

# Recycling



Paper, flattened cardboard, metal, plastic bottles, round containers (6 oz or larger), rigid nursery pots (4" or larger), all empty and dry

**✗** No plastic bags or wrap, lids, glass, coffee cups, garbage, to-go containers



## Reminders

- Set out carts and bins at the curb by 6 a.m.
- Place at least three feet from cars, trees, mailboxes and other carts and bins, and at least six feet from basketball hoops.
- Do not block sidewalks, bike paths or driveways.

# Glass



Bottles & jars only, empty & dry

**✗** No lids, lightbulbs, caps, ceramics, broken glass of any kind



# Batteries



Tape ends of all household batteries except alkaline. Use clear tape. Put batteries in 1-quart zip-seal bag in glass bin on top of glass.

**✗** No lead acid batteries, vape pens, items with embedded batteries or batteries that do not fit in 1-quart bag



# Food & Yard Waste



All food, coffee filters and plants. Branches under 4" thick and 36" long. This service is not available in rural Washington County or Banks.

**✗** No garbage, pet waste, liquids, dirt to-go containers, lumber, rocks



# Motor oil



Place next to bins in a leak-proof, clear plastic jug with a screw-top lid. Same schedule as glass collection.

# Garbage



All garbage, plastic bags, frozen food boxes, packaging with bubble wrap, to-go containers, cups, lids, straws and cutlery (paper, plastic and "compostable")

**✗** No TVs, computers, batteries, hazardous waste (flammables, paint, pesticides), syringes or medical sharps



## Find more information



- 🌐 [WashingtonCountyRecycles.com](http://WashingtonCountyRecycles.com)
- ✉ [recycle@WashingtonCountyOR.gov](mailto:recycle@WashingtonCountyOR.gov)
- 📞 503-846-3605
- 📘 @WashingtonCountyRecycles

## Find your schedule online



- Print a custom calendar.
- Sign up for collection reminders.
- Get notified about collection schedule changes.
- Find special collection and drop-off options in your area.

[WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/GRD](http://WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/GRD)

## Why recycle?



By recycling right, you help reduce waste sent to landfills and create jobs. By using recycled materials to create new products, manufacturers conserve energy and natural resources. This also reduces pollution and the emissions responsible for climate change.

## Recycle+



Find information about service, availability and pricing.

[WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/Recycle](http://WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/Recycle)



## Preventing waste is better than just recycling

For every item that is not purchased new, we save energy and natural resources and reduce the pollution caused by making new things. Simple habit changes can make an impact:



Reconsider making new purchases.



Choose durable options that can be reused.



Borrow or rent items.



Repurpose your things.



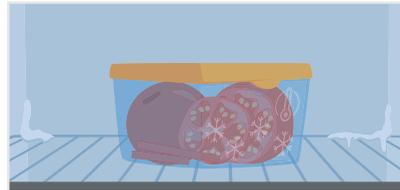
Choose to buy used items.



Repair your things.

When we purchase a new item, we signal to manufacturers to make more things. Making new things uses energy and natural resources. Extracting raw materials, manufacturing and transporting these things causes pollution and can harm people and the environment.

## Try these tips to prevent food waste:



**1** Freeze food before it goes bad.

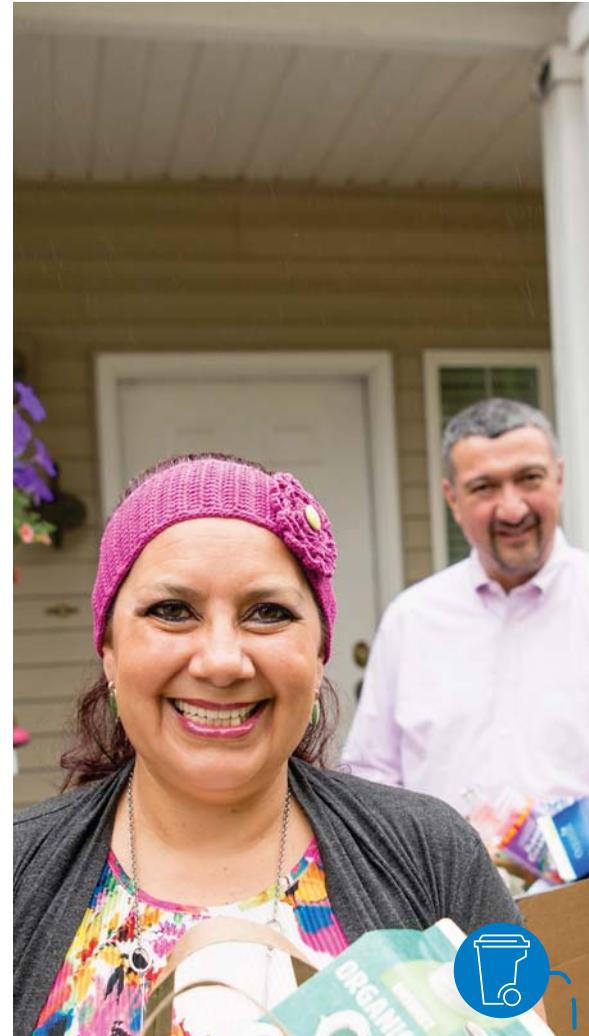


**2** Eat the oldest food from your fridge first.



**3** Get creative with leftovers.

Scan the QR code to watch a YouTube video to learn what it takes to get a tomato from the farm to the kitchen. A lot of resources go into growing food and getting it to stores. Preventing food waste is one of the best ways to save money and protect our natural resources. Visit [EatSmartWasteLess.com](http://EatSmartWasteLess.com) to learn more.



## Waste Prevention and Recycling Guide