



SEATTLE CLEAR ALLEYS PROGRAM (CAP)

The City of Seattle is partnering with local waste collection companies and downtown customers to reduce the storage of waste containers in the public right-of-way. The Clear Alleys Program (CAP) was created by Director’s Rule SW-406.1 and is aimed at creating cleaner, safer business districts by improving alley access. WM is the service provider for CAP in the **Pioneer Square, International District** and **Columbia City** neighborhoods.



How it works: Unless a business has available designated or private inside storage space, specially marked plastic bags are used for garbage and recycling, set out in alleys, and collected at least twice per day.

What this means: No company's containers may be stored in the public right-of-way unless an exemption was obtained by the customer for food scraps, glass or animal waste after verification by the city that no on-site storage space was available. All customers interested in obtaining an exemption must contact Solid Waste Compliance & Inspections at SPUClearAlleys@seattle.gov.

Get started: Call WM at **1-855-894-9447** to set up your account and place your first order of bags on the phone. Once your bags arrive, proceed as follows...

- 1.** Place recyclables in the clear bags. Place garbage in the bags that are gray.
- 2.** When full, ensure each bag is tied closed securely and set out in your alley for collection.
- 3.** Cardboard must be flattened, bundled and placed in a box before being set out in your alley for collection.



By following these instructions, you will prevent fees for using non-CAP bags, which are illegal.





PRE-PAID BAG SIZES, COST AND LIMITS

Note: Prices effective April 1, 2024. Bag collection costs and shipping via USPS are included in the fee but customers can pay an extra fee to have their shipping expedited upon request.

15-GAL bags (30 per roll, 20 lbs weight limit)	Fee per roll - GARBAGE	Fee per roll - RECYCLE	Monthly service charge:
Commercial customers	\$174	\$174	Commercial customers - \$32.45
Residential customers	\$174	FREE*	Residential (multifamily/apartment) customers - \$48.25 *Residential customers that order garbage bags will receive the equivalent number of recycling bags for free.
33-GAL bags (15 per roll, 40 lbs weight limit)	Fee per roll - GARBAGE	Fee per roll - RECYCLE	
Commercial customers	\$123	\$123	
Residential customers	\$123	FREE*	

Excess Garbage: For garbage that does not fit into a pre-paid bag, collection tags are available for items weighing less than 60 lbs that cannot fit in a bag. For larger items you can request a special collection by contacting WM at **1-855-894-9447**.

ORDERING PRE-PAID BAGS

Contact WM directly at **1-855-894-9447** for bag orders, deliveries and bulky item tags. You can also order online at wmnorthwest.com/seattle/seattlecaporder

For information on how to save money by reducing waste and recycling more, contact the Green Business Program at greenbusiness@seattle.gov or by calling **(206) 343-8505**.

FOOD AND YARD WASTE SERVICE

All commercial establishments that generate food waste or compostable paper are required to subscribe to food and yard waste service, compost their food waste on site, or self-haul their food waste to a transfer station for processing. Rates depend on the type and size of container, pick-up frequency, and whether the material is compacted. Call WM at **1-855-894-9447** to sign up and learn more about the service sizes and frequencies that are offered.

LANGUAGE RESOURCES

- For interpretation services please call **(206) 580-8299**
- 如需要口譯服務，請撥電話號碼 (206) 580-8299
- 통역 서비스를 원하시면 (206) 580-8299 으로 전화하세요
- Wixii turjubaan afka ah ku saabsan, Fadlan la soo xariir taleefoonka (206) 580-8299
- Para servicios de interpretación por favor llame al (206) 580-8299
- Para sa serbisyo ng tagapagpaliwanag, tumawag sa (206) 580-8299
- Về dịch vụ phiên dịch xin gọi (206) 580-8299

Questions? Visit seattle.gov/utilities/protecting-our-environment/seattle-clean-city/clear-alleys