



City of Auburn

Single Family Collection Guide | 2025

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Zero Waste of Resources

King County is working toward a goal of Zero Waste by 2030, meaning that materials of value, whether for reuse, resale, or recycling, will not be put in the garbage and end up in the landfill.

This does not mean that there will not be any garbage. Studies done at the King County Cedar Hills Regional Landfill (where our garbage goes) show that over 70% of the “stuff” we throw away each year could be recycled, composted, or reused.

How can you help?

Rethink and reduce your purchases and practices, reuse materials and recycle the items that are recyclable. Visit King County’s website for more ideas on waste reduction at: kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/waste-services/garbage-recycling-compost/solid-waste-programs



TOO GOOD TO WASTE

Almost 40% of food grown in the U.S. is never consumed.

Here is how you can help keep food out of the garbage:



Buy what you need.



PLAN Before you shop, check your fridge, freezer and cupboards. Plan meals with items you already have. Shop with a list and use restraint to avoid buying more than you need.

STORE

Store food properly to make it last longer.



Eat what you buy.



EAT Cook and eat the meals that you planned. Practice use-it-up methods, freeze it, or give it away to friends and family. Get creative. Use up overripe fruit in a smoothie, or wilted veggies in a soup. Stale bread can become breadcrumbs or croutons.

Compost the rest.

COMPOST

Put unused food scraps into your yard+food cart.



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

kingcounty.gov/en/dept/dnrp/waste-services/garbage-recycling-compost/solid-waste-programs/food-waste-prevention

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RECYCLING



Place clean, dry, and loose items (as listed below) in your **blue** recycling cart. Collected every other week.

Metal

ALUMINUM & TIN CANS

Place lids in can, crimp the can shut. Labels ok.

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

BOTTLES & JARS

Only bottles and jars (no other types or shapes). All colors. Labels OK.

Paper and Cardboard

CLEAN & DRY

INCLUDES: paperback books, catalogs, magazines, dry food boxes (remove plastic liner), non-foil wrapping paper. Flatten all boxes (do not tie up); Maximum size 3'x3'.

Plastic

BOTTLES, JUGS & TUBS

Ignore the numbers, recycle plastics by shape!



RECYCLING TIPS

No plastic bags, garbage bags or "recycling" bags allowed.



Paper cartons (milk or juice) are not accepted and should be placed in the garbage.



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



Ignore the number on plastics—Look at the SHAPE.

Recycle plastic only if it is a bottle, jug or tub. No containers that held hazardous material.



Extra recycling: If you often generate extra recycle, please call WM to increase your cart to the next size.



Your materials are being recycled! All the recyclable items collected will be made into something new.

Recycling All Stars — Win a month of free service! Take the Recycle Right Pledge. Auburn residential customers who complete this pledge form and maintain clean recycling will be entered to win a month of free WM service. Winners will be notified via phone or email. To learn more visit wmnorthwest.com/auburn

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

Used Cooking Oil

RESIDENTIAL DISPOSAL



Do not pour cooking oil down the drain as it can cause blockages. Instead, carefully pour cooled cooking oil into a watertight container, seal it and place it in the garbage. For larger amounts of used cooking oil, use cat litter or another absorbent material like sawdust, flour or sand to absorb the oil, place in a sealable bag and dispose of the bag in your garbage.

The city of Auburn recommends the following sites for information on used cooking oil disposal:

- <https://bit.ly/AuburnOils>
- www.wikihow.com/Dispose-of-Cooking-Oil

Watch a video of a local WM recycling center at: wmnorthwest.com/cascaderecycling
Some items may vary by location.

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YARD+FOOD WASTE



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

Yard Waste & Plants

INCLUDES: Plants, grass clippings and weeds.
(Remove plastic pots, twine, gardening tape and twist ties).

Leaves, tree branches and roots.
(4' or shorter & less than
4" in diameter).

All debris must fit in cart
with lid closed.



Food Waste & Leftovers

All food including meat, bones, fish and cheese.



No utensils,
cups, or dishes—
even if labeled
"compostable" or
"biodegradable".

YARD+FOOD TIPS

Gather food scraps
from your kitchen in:

- Paper grocery bag
- Reusable container
- Newspaper
- Certified compostable bag
(Look for this symbol) →



**Empty contents of reusable
container** into the yard+food
waste cart frequently and rinse out.

**NO SHREDDED PAPER,
TO-GO CONTAINERS,
MILK CARTONS,
OR PET WASTE.**

Composting for the Holidays



Remove candles
from Jack-o-lanterns



Remove twine



Un-flocked, undecorated whole
trees cut to less than six feet in
height are acceptable.

Christmas Tree Collection Event:

Check your service
calendar or visit
wmnorthwest.com/auburn

Paper

No shiny, plastic lined or coated materials.
Greasy food soiled paper is ok.



Extra Yard Waste



(collected for a charge)

If you often generate extra yard
waste, additional yard waste carts
are offered at a discounted rate.
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)

**NO FOOD WASTE IN EXTRA
YARD WASTE CONTAINERS**

**NO EXTRA YARD WASTE IN
PLASTIC BAGS.**

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GARBAGE



Bag these and put them in your **grey** garbage cart. Collected weekly.

Non-Recyclable Plastic

INCLUDES: Polystyrene foam products, plastic plates and cups, caps and lids, plastic utensils, empty prescription vials, diapers, chip bags and candy wrappers.



Bag plastic bags & bring them to the grocery store.

Non-Recyclable Glass

INCLUDES: Incandescent light bulbs (Fluorescent light bulbs & tubes need special disposable)



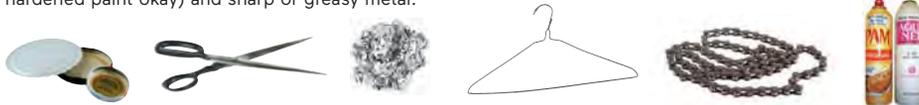
Non-Recyclable Paper

INCLUDES: Disposable wipes, hardcover books, foil wrapping paper, coated (shiny) paper plates, facial tissue, shredded paper.



Non-Recyclable Metal

INCLUDES: Caps, lids, empty latex paint cans (dry out paint, remove lids, hardened paint okay) and sharp or greasy metal.



Other Garbage

INCLUDES: Bagged cold ashes, vacuum bag and dust; bagged pet waste and cat litter; broken household items, office supplies, toys, plastic packaging for food and other products.



GARBAGE TIPS

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

Paper cartons (milk + juice) are not accepted in the recycle program and should be placed in the garbage. 

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

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



Recycle Appliances
Visit 1800recycle.wa.gov

Recycle Plastic Bags
Take back to a participating grocery store.

Thrift Stores
See page 7.

Extra Garbage

(collected for a charge)

If you often generate extra garbage, consider increasing to the next size garbage cart.

Any extra garbage (including lid open or anything outside of the cart) will incur an extra charge.



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HAZARDOUS WASTE

Never dispose of **hazardous waste** such as the items on this page in the garbage, recycling, yard+food carts, or down the drain.

Auburn Hazardous Wastemobile at The Outlet Collection

📍 **1101 Outlet Collection Way, Auburn**—outside loading dock area near Nordstrom Rack Saturdays and Sundays, except holiday weekends, 10AM–5PM

ACCEPTED ITEMS:



Auto Products



Oil-Based Paint & Solvents



Fuel



Cleaners



Batteries & Fluorescents



Weed & Bug Killer

Visit kingcountyhazwastewa.gov for a full list of accepted items, details, and restrictions.

CAUTION **DANGER**



These four words are on the labels of many products we use in our homes and businesses. These products are considered hazardous.

WARNING **POISON**



USE GREENER ALTERNATIVES

Visit kingcountyhazwastewa.gov for green cleaning recipes and other helpful information.

NOT ACCEPTED: ✗ Latex paint
✗ Empty containers ✗ TVs
✗ Computers ✗ Tires ✗ Electronics
✗ Explosives ✗ Marine flares
✗ Medicine ✗ Garbage

Other Hazardous Waste Recycling & Disposal Options

Please contact businesses for current rates, hours and restrictions.

ELECTRONICS



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

FLUORESCENT BULBS & TUBES



- LightRecycle.org

LATEX PAINT



Latex paint cans may be placed in the garbage if paint is solidified. To solidify, mix in cat litter, shredded paper, sawdust, or paint hardener. Once paint is dry, leave the lid off and place in your garbage. Alternatively, PaintCare™ can recycle your paint.

- paintcare.org/states/washington

MEDICATION



- Med-project.org/locations/Washington
- **Auburn Police Department**
(Anonymous drop-off)
340 E Main St, Auburn
253-931-3080
- **HealthPoint Auburn**
126 Auburn Ave, Auburn
- **HealthPoint Auburn North**
923 Auburn Way N, Auburn

MOTOR OIL



- **Autozone**
1072 Auburn Way N, Auburn
253-333-2075
- **Autozone**
4310 A St SE, Auburn
253-333-2079
- **O'Reilly Auto Parts**
222 A St SE, Auburn
253-735-4075

NEEDLES & SHARPS

Put needles in a puncture resistant container with a tight fitting lid.

- kingcounty.gov/SolidWaste
- **Bartell Drugs** (For a fee)
3902 A St SE, Auburn
253-939-8562
- **King County Public Health Center** (Free)
901 Auburn Way N, #A, Auburn
206-477-0600



TVS & COMPUTERS



Free—working or not

- eCycleWashington.org
- **Good Will**
1519 Auburn Way S, Auburn
253-939-1627
- **Rain City Recycling**
4150 B PI NW, Ste 103, Auburn
206-651-7318
- **UpTekk**
101 Lund Rd, #A/#B, Auburn
206-497-9979
uptekk.com

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OTHER RECYCLING & DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Many items are recyclable, but don't belong in your curbside recycling cart.

BRANCHES & STUMPS



- **Bow Lake Transfer Station**
18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila
206-477-4466
kingcounty.gov/SolidWaste

- **Lloyd Enterprises**
(NO grass and leaves)
Milton Site,
80 5th Ave, Milton
253-874-6692
LloydEnterprisesInc.com

BUILDING & REMODELING MATERIALS



- **Habitat for Humanity Auburn**
1407 Auburn Way S
888-507-7078
habitatskc.org/store

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.

kingcounty.gov/ThreadCycle



- **Goodwill**
1519 Auburn Way S,
Auburn
253-939-1627
- **Auburn Valley Humane Society**
1123 E Main St, Auburn
253-249-7849 #6
auburnvalleyhs.org

CONFIDENTIAL DOCUMENTS



The Washington State Office of the Attorney General publishes a list of free community shredding events.

- **Community Shred Events**
360-753-6200
atg.wa.gov/shredathon.aspx
- **King County Recycle Events**
auburnwa.gov/solidwasteevents

LARGE APPLIANCES & SCRAP METAL



- **UpTekk**
101 Lund Rd, #A/B,
Auburn
206-497-9979
uptekk.com
- **Valley Recycling**
312 W Valley Hwy S, Pacific
253-288-0000

MATTRESSES



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

PLASTIC BAGS



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

nextrex.com

Please contact businesses for current rates, hours and restrictions.

REFRIGERATORS & FREEZERS

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

- **L & L Appliance**
1336 W Main St, Auburn
253-939-9338
appliancerepairwa.com
- **UpTekk**
101 Lund Rd, #A/B, Auburn
206-497-9979
uptekk.com
- **Valley Recycling**
312 W Valley Hwy S, Pacific
253-288-0000

FOAM BLOCKS & PACKING PEANUTS



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

TRANSFER STATIONS

Bulky items can also be dropped off at a King County transfer station. (For a fee)

- **Bow Lake Transfer Station**
18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila
206-477-4466
kingcounty.gov/SolidWaste
- **Algona Transfer Station**
35315 West Valley Hwy S,
Algona
206-477-4466
kingcounty.gov/SolidWaste



On-Call Bulky Item Collection

Auburn residential customers can receive a free bulky collection of up to four items, one time per year.

Acceptable Bulky Items

Appliances: Refrigerator and freezer, stove, cook top or hood range, clothes washer, clothes dryer, hot water heater, dishwasher, trash compactor, window or floor air conditioner, dehumidifier, water cooler, small furnace.

Furniture: Sofa couch (no sleeper sofas), sectional sofa, love seat, futon, recliners, lounge chair, ottoman, mattress and box spring, bed frame and rails, dresser, bookcase, desk, end table or nightstand set, coffee table, dining table and chairs, small entertainment center, filing cabinet.

Power Yard Equipment: Remove all oil, fuels and batteries. Electric, motorized or non-motorized: Trimmer, weed whacker, lawn mower, table saw, chop saw, generator, snow blower, power washer.

Exercise and Recreation Equipment: Treadmill, circuit trainer, rowing machine, exercise bike, elliptical, bicycle, basketball hoop and base, metal swing set.

Miscellaneous: BBQ's, small rug, hot tub cover, small ladder, large plastic play toy and outdoor kiddie pool, wheelbarrow, microwave, small outdoor (pop-up) canopies, vacuum cleaner, child car seat or stroller, artificial Christmas Tree.

Call **253-939-9792** to schedule your pickup. Mobile home park residents: Contact your property manager to schedule a pickup. For more guidelines visit wmnorthwest.com/auburn

Give it Away

Reusable 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 Group (Facebook)
- Craigslist
- Facebook Marketplace
- Nextdoor
- OfferUp



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ACCOUNT INFORMATION & COMMUNITY RESOURCES

WM CONTACT INFORMATION:

- 253-939-9792 (M-F 7 am-7 pm, Sat 8 am-5 pm)
- wmnorthwest.com/auburn
- pnwrsservices@wm.com
- My WM App (Apple and Android)
- WM Auburn**
- Live Chat: wm.com (M-F 8 am-5 pm)

CONTACT WM TO:

- Report a missed collection
- Report missing/damaged carts
- Understanding your bill
- Order bulky item collection (*mattresses, appliances, etc.*)
- Order construction/demolition waste containers (*for remodeling clean-up, etc.*)
- Request cart roll-out service for people with disabilities
- Find out if an item can go into the recycle or yard+food waste cart
- Mobile Home Park Residents: Contact your property manager to start, stop, or change services, for damaged or missing carts and for missed collections

Weather Delays

If weather and/or road 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 and collection week. Please note that recycling is collected every two weeks. Credits will not be issued for delays due to inclement weather.

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

To receive weather alerts, ensure your contact preference is updated in your WM account.

After you receive your first invoice, you can update your account preference at: wm.com/myaccount.

Holiday Schedule

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, holiday collection will take place on Saturday.

Cart Placement Tips



- Place carts at curb or alley by 7am
- 2' apart with lids opening toward street
- 3' from cars, trees, mailboxes, fences and utility boxes
- Please remove carts within 24 hours after collection
- Please move basketball hoops out of the street on collection day
- Avoid parking on the street in cul-de-sacs on collection day

Community Resource Information

South King Tool Library Auburn A tool library is like a traditional library, allowing you to check out tools and equipment to help you build, repair and maintain your home and things. You need to sign up for a free SKTL membership to borrow tools. By sharing tools, we save money and space, while reducing consumption and waste.



- SouthKingTools.org 253-237-2290

City of Auburn Upcoming Events

- auburnwa.gov/solidwasteevents

Repair Cafes Free fix-it events for broken or non-functioning lamps, electronics, clothing, toys, heirlooms and more!

- bit.ly/repair-events



The Garden Hotline Individualized solutions to garden problems that are practical, safe, effective, and natural. Services are provided by local horticultural experts and are FREE to 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/en/legacy/depts/dnrp/solid-waste 206-477-4466

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