



City of Federal Way

2026 Multifamily
Collection Guide

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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.



Borrow from a neighbor, or connect with Buy Nothing Project groups on social media.

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 container.

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. Flatten boxes.



Plastic

BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS

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



No Plastic, Garbage or "Recycling" Bags Allowed

Empty clean recyclables out of bags and boxes into the cart so that they can be easily sorted.



Used Cooking Oil

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



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. To ensure your recyclables are actually recycled, the materials must be emptied loosely into the recycling containers.

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

Extra recycling? No extra charge.

If your recycling is often full, contact your property manager for larger recycling containers or more frequent collection.

The numbers no longer matter.

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

Free recycling tote bags:

These reusable tote bags make recycling easy. Ask your property manager or contact us for a free bag at recyclenw@wm.com.



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YARD+FOOD WASTE



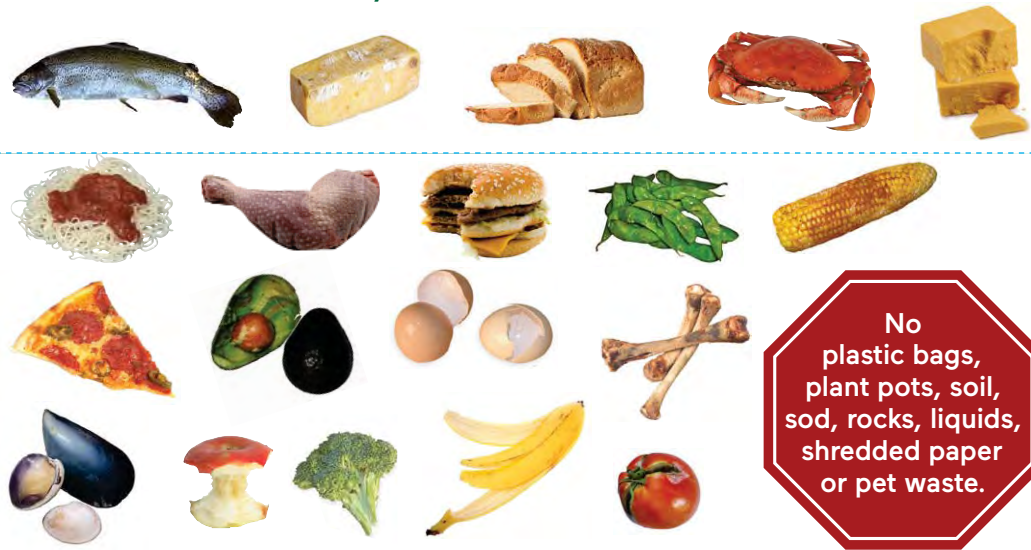
These go in your **green** yard+food waste cart. Collected weekly. Not all properties offer this, check with your property manager for details or to set up service for your complex.

Yard Waste & Plants



Food Scraps & Leftovers

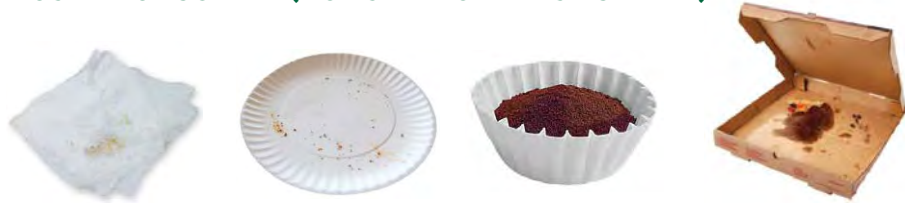
ALL FOOD INCLUDING MEAT, CHEESE AND BONES



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

Paper

MUST BE UNCOATED (NOT SHINY OR PLASTIC-LINED)



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 or dumpster frequently, and rinse out.

Find out more at recyclefood.com



Make your food last longer with a few of these tips:

- Store certain produce in the fridge to extend it's shelf life, like apples, berries, cucumbers, cherries, peppers, grapes and citrus fruits.
- Use your counter space to ripen fruits such as avocados, melons, pears and stone fruit. Once ripe, refrigerate.
- Store bananas on your counter top away from other fruit—they give off a gas that ripens nearby fruit faster. Or, use them to help ripen fruit quickly!
- Put your bread in the freezer if you won't use it up in one week.

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GARBAGE



Bag garbage and put them in your **gray** garbage container.

Non-Recyclable Plastic



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.



The numbers no longer matter.

If a plastic item isn't a bottle, jug or tub, it belongs in the garbage.



Non-Recyclable Glass / Ceramics



Non-Recyclable Paper



Other Garbage



Non-Recyclable Metal



If full, hazardous waste collection.

Report illegal dumping.

Any time garbage from outside your apartment complex is dumped into your dumpsters, it is considered "theft of service". You are encouraged to report this to your property manager, and to also contact Federal Way Police. Here are three ways to make contact:

- If there is no suspect, report the theft online at federalwaywa.gov/page/file-police-report-online
- If you have details about the suspect (description, license plate, vehicle make/model, etc.), call the non-emergency number at 253-835-2121. Do not confront the suspect.

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DISPOSAL TIPS

Allow Access to Containers and Keep Recycling Loose and Clean

- Please do not block access to trash and recycling containers.
- If the wrong items are placed in the recycling containers, WM will not empty them. This means all residents may be impacted. Please recycle only the accepted items as shown in this guide!
- Do not use plastic bags to collect your recycling. Recycling must be loose so it can be sorted at the recycle center. All bags are presumed to be garbage. Recycling center staff are trained to discard all bags. Don't let your recycling efforts go to waste!
- Remember, no plastic bags or film plastic in the recycling.

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**

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free disposal options at:
* ecyclewa.org
** paintcare.org

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:

- www.federalwaywa.gov/page/battery-recycling

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

COOKING OIL

Drop off at:

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

Dispose of containers. Do not leave at park.

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

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.

- bagandfilmrecycling.org

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.

REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS

Refrigerators and freezers must be specially handled, so recycling options are more limited and costly than other appliances.

Check website below for **Transfer Stations** that accept them.

- kingcounty.gov/solidwaste 206-477-4466

STYROFOAM™ 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



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