

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 Your 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, Jugs & Tubs



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').

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.

Materials placed in a plastic bag cannot be sorted at the recycle center and do not get recycled.

KEEP OUT of Your 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

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 one of the Skagit County Recycling Sites. Visit skagitcounty.net for more information.

Electronics

Recycle electronics, computers, monitors and TVs. 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

Light Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes

Visit 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 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 for more information and drop-off locations.





2024/2025 MOUNT VERNON COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Garbage is collected weekly.

Recycling is collected on blue weeks.

Yard & Food Waste is collected on weeks with this symbol.
Collected every other week December through February.

Holiday Schedule: Collection delayed one business day if regular collection day falls on **Martin Luther King Day, Presidents' Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas or New Year's day:** Thursday collection will be serviced one day early, Friday collection will be serviced on the following Monday. Visit www.mountvernonwa.gov and search "garbage and recycle route changes" for the most up-to-date information.

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