider borrowing or renting.



Share, swap, or sell:

Sell items you no longer want and find bargains at consignment shops, garage sales, thrift stores, online exchanges and auctions.



Choose to reuse:

Use reusable mugs, water bottles, utensils and bags.



Store these in your car or at your desk so you will always be prepared.



For more ideas on reducing food waste, proper food storage tips, and creative recipes visit **King County's Food: Too Good to Waste** at recyclefood.com

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RECYCLING



Place only the items listed below in your **blue** recycling cart. Collected every other week.

Find your week at wmnorthwest.com/federalway/guidelines/calendars

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. Cardboard and flattened boxes should be no larger than 3' x 3' x 3' in size.



Plastic

BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS

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



RECYCLING TIPS

Clean · Empty · Loose

No plastic bags, garbage bags or "recycling" bags allowed. Empty clean recyclables out of bags and boxes into the cart so that they can be easily sorted.



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



Extra recycling?

No extra charge. Place extra recyclables in a bin, cardboard box or paper bag at the curb next to your recycling cart.



The better you recycle, the lower your bill!



The value of materials recycled is credited as your Recycle Rebate on your WM invoice. This changes annually based on the amount and quality of materials recycled by all of Federal Way. Do your part to recycle right and see the results in your bill!

Become Recycling Allstars!

Take our pledge to be entered to win one free month of WM service each winter.



Scan to
Sign Up!

CURBSIDE COLLECTION AVAILABLE

CURBSIDE COLLECTION & DROP-OFF RECYCLING AVAILABLE

Used Motor Oil

Please place in plastic containers (like a milk jug) labeled with your name and address.



Limit: 3 gallons per pick up and 10 gallons per year. Set at curb on your regular curbside recycling collection day.

Used Cooking Oil

Please place in plastic containers (like a milk jug) labeled with your name and address.

Limit: 3 gallons per pick up and 10 gallons per year. Set at curb on your regular curbside recycling collection day.



Or recycle cooking oil for free at the local drop-off located in the parking lot at:

French Lake Dog Park
31531 1st Ave S, Federal Way



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YARD+FOOD WASTE



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

Yard Waste & Plants



Food Scraps & Leftovers

ALL FOOD INCLUDING MEAT, CHEESE AND BONES



No
plastic bags,
plant pots, soil,
sod, rocks, liquids,
shredded paper
or pet waste.

FOOD SCRAP TIPS

Gather food scraps from your kitchen in:

- Paper grocery bag
- Reusable container
- Compostable bags

Empty reusable container

into the yard+food waste cart frequently, and rinse out.

Find out more at recyclefood.com



Paper

MUST BE UNCOATED (NOT SHINY OR PLASTIC-LINED)



Storm Recovery

Following a city-designated storm event, up to 96 gallons of loose or bagged (prepared as an extra set out) storm debris may be accepted with regular yard+food waste service at no additional charge.

Visit servicealerts.wmnorthwest.com/federalway for storm event announcements.

This will also be announced on the City's social media pages. Follow them on Facebook: [@Federalwaywa](https://www.facebook.com/Federalwaywa) and Instagram: [@Fedwaywa](https://www.instagram.com/Fedwaywa)

Extra Yard Waste



(collected for a charge)

If you often generate extra yard waste, additional carts are offered at a discount rate for those with large yards or seasonal volume needs.

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)

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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 fuel remains, take small cylinders to the Wastemobile.



Propane has no scent but the valve will still smell like rotten eggs when cylinder is empty.



GARBAGE TIPS

Numbers do not matter.

If a plastic item is not a bottle, jug or tub, it belongs in the garbage.



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



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



Free latex and oil-based paint recycling

information can be found at 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.

Extra Garbage

Garbage charges are based on cart size. **There is a charge for extra garbage** that doesn't fit in your cart with the lid closed. If your lid is open more than 6 inches, there will be an extra charge.



Go paperless and save \$5 per year on your garbage bill. wmn.com/myaccount



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BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Curbside Bulky Item Collection

All customers now receive a **free Annual Bonus Curbside Pick-up**.

Once per year, Federal Way residential customers can schedule a pickup of up to three bulky items plus additional bagged garbage.

Bulky items include:

- Large appliances
- Sofas
- Mattresses
- Dressers
- Tables
- Desks
- Bookcases
- TV stands
- Bed frames
- Bagged garbage

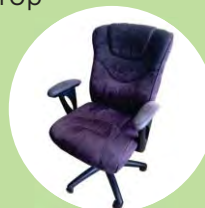
Call **253-833-3333** to schedule your pick up.

WM will also haul your bulky items. WM's fees are lower than local Transfer Stations (dumps)—and you don't have to make the trip. Check our website for details and rates.

Give it Away

Some household items can be sold or given away. Try posting a free ad. You will be amazed at what other people might want.

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



Transfer Stations

Bulky items can also be dropped off at a King County Transfer Station (for a fee).

Transfer Station options are improving in mid-2026!

Be sure to check kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrm/waste-services/garbage-recycling-compost/solid-waste-facilities for updates on what's accepted, fees, and locations.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

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

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

Visit 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 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 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
** paintcare.org

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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

Also accepted at Haz Waste sites.

COOKING OIL

- French Lake Dog Park
31531 1st Ave S

Dispose of containers. Do not leave at park. WM Curbside collection also available.

BRANCHES & STUMPS

Check website below for Transfer Stations that accept them.

- kingcounty.gov/solidwaste
206-477-4466

BUILDING & REMODELING MATERIALS

- Habitat for Humanity ReStore
4824 S Tacoma Way, Tacoma
253-779-8149
- thehabitatstores.org
- Second Use Tacoma
2328 Fawcett Ave, Tacoma
253-267-0820
- 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

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

ELECTRONICS

- ecyclewa.org
- UpTekk
101 Lund Rd, #A/B, Auburn
206-497-9979
- uptekk.com

FLUORESCENT BULBS & TUBES

- 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
- UpTekk
101 Lund Rd, #A/B, Auburn
206-497-9979
- uptekk.com
- Radius Recycling
1902 Marine View Dr, Tacoma
253-572-4000
- radiusrecycling.com

MATTRESSES

Check website below for Transfer Stations that accept them.

- kingcounty.gov/solidwaste
206-477-4466
(Disposal fees apply)

MEDICATION

- medicinereturn.org
- Police Department Lobby
33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way
253-835-6700
- Kaiser Permanente
301 S 320th St, Federal Way
253-874-7000
- HealthPoint/Health Dept.
33431 13th Pl S, Federal Way
253-874-7634

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
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

PLASTIC BAGS

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

- styrorecycle.com

REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS

Refrigerators and freezers must be specially handled, so 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
206-477-4466

POLYSTYRENE FOAM BLOCKS & PACKING PEANUTS

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

TVS & COMPUTERS

Free—working or not.

- 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.

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ACCOUNT INFO & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

WM CONTACT INFORMATION:

- 📞 253-833-3333 (M-F 7 am-7 pm, Sat 8 am-5 pm)
- 🌐 wmnorthwest.com/federalway
- ✉ pnwrsservices@wm.com
- 📱 My WM App (Apple and Android)
- 📘 **WMFederalWay**
- 💬 For live chat: M-F 7am-7pm, and Saturday 8am-12pm

CONTACT WM TO:

- Report a missed collection
- Report missing/damaged carts
- Understand your bill
- Order your free annual bulky items and bagged trash pick up (*advanced scheduling required*)
- Order construction/demolition waste containers (*for remodeling clean-up, etc. Call 253.833.3333 to schedule*)
- Request cart roll-out service for people with disabilities
- Schedule vacation service hold (*advance notice only*)
- Request recycling guides in other languages
- Find out if an item is recyclable or compostable

Weather Delays

If weather conditions delay collection, up to twice the regular amount of garbage, recycling and yard+food waste will be collected at no charge on your next regularly scheduled collection day.

If there are weather delays two weeks in a row, make-up collection will be made the next possible day.

Credits will not be issued for delays due to inclement weather.

For updated weather information, visit servicealerts.wmnorthwest.com/federalway

To receive weather alerts, ensure your phone number and email are updated in your WM account. To update your account visit wm.com/myaccount and change your contact preferences.

Holiday Schedule

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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, collection will take place on Saturday.

Cart Placement Tips



- Place carts at curb or alley by 7 am.
- 2' apart with lids opening toward street.
- 3' from cars, trees, mailboxes, fences and utility boxes.
- Carts must be on the street not left on sidewalks.
- Please remove carts by 8 pm.
- Please move basketball hoops out of the street on collection day.
- Avoid street parking in cul-de-sacs on collection day.

Community Resource Information

Recycling Events, Repair Cafes and Clothing Swaps

Free events to collect hard-to-recycle items, repair broken items or get new-to-you clothing.

- federalwaywa.gov/page/recycling-events 253-835-2770



South King Tool Library Free checkout of tools and equipment to help you maintain your home and yard. There are many volunteer opportunities at this community nonprofit organization.

- southkingtools.org 253-237-2290



Green Living Workshops Free workshops on a variety of green topics such as gardening, food preservation, composting, green cleaning, fruit tree pruning and more.

- federalwaywa.gov/page/green-living-workshops 253-835-2770



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 home 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 206-447-4466



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CURBSIDE GARBAGE, RECYCLING, & YARD+FOOD WASTE COLLECTION

- 📞 253-833-3333 (M-F 7 am-7 pm, Sat 8 am-5 pm)
- ✉️ pnwrsservices@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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以上网站提供相关信息，您可以使用谷歌翻译进行翻译。

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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



Environmental Services Division RECYCLING & COMPOSTING INFORMATION

- 📞 253-835-2761 ✉️ recycle@federalwaywa.gov
- 🌐 federalwaywa.gov/recycling

King County TRANSFER STATIONS (DUMP)

- 📞 206-477-4466 🌐 kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

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Recycling Databases

Recycle Coach

🌐 uqr.to/RecycleCoachFW

“What Do I Do With...?”

- 📞 206-477-4466 🌐 kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith

Washington State Recycling Database

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