



PROPERTY MANAGER WASTE REDUCTION GUIDE

Off-site Recycling Resources



WHAT DO I DO WITH...

Reusable Household Items – Bring to a thrift store to give your old reusable stuff a new life and keep it out of the landfill.



Packing Material – Many pack & ship stores will accept packing material for reuse.



Small Electronics – Electronic stores such as Best Buy will often accept small electronics such as cell phones for recycling. Visit E-Cycle Washington for collection locations and information: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Electronics>



Plastic Bags – Plastic bags can be recycled at many grocery stores. Look for the plastic bag recycling container near the entrance of grocery stores. Visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org for film dropoff locations.

E-Waste, batteries, syringes, and CFL Bulbs – These can be recycled by Waste Management through our mail-in program www.ThinkGreenFromHome.com



Unopened pet food – Donate to your local animal shelter.



Unopened human food – Donate unopened, non-perishable items to your local foodbank.



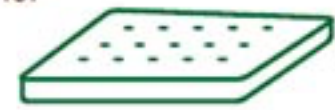
Empty Ink cartridges – These can be brought back to the retailer for recycling. Check with your local office supply store about returning empty ink cartridges for recycling.

Ripped / Stained Clothing – Take to a clothing and shoes drop-off box for recycling. Search for a drop-off box near you here: www.usagain.com/find-a-collection-bin

Hazardous Waste – Materials with a "warning" or "danger" label require special disposal. Contact your local household hazardous waste facility to find out what you can do with unwanted hazardous materials such as bleach and propane tanks.



Mattresses – Check with your local Salvation Army or Habitat for Humanity store about donating a mattress in reusable condition.



Medicines – Take Back Your Meds www.TakeBackYourMeds.org



Other – Search for local recycling programs for other materials using Department of Ecology's recycling hotline 1-800 RECYCLE (1-800-732-9253) or <http://1800recycle.wa.gov>

Consider posting your old stuff on an online material exchange like Craigslist or Buy Nothing. You would be surprised who could use your old stuff!

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Best Management Basics for Waste Reduction



ILLEGAL DUMPING & THEFT OF SERVICE

Locks – Get a WM-provided dumpster lock to avoid non-tenants dumping in the trash and recycling containers.



Bulky Items – Establish with residents at move-in what they should do with reusable and/or bulky materials.



Illegal Dumping – Hold residents accountable by setting the expectation that items left outside of the recycling and garbage containers may lead to higher costs being passed down to residents.

WASTE REDUCTION

Host a community swap event. This is a great way to reduce consumption by allowing residents to swap items they no longer need with their neighbors. Donate any leftover items to a thrift store.

Establish a tool library. Lend tools such as hammers out to residents. This reduces the need for residents to purchase items they very rarely use, and can help attract future tenants to the community.



Establish a moving box exchange. Designate a location on-site to collect broken-down boxes. As residents move-in or out these boxes can be used and then returned for the next person.



Keep old clothing out of the landfill. Offer a collection bin at your property for residents to recycle ripped and torn textiles. www.usagain.com

Share unwanted items with neighbors. Encourage residents to join a local online material exchange group such as "Buy Nothing."



Want even more ways to go green? Check out this green business certification program: envirostars.greenbiztracker.org

Have more questions about recycling or waste reduction? Contact your local recycling expert at recyclenw@wm.com

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