

YARD & FOOD WASTE

All of these items can go in your yard and food cart.
Yard & food waste collection is available by subscription. For more information or to sign up, please call 1-800-592-9995.



Food Scraps



Yard Trimmings



Food-Soiled Paper

KEEP OUT of Yard & Food Waste

- Plastic Bags
- Fats, Oils + Grease
- Diapers
- Pet Waste
- Liquids
- Glass
- Metal
- Garden Hoses

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

RECYCLING

Please do not bag. Place these loose items in your recycling cart.
Recyclables should be empty, clean & loose.



Plastic Bottles, Cups, Jugs & Tubs
(No colored party cups)



Food & Beverage Cans



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Glass Bottles & Containers

Extra Recycling
You can set out extra recycling on collection day for a charge. Set out extras in a 35-gallon personal can labeled 'Recycle' or cardboard boxes (limit 2'x2'x2').

Materials placed in a plastic bag cannot be sorted at the recycle center and do not get recycled.

- Everything you put in your recycling cart should be:
- Empty, Clean, Loose**
- Give food containers a quick rinse.
 - Ensure items are empty of liquids.
 - Keep recyclables out of bags and boxes.

KEEP OUT of Recycling

- Foam Cups + Packaging
- Yard/Food Waste
- Shredded Paper
- Light Bulbs + Fluorescent Tubes
- Hazardous Waste
- Medical Waste
- Syringes
- Batteries
- Sharp Metal
- Diapers
- Liquids
- Fuel Tanks
- Computers + TVs
- Broken Dishes
- Ceramics
- Window Glass

GARBAGE

Garbage collection is provided by the City of Mount Vernon.

For questions about garbage service, or to inquire about billing for garbage, please contact the City of Mount Vernon:
360-336-6218
mvutilities@mountvernonwa.gov



City of Mount Vernon

2026 Service Guide

COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Please follow these guidelines to ensure collection.

Place containers at the curb by 6 am.

- Place containers at least three (3) feet apart from each other and away from all obstructions such as cars, trees, fences, and mailboxes.
- Place containers with lids opening toward the street.
- Take containers in as soon as possible.



WHAT DO I DO WITH...?

Some items are not allowed in garbage or recycling.



Motor Oil
Households may dispose of up to five gallons of motor oil at any of the Skagit County Recycling Sites. Visit skagitcounty.net for more information.



Electronics
Recycle electronics, computers, monitors and TVs. www.ecyclewashington.org



Large Appliances
Refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers, dryers, stoves, ranges, furnaces, etc. may be disposed of or recycled at Mt. Vernon Solid Waste facilities. For more information, email: mvsanitation@ci.mount-vernion.wa.us



Light Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes
Visit www.lightrecycle.org to find drop-off locations near you.



Needles/Syringes
Used needles and syringes are dangerous in garbage and recycling because they can injure residents, collectors, and sorters, as well as spread diseases. Visit www.skagitcounty.net for more information. Search "sharps disposal"



Household Hazardous Waste
Take hazardous waste including oil-base paint, pesticides, propane tanks, items that contain mercury, automobile fluids and more to a hazardous waste facility. Visit www.skagitcounty.net/departments/publicworkssolidwaste/recyclelocations.htm for more information and drop-off locations.

WM MOUNT VERNON COLLECTION SCHEDULE 2026

Garbage is collected weekly. Recycling is collected on blue weeks.

Yard & Food Waste is collected on weeks with this symbol. Collected every other week December through February.

Holiday Schedule: Collection delayed one business day if regular collection day falls on Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's day: Thursday collection will be serviced one day early. Friday collection will be serviced on the following Monday. Visit www.mountvernonwa.gov and search "garbage and recycle route changes" for the most up-to-date information.

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