

SAVE AND USE  
YOUR NEW  
RECYCLING  
GUIDE!

YOUR NEW SNOHOMISH COUNTY

# Recycling Guide

These guidelines are for services provided by  
Waste Management in Snohomish County.

[www.wmnorthwest.com/snoco](http://www.wmnorthwest.com/snoco)  
1-800-592-9995



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## Contact Waste Management for:

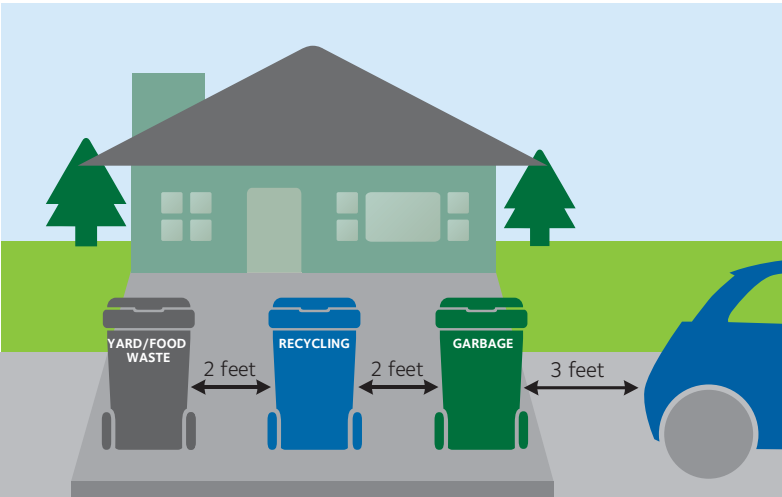
- Missed collection
- Missing/damaged containers
- Sign up or change collection services
- Rates, billing and service information
- Bulky item pick-up service
- Construction/demolition containers
- Disabled service
- Información en Español

**M-F 7AM-7PM, SAT 9AM-1PM**  
**1-800-592-9995**  
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### WEATHER DELAY?

Visit [wmnorthwest.com/weatherboard](http://wmnorthwest.com/weatherboard)  
for up-to-date information on weather-related  
service delays.

## COLLECTION GUIDELINES



Cart colors may vary

### CART PLACEMENT TIPS

- Place containers at curb by 6AM
- Two (2) feet apart with lids opening toward street
- At least three (3) feet from cars, trees and mailboxes, fences and utility boxes
- Please remove containers as soon as possible after collection.
- Do you have extras? Please see the following pages for how to set them out.

# RECYCLING

NO  
PLASTIC  
BAGS!

NEW! Recycling Tips:

- Do not bag items
- Place recyclables loose in cart

## Clean paper & cardboard



## Aluminum and tin cans

Labels OK  
Place lids in can, crimp shut



Aerosol cans that are not empty should be taken to a hazardous waste drop-off site. Visit [snohomishcountywa.gov](http://snohomishcountywa.gov) and search "hazardous waste."

## Glass jars and bottles

Empty of all food or liquid  
Labels OK



## Scrap metal

Small, non-working metal appliances, pots, tools, etc.  
Limit 2' x 2' x 2', 35 lbs; no wood, plastic, or rubber attachments;  
no sharp metal



## Plastic bottles, jugs, tubs and cups



### Extra Recyclables



At no extra charge, place extra recyclables in a bin or cardboard box at the curb next to your recycling cart.

### MYTHBUSTERS

#### MYTH:

All plastics can be recycled.

#### FACT:

Not all plastics can be successfully recycled. At this time only **some** plastics can be made into new things.

#### Bottles, jugs, dairy tubs and cups.

Focus on recycling plastic by shape. Jugs, tubs, cups and bottles can be recycled and made into new products.



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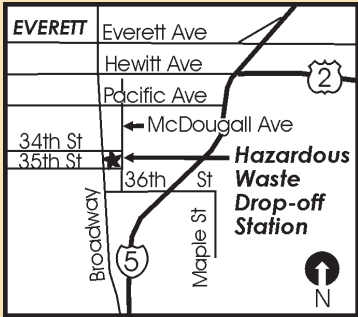
# Caution. Danger. Warning. Poison.

These four words are on the labels of many products we use in our homes and businesses and are considered hazardous. Take these items for proper disposal at the Snohomish County Hazardous Waste Drop-Off station.

#### Accepted items:

- Aerosol cans (with contents; if empty, dispose in the garbage)
- Automotive products (antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, motor oil; do not mix any fluids)
- Batteries (all types), automotive batteries (limit 5)
- Fluorescent light bulbs & tubes (limit 10)
- Household cleaners (ammonia, bleach)
- Gasoline (30 gallon limit)
- Pesticides & garden chemicals
- Hobby chemicals
- Oil-based paints & stains (no water-based or latex paints)
- Propane tanks
- Pool & spa supplies
- Road flares that do not contain an explosive charge
- Products that contain mercury (thermometers, thermostats)
- Thinners & solvents

**Not accepted:** Latex paint, empty containers, TVs, computers, tires, electronics, explosives, marine flares, medicine or garbage.



**Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Station**  
3434 McDougall Avenue, Everett  
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesday through Saturday  
425-388-6050

  
**Snohomish County Public Works**  
Solid Waste  
425-388-3425, press "0"  
[www.snoco.org/solidwaste](http://www.snoco.org/solidwaste)

For more information on what's accepted visit [snoco.org/solidwaste](http://snoco.org/solidwaste).

# COMPOST | FOOD SCRAPS AND YARD DEBRIS

These items go in your compost cart

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NO  
PLASTIC

## Food scraps and leftovers

All food including meat, cheese and bones.



## Plants, flowers and yard debris



tree branches under  
4' long, 4" diameter



**TIP:** Remember to trim down branches to 4' x 4" and make sure your trees are undecorated.

## Uncoated paper

Greasy paper or pizza boxes, shredded paper (layer in cart, or place in paper bags; no plastic), uncoated non-shiny paper plates, waxed paper, waxed cardboard, approved compostable packaging (see [cedar-grove.com](http://cedar-grove.com))



## When you've used what you have and still have some left? Compost!

- 1) Collect food scraps in a kitchen container, paper bag or approved compostable bag.
- 2) Empty into your outdoor food and yard waste cart.
- 3) Rinse kitchen container and repeat!



## Did you know?

Almost 35% of what ends up in the landfill is food scraps and food-soiled paper? Do your part to reduce food waste by pledging at [wmfoodcycling.com](http://wmfoodcycling.com).

## Extra Yard Waste

There is a charge for extra yard waste.

Put extra yard waste in Kraft paper bags or 32-gallon containers with lids – label "yard." Only extra yard debris may be placed in Kraft bags. Food scraps and uncoated paper must be placed in the compost cart. Call 1-800-592-9995 for more information.

# GARBAGE

Bag all garbage and put in your garbage cart.

## Non-recyclable plastic



## Non-recyclable glass



**Not Garbage!**  
Requires proper disposal.  
Visit [lightrecycle.org](http://lightrecycle.org)  
to find a drop-off site.

## Non-recyclable paper



Disposable  
wipes

Foil wrapping  
paper

Tissue

## Non-recyclable metal



Lids less than  
3" diameter

Pet waste

Vacuum bags

## Other garbage

What  
do I do  
with?

### Plastic bags

Bag plastic bags together and bring them to your local grocery store for recycling.



### Hardcover books

Donate them to a school or charity.



### Shredded paper

Layer in your compost cart or use to soak up and harden latex paint.



### Latex paint cans

may be placed in the garbage if paint is solidified. To solidify, mix in cat litter, shredded paper, sawdust, or paint hardener. Once paint is dry, leave the lid off the can, bag it and place in your garbage!



## Garbage Guidelines

### Please:

- Bag all garbage.
- Double bag pet waste, pet litter, packing peanuts, vacuum dust, sawdust and cold ashes.

## Extra Garbage

Garbage charges are based on cart size. There is a charge for extra garbage that doesn't fit in your cart with the lid closed. If your garbage cart lid is open more than 6 inches, there will be a charge for extra garbage.

Bulky items such as mattresses, large appliances and building materials can be picked up by special arrangement for a fee. Contact us for fee information.

