

# 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](mailto:mvutilities@mountvernonwa.gov)

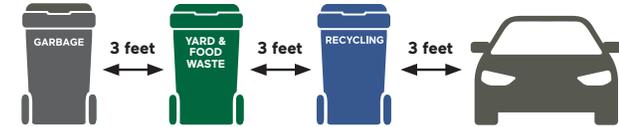


## COLLECTION GUIDELINES

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](http://skagitcounty.net) for more information.



### Electronics

Recycle electronics, computers, monitors and TVs. [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://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](mailto:mvsanitation@ci.mount-vernion.wa.us)



### Light Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes

Visit [www.lightrecycle.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/publicworkssolidwaste/recyclelocations.htm) for more information and drop-off locations.



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## 2026 Service Guide