

Recycling Review

RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL WAY RESIDENTS

FALL 2015



Free Fluorescent Bulb & Tube Recycling

You can now recycle fluorescent bulbs and tubes in Federal Way for free! A new state-wide recycling program called LightRecycle Washington started January 1, 2015. Residents can recycle up to 10 mercury-containing lights per day at these collection sites:

- **Northshore Ace Hardware**, 35419 21st Ave SW
- **Walker Ace Hardware**, 1616 SW Dash Point Rd

Fluorescent bulbs and tubes contain a small amount of mercury, a toxic substance that is released into the environment when a bulb or tube breaks. These are not accepted in the garbage and must be properly disposed of. Learn more at LightRecycle.org

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Reduced Grant Funds Impact Services

To promote recycling and bring related services to residents, Cities in

King County have long relied on grant funds. Unfortunately, the new

State budget reduces the City's Coordinated Prevention Grant funding

by 60%. As a result, we will have to reduce some of our educational outreach and programs. The good news is that the City has two other grants and will work hard to stretch the remaining grant funds to keep our most popular programs (including newsletters like this and the Recycling Events).

Reduce Food Waste in the First Place

Follow these basic steps and reduce the amount of food you have to buy - and the amount you waste.

- **Shop Smart**—Buy only what you can eat before spoiling.
- **Store Smart**—Store food in ways that extend shelf life.
- **Love your Leftovers**—Don't hide them in the back of the fridge!



Visit RecycleFood.com for tips, recipes, and more.

Food Scraps Belong in Your Yard Waste Cart

About 1/3 of what ends up in our garbage carts is food scraps and food soiled paper. Peels and trimmings, meat scraps, plate scrapings, egg and nut shells, coffee grounds, used paper towels and napkins—even greasy pizza delivery boxes—all belong in your yard waste cart. This cart is emptied every week (just like your garbage cart) so you can avoid odors or pests. Your kitchen collection tub should have a tight lid, and it also helps to line it with a compostable bag. Rinse the tub after emptying, and layer yard waste on top of the food wastes that go in your yard waste cart. Once you've gotten the habit, check your garbage cart—if you no longer fill it, downsize and save.



Food & Yard Debris Goes to Cedar Grove:

Did you know that the yard debris, food scraps and compostable paper that go into your yard waste cart are sent directly to Cedar Grove Composting? They grind and mix, then turn it into compost. So, the bags of Cedar Grove compost at stores may have started as waste from your yard or kitchen that has become a rich soil amendment for your yard. This is a great example of how recycling means “closing the loop.”



What is Yard Waste/Debris?

Yard waste [or yard debris] is the plant materials from your yard that can be turned into compost. Leaky garden hoses, broken lawn furniture, plastic bags, and kid or pet toys are also 'debris' may come from your yard, but these items do not belong in your yard waste cart. Cedar Grove has been forced to increase their fees because of these contaminants. Please put only plant-based clippings and branches, food scraps, and compostable paper in your yard waste cart.

\$5 Food Scrap Buckets



Take the “ick-factor” out of collecting food scraps and food soiled paper with food scrap collection containers and special compostable bag liners. The first step in composting food scraps and food-soiled paper at home is to choose a kitchen collection container that is right for you. This could be as simple as using a paper bag, reusing a large plastic yogurt container, or purchasing a discounted \$5 food scrap bucket from local retailers.

Oriental Garden Center
30650 Pacific Hwy S
253.839.1639

Northshore Ace Hardware
35419 21st Ave SW
253.835.5052

Local purchasing information for compostable bags can be found online at recyclefood.com.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

WHY Recycle?



Plastic bottles
can turn
into clothing



Aluminum cans
can turn into new
ones in 60 days



Today's news
can become
new cereal boxes

How to Recycle:



Recycle all bottles,
cans and paper



Keep items clean
and dry

*Dirty items can spoil
a whole load of recycling*



No plastic bags

*These can shut down an
entire recycling center*

Always Recycle



Plastic Bottles,
Jugs & Tubs



Metal Food &
Beverage Cans



Paper



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard



Food & Beverage
Cartons

Do NOT include in your mixed recycling cart:



NO Food Waste

*(Place food and compostable paper in
your curbside food / yard waste cart)*



NO Plastic Bags & Film

*(Bag your bags and take them
back to the grocery store)*



NO Needles

*(Drop off for free at Bow Lake Transfer
Station Recycling Center,
18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila)*



NO Foam Cups & Containers

To Learn More Visit: RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com



RECYCLING & DISPOSAL OPTIONS

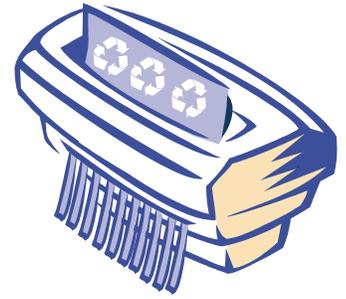


Free Used Cooking Oil Recycling



Free Document Shredding Events

The Washington State Office of the Attorney General publishes a list of free community shredding events. Events are added all the time, so check back frequently: atg.wa.gov/shredathon.aspx#events 800.551.4636 (Mon-Fri, 10 AM-3 PM)



Free Electronics Recycling

Did you know that it is illegal to throw away most electronics in the garbage? They contain toxic materials that are harmful to the environment. Drop-off:

A Plus Recycling

1302 W Main St #25, Auburn
253.737.4441



Free Styrofoam Recycling

Everyday Recycling:

Styro Recycle

23418 68th Ave S, Kent
253.838.9555
styrorecycle.com

Tacoma Landfill Recycling Center

3510 S Mullen St, Tacoma
253.502.2100

Winter Collection Event:

City Hall Parking Lot

33325 8th Ave S

Dec. 28, 2015–Jan. 15, 2016

Only clean, dry white Styrofoam blocks can be accepted—Do not bring cups, food trays, plastic wrap, soiled or other plastics.

Yard Debris Disposal Options

'Tis the season for branches—whether from pruning or a winter storm. Here are a few ways to recycle bulky yard debris:

- 1. Self-haul:** Load up the truck (yours, neighbor's or rental) and haul your branches to Bow Lake Recycling & Transfer Station at 18800 Orillia Rd S in Tukwila. Fees start at \$12 for the first 320 pounds—the lowest price around! You can also haul your branches to one of the Federal Way free Recycling Events in April and September.
- 2. Curbside:** Waste Management provides a variety of collection options, from extra pick-ups to large containers delivered to your driveway. Please call 800.592.9995 for pricing and details.
- 3. Chipping:** Borrow or rent a chipper and turn your branches into mulch on-site.
- 4. Tree Service:** There are lots of tree services around that will trim your trees and chip or haul away all the yard debris for you. Remember to check if they are licensed and bonded before hiring.





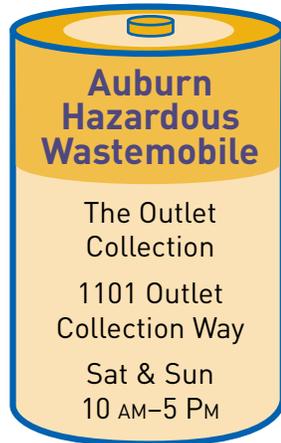
RECYCLING & DISPOSAL OPTIONS



Free Battery Recycling

Residents may drop off regular household batteries for recycling at all major City facilities. Look for the transparent blue recycling tubes:

- **City Hall**
1st Floor Lobby
33325 8th Ave S
- **Community Center**
876 S 333rd St
- **Dumas Bay Centre**
3200 SW Dash Point Rd



Batteries can also be recycled at the Auburn Hazardous Wastemobile (information above). Other hazardous waste accepted, including cleaners, pesticides, automotive fluids, oil-based paint, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, propane tanks and more. Learn more at HazWasteHelp.org.

Free Curbside Holiday Tree Pick-up

Fresh holiday trees are picked up from all Federal Way residents—regardless if you subscribe to yard waste service or not.

- Trees must be set out by 7am.
- Cut in half if over 6' tall.
- Decorated or flocked trees cannot be composted and will be charged as garbage.

Single-family:

Dec. 28–Jan. 2 & Jan. 4–8
(on neighborhood collection day)

Caps & Lids

Getting to the Bottom of the Top



If the plastic container can be recycled, why not the cap, too? First, the caps are often made out of a different type of plastic than the container. Different types of plastics should not be mixed together, since they can contaminate each other during the recycling process.

Second, lids cause problems at recycling centers. Small caps can jam in the sorting equipment. Also, the automated sorting equipment sees flat metal and dairy-tub lids as paper, so they become a contaminant. To add insult to injury (literally) capped bottles can shoot off when compacted during processing, which poses a danger to workers.

What to do? Caps and lids should be thrown away or used for craft projects. The City's Surface Water Division has a collection bin in the lobby of City Hall for collecting plastic caps.

Comprehensive Local Recycling Databases

Find out how to recycle almost anything—mattresses, toilets, stumps & more!

King County "What Do I Do With...?"
206.477.4466
kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith

Washington State Recycling Database
1.800.RECYCLE (732.9253)
1800recycle.wa.gov

Alternative formats available upon request.
Call 253.835.2771,
TTY Relay 711





Tool Library

The City of Federal Way is working with a group of passionate citizens to help bring a tool library to Federal Way. A tool library is a library with tools and equipment instead of books. From rototillers and pressure washers to gardening shears and cider presses, the Federal Way Tool Library will have tools and equipment you need. You will be able to borrow tools you rarely use or that special item needed for a one-time project, rather than having to buy it and find a space to keep it. Think of it as having a really helpful neighbor with one of everything!

Sounds great right? We think so too, but need your help in order to create this not-for-profit and open in Spring 2016. We are looking for more community members to join the steering committee to help us finish the business plan, fundraise for the building, collect and inventory tool donations, and promote the grand opening.

We meet monthly on the first Wednesday of each month at noon at Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way. Please contact City staff at 253.835.2771 or recycle@cityoffederalway.com if you are interested in getting involved, or just want to be added to the monthly email list. You can also visit us at cityoffederalway.com/ToolLibrary or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/FWToolLibrary.

Homemade Trade Events

Trade/barter events are being held quarterly in Federal Way! Bring things like baked goods, jams/jellies, soap, knitted items—anything that you've made at home. We provide tables and facilitation. It's easy and fun to barter. Just ask to trade what you have for something someone else brought and negotiate so it's fair.

Sunday, Oct. 25 1:30–3 PM

Sunday, Dec. 6 1:30–3 PM

Federal Way City Hall

33325 8th Ave S

[facebook.com/](https://facebook.com/HomemadeTradeFW)

HomemadeTradeFW

In 2014, Waste Management picked up the following quantities from Federal Way residents:

10.5 Million Pounds Recycling

**16.8 Million Pounds Food/
Yard Debris**

22.3 Million Pounds Garbage

Getting Rid of Stuff? Post an Ad Online

Do you have an item in "useable" shape that a second hand store won't take or you cannot haul? Consider posting an ad online to see if anyone is interested in it:

Craigslist: seattle.craigslist.org

eBay Classifieds: seattle.ebayclassifieds.com

2good2toss: 2good2toss.com



Federal Way's "Free" Facebook Groups

Did you know there are Facebook groups specifically dedicated to the giving and sharing of items in Federal Way? These are closed groups where you can post anything that you'd like to give away, lend, or share among neighbors. You can ask for anything you'd like to receive for free or borrow. There is absolutely no buying, selling, bartering, or soliciting for cash. Buy Nothing groups have a local focus, so only Federal Way residents can join the Federal Way group. Search Facebook for one of the following groups and click "join." You'll meet new people, make new friends, give away excess items to neighbors who want them, and also get cool stuff—all for free!

- Federal Way Free & Community Network
- Buy Nothing Federal Way
- Buy Nothing Federal Way West



FREE!

Monthly Green Living Workshops

The City of Federal Way offers free monthly workshops on green and eco-friendly with topics.

When: 2nd Wednesday of Each Month • 6–8 PM

Where: Federal Way City Hall • 33325 8th Ave S

RSVP: cityoffederalway.com/GreenLiving, 253.835.2771

September 9, 2015	Rain Barrels & Water Conservation
October 14, 2015	Intro to a Prepared Homestead
November 12, 2015	Solar & Energy Conservation
December 9, 2015	Fruit Tree Pruning & Native Plant Sale

—2016—

January 13, 2016	Declutter Your Life
February 10, 2016	Green Cleaning
March 9, 2016	Edible Gardens
April 13, 2016	Rain Barrels
May 11, 2016	Low Maintenance Lawns
June 8, 2016	Plant Identification
July 13, 2016	Solar & Energy Conservation
August 10, 2016	Smart Septic Care
September 14, 2016	Building Rain Gardens
October 12, 2016	Confronting Climate Change
November 9, 2016	Hydroponic Gardening
December 14, 2016	Green Pet Care

RSVPs for 2016 will be available near the end of the year. Schedule is subject to change.

We Can't Help You if We Can't Find You!

Please make sure your house numbers are

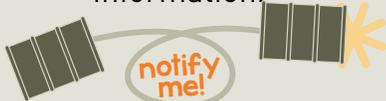
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large and well-lit for quick visibility from the street. This helps your garbage/recycling drivers do their job, and is also important for Police and Fire in case of an emergency.

Stay Informed

Don't miss out on monthly notices for recycling events, document shredding, contests, workshops and other information.

Visit cityoffederalway.com/notifyme and select "Recycling Events and Information."

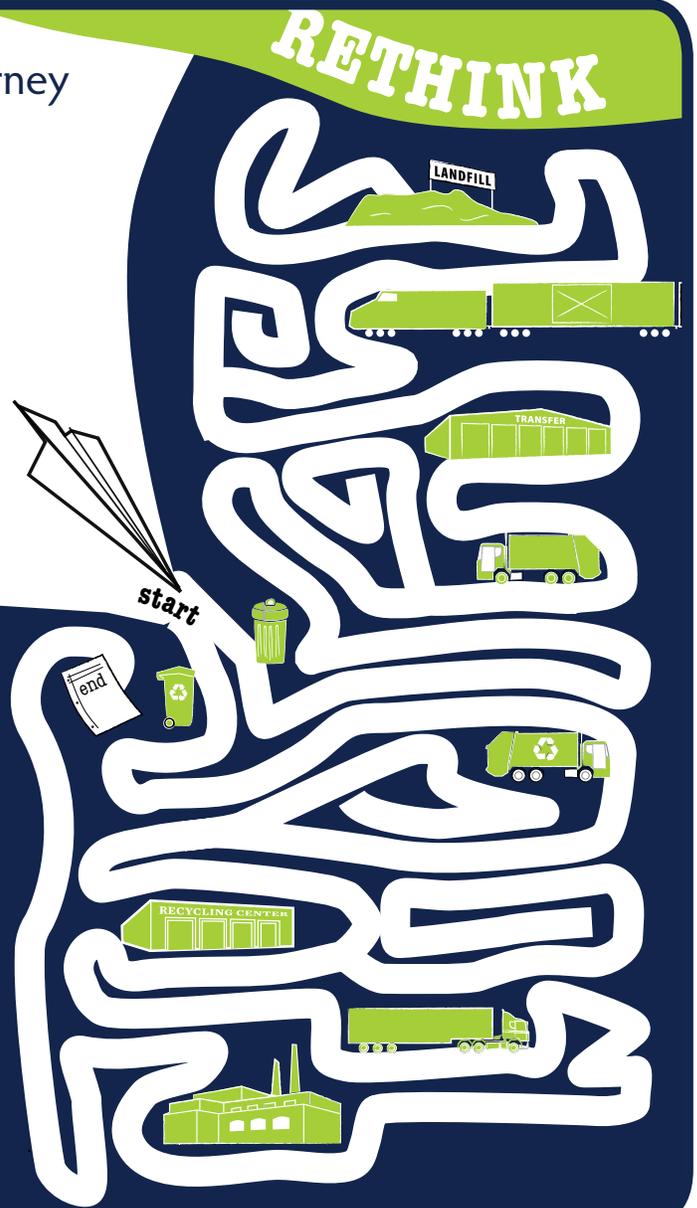


Which journey saves trees and other resources?

You make the difference!

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, & Rethink!

Rethinking saves natural resources.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Waste Management

- Start, cancel or change garbage, recycling or yard waste services
- Missed collection and/or cart replacement
- Vacation service hold (advance notice only)

1.800.592.9995 (M-F 7AM-5PM, Sat 9AM-1PM)
wmnorthwest.com/fedway

City of Federal Way Recycling

- Assistance with recycling and composting

253.835.2771

recycle@cityoffederalway.com
cityoffederalway.com/recycling

King County Transfer Stations

- Facilities for disposing of garbage for a fee
206.477.4466, kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

Algona Transfer Station

35315 W Valley Hwy, Algona

Bow Lake Transfer Station and Recycling Center

18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila

Household Hazards Line

- Assistance with reducing and disposing of household hazardous waste in King County
1.888.ToxicEd (869.4233), HazWasteHelp.org