Your Guide To Curbside Recycling

For Curbside Pickup, Pick This Up!

- Mixed Paper & Newspaper
- Glass Bottles & Jars
- Cardboard
- Plastic Bottles & Tubs
- Aluminum & Tin Cans

Curbside Service?

If you don’t use curbside services and you want to take your recyclables to a transfer station, you can use these sites. Call 206-296-4466 or visit our website at www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd for hours of operation.

- Bow Lake Transfer Station
  18800 Orillia Rd South, Tukwila
- Cedar Falls Drop Box
  16925 Cedar Falls Rd SE, North Bend
- Enumclaw Transfer/Recycling Station
  1650 Battersby Ave (SE 440th St.), Enumclaw
- First Northeast Transfer Station
  2300 North 165th St, Shoreline
- Houghton Transfer Station
  11724 NE 60th St, Kirkland
- Renton Transfer Station
  3021 NE Fourth St, Renton
- Skykomish Drop Box
  74324 NE Old Cascade Hwy, Skykomish
- Vashon Island Transfer Station
  18910 Westside Hwy SW, Vashon

NOTE

Privately operated recycling centers are available in some communities. For more information, call the King County Solid Waste Division at 206-296-4466 or find them on our website at www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd.

Did you Know?

- Almost 1/3 of what people throw away is recyclable. At least 25% can be recycled at the curb.
- The average King County resident generates about 17.5 lbs of garbage per week or approximately ½ ton of garbage per year.
- Recyclable materials thrown away are wasted resources. Help King County reach a zero waste of resource future by recycling materials that have value and place them in the recycling container!
- Households that recycle often reduce their garbage — helping to keep garbage costs down.

Before you buy, use or discard something, ask yourself:

Do I really need to buy this?

Reduce:
- Can I purchase products with less packaging?
- Can I purchase more durable goods?

Reuse:
- Can I or somebody else use the product again?
- Does the product have an additional use?
- Can I repair something that is broken to extend its life?

Recycle:
- Can I purchase products with the symbol when I’m shopping?
- Can I recycle items when I am done with them?
Recycle This, Trash That

Keep up the good work! More than 25% of what is thrown out can be recycled!
Recycle more, reduce the amount of garbage you make, reduce the size of your garbage can and save on your garbage bill!

Yes

Empty and rinse containers, remove lids

Plastics:
Yes Milk, juice, pop bottles
Yes Yogurt, dairy and margarine tubs
Yes Shampoo and conditioner bottles
Yes Detergent and fabric softener bottles

Mixed Paper & Newspaper:
Yes Newspaper and advertising inserts
Yes Advertising mail and envelopes
Yes Cereal and dry food boxes (remove the waxed liner)
Yes Paperback books
Yes Corrugated cardboard boxes
Yes Magazines, catalogs & phone books
Yes Paper wrapping paper
Yes Frozen food boxes
Yes Juice boxes
Yes Milk cartons

Cardboard: Flatten
Yes Cardboard

Glass bottles & jars: Labels OK
Yes Glass jars and bottles, any color

Aluminum & Tin Cans: Labels OK
Yes Aluminum cans
Yes Steel or tin cans

Scrap metal: Limit 2 ft. x 2 ft., 35 pounds; without wood, plastic, or rubber attachments
Yes scrap metal

No

No food residue, no garbage

Plastics
No Plastic take-out containers
No Plastic bags/drycleaner bags (bag the bags and recycle at your local grocery store)
No Styrofoam or packing peanuts
No Caps or lids
No Polystyrene cups or egg cartons
No Plastic stretch wrap
No Toxic containers (like motor oil)
No Plastic trays (bakery, meat, etc.)
No Plastic cups, plates or utensils
No Prescription vials

Mixed Paper & Newspaper
No Shredded paper
No Soiled newspaper
No Bathroom tissue
No Food-soiled paper (like pizza or fast food boxes)
No Disposable diapers or rags
No Ribbons or foil wrapping paper
No Hardback books

Cardboard
No Wax or plastic-coated cardboard

Glass
No Mirrors or window glass
No Caps or lids
No Ceramics or dishes
No Broken glass
No Light bulbs

Aluminum & Tin Cans
No Caps, rings or lids
No Aluminum foil or foil trays
No Aerosol cans or paint cans
No Hangers
No Oil containers

Scrap Metal:
No sharp or greasy metal

When in doubt, throw it out.
Contamination increases the cost of recycling.

Some materials, such as food waste soiled paper, wax or plastic-coated cardboard can be recycled in the yard waste collection container. Check with your garbage service provider to see if this service is offered in your neighborhood.

For more information visit the King County Solid Waste Division website at www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd or call 206-296-4466, toll free 1-800-325-6165, ext. 6-4466, TTY Relay: 711, Mon-Fri, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

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