Your King County Recycling Guide

2011-12 Collection Calendar Enclosed

Online Billing: wm.com/wm/ezpay
This material will be provided in alternate formats upon request:
800.592.9995 (M-F 7AM-5PM)
Información en español
Online 24 hrs.: wmnorthwest.com
720 4th Ave., Suite 400, Kirkland, WA 98033
Waste Management

30% post consumer recycled content

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### Recycling

**Clean recyclables go in your blue recycling cart**

**Clean Paper & Newspaper**
- Newspaper, inserts
- Mail, envelopes
- Cereal, dry food boxes *(remove liner)*
- Paperback books
- Magazines, catalogs, phone books
- Non-foil wrapping paper
- Frozen food boxes
- Juice boxes
- Paper cups

**Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Cups & Tubs**
*Empty and rinse; no lids*
- Milk, juice & soda bottles
- Yogurt, dairy & margarine tubs
- Plastic cups
- Shampoo & conditioner bottles
- Window, bathroom & kitchen cleaner bottles
- Detergent & fabric softener bottles
- Pill bottles *(no prescription vials)*

**Aluminum & Tin Cans**
*Empty and rinse out food residue. Labels OK*
- Soda cans
- Metal food cans
- Aerosol cans *(empty and non-toxic)*

**Scrap Metal** *(small non-working metal appliances, pots, tools, etc.)*
- Limit 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft., 35 lbs; no wood, plastic, or rubber attachments; no sharp metal

**Cardboard**
- Flatten

**Glass Jars & Bottles** *(empty and rinse out. Labels OK)*

**Clean Paper & Newspaper**

- Empty clean recyclables out of bags and boxes into the cart so that they can be easily sorted.
- Put all recyclables in blue recycling cart.
- Blue recycling carts are emptied every **other week**. (See enclosed calendar.)
- Put extra recycling in 32-gallon containers with handles and lids. Label “Recycle.”*
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  * There is no charge for extra recycling.

Not sure? Check it out at **wmnorthwest.com**
**Food & Yard Waste**

These go in your gray yard & food cart

- Fruit & vegetable scraps; leftovers
- Bread, pasta, grains
- Eggshells, nutshells
- Coffee filters & grounds
- Teabags & tea leaves
- Meat, fish, poultry, beans
- Dairy products (yogurt, cheese, etc.)
- Greasy paper or cardboard takeout and delivery boxes
- Food soiled paper towels, napkins
- Shredded paper (layered)
- Paper grocery bags containing food scraps
- Soiled paper egg & berry cartons
- Waxed paper & cardboard
- Uncoated (non-shiny) paper plates, cups, food wrap & bags
- Approved compostable packaging (more items at gogreenscene.com)

Sign up for food/yard service at wmnorthwest.com or call 800.592.9995 (M–F 7AM–5PM).

- Houseplants (no pots)
- Tree branches (under 4’ long, 4” in diam.)
- Holiday trees, Jack-o-lanterns (remove candle)
- Weeds
- Twigs, branches, roots from pruning
- Grass clippings, leaves

**Collect food scraps. It’s easy to do.**

1. Use a collection method that works for you.
   - a sink collander strainer
   - a paper grocery bag
   - a reusable plastic, metal or ceramic container with a lid
   - newspaper
   - an approved compostable bag (recyclefood.com)
2. Empty your container into the food/yard cart frequently.
3. Layer food scraps with yard waste, newspaper or shredded paper to absorb liquids.

**Extra Yard Waste:** There is charge for extra yard waste. Put extra yard waste in Kraft paper bags or 32-gallon containers with handles and lids (65lb limit). Label “yard.”

Where does it go? Food scraps and yard trimmings are processed into compost and sold at home and garden stores.

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### Garbage

**Bag these and put them in your garbage**

#### Non-recyclable Plastic
- Take-out containers
- Styrofoam, packing peanuts
- Caps, lids
- Stretch wrap
- Empty motor oil & antifreeze containers
- Plastic bakery & meat trays
- Plastic plates & utensils
- Empty prescription vials
- Garden hoses

#### Non-recyclable Glass
- Mirrors, window glass
- Ceramics, dishes
- Incandescent & halogen light bulbs only *(Fluorescent light bulbs and tubes need special disposal — see next page)*

#### Non-recyclable Metal
- Caps, lids
- Aluminum foil, foil trays
- Oil containers

#### Non-recyclable Paper
- Disposable diapers
- Ribbons, foil wrapping paper
- Dirty paper, facial tissue

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**Please:**
- Bag all garbage.
- Double bag pet waste and pet litter, packing pellets, vacuum dust, sawdust, and cold ashes.
- **Weight limit: 32-gal/65 lbs** for your collector’s safety.

**Garbage** charges are based on container size. There is a charge for extra garbage that doesn’t fit in your container with the lid closed. Bulky items like mattresses, appliances, and building materials can be picked up by special arrangement for a fee.

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*Donate books to a local charity or school.*

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*Use kitty litter or paint hardener to solidify latex paint.*

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What Do I Do With?

Some items such as medical wastes, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, needles, fuel tanks, electronics and chemicals are hazardous or hard to handle and are not allowed in garbage or recycling. They require special handling as indicated below.

Motor Oil  Put in tightly closed in 1 gallon milk jugs and take to a hazardous waste facility.
- lhwmp.org
- 206.296.4692

Computers, Monitors and TVs  Free recycling locations:
- takeitbacknetwork.org
- ecyclewashington.org
- 800.RECYCLE (732.9253)

Cell Phones & Other Electronics  (printers, fax machines, DVD players, etc):
- takeitbacknetwork.org
- 206.296.4466

Large Appliances  (refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers, dryers, stoves, ranges, furnaces, etc.)
- Sell, donate or give away
  - kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith

Batteries  (rechargeable, button, alkaline, lead acid automobile, UPS)
- lhwmp.org
- thinkgreenfromhome.com
- call2recycle.org
- kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith

Use rechargeable batteries. Many stores accept rechargeable batteries for recycling.

Mercury-containing Products  (mercury switches, thermometers, thermostats, etc.)
- lhwmp.org
- 206.296.4692

Fluorescent Bulbs & Tubes
- thinkgreenfromhome.com
- takeitbacknetwork.org
- 206.296.4466

Needles/Syringes  Used needles and syringes are dangerous in garbage and recycling because they can injure residents, collectors, and sorters, as well as spreading diseases.
- Take syringes to a pharmacy
- Use Sharps by mail –
  - thinkgreenfromhome.com

Oil-Based Paint, Chemicals, Pesticides, Propane Tanks & Automobile Fluids
Household Hazardous Facilities: various locations and hours.
- lhwmp.org
- 206.296.4692

Styrofoam Blocks & Packing Peanuts, Toilets, Tires, Cooking Oil, Medication... and more!
- kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith
- 206.296.4466
- 1800recycle.wa.gov;
- 800.RECYCLE (732.9253)

Online Materials Exchange
- Craigslist: seattle.craigslist.org
- 2Good2Toss: 2good2toss.com
- The Freecycle Network: freecycle.org

Clothing & Shoes
- Donate to second hand stores such as Goodwill or your local consignment shop

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Collection Guidelines

Place carts at curb by 6AM
- Two (2) feet apart with lids opening toward street
- At least three (3) feet from cars, trees and mailboxes
- Please take containers in as soon as possible after collection

Visit wmnorthwest.com or call 800.592.9995 (M-F 7AM-5PM) for:
- Missed collection
- Missing/damaged carts
- Collection rates or service subscription
- Bulky item collection (mattresses, appliances, etc.)
- Construction/demolition containers (remodeling, etc.)
- Disabled service

Weather Delay?
If weather conditions prevent safe collection, up to twice as much material will be collected at no extra charge on your next regular collection day for each container not emptied. No credit for collection delayed due to weather.

Before you buy, use or discard an item, ask yourself:
Reduce: Can I buy this product with less packaging?
Reuse: Can I or someone else use this again?
Recycle: Can I recycle this after I use it?
Buy Recycled: Can I get this item with recycled content?

Resources

Waste Management
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What Do I Do With?
kingcounty.gov/whattodowith
206.296.4466

800RECYCLE
1800recycle.wa.gov
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Online information to help you dispose of materials properly.

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Household Hazardous Waste
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E-cycle Washington
ecyclewashington.org
800.RECYCLE (732.9253)
Free recycling locations for computers, monitors and TVs.

Sharps Mail Back Program
thinkgreenfromhome.com
kingcounty.gov/whattodowith

Environmental Kids Club • epa.gov/kids

Illegal Dumping Hotline
206.296.SITE (7483)

Classroom Resources • thinkgreen.com

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