

# Recycling Review

RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL WAY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTS

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## How Does Your Complex Measure Up?



### Recycling Superstars!

These complexes do a good job recycling and they also compost food scraps. Amazing job!

- Cove East
- Evergreen Court Apartments
- Kings Court Apartments
- Village Green Retirement Campus

### Gold: 50+%

These complexes have at least a 50% recycling capacity, meaning half of all the material that leaves their property is being recycled. Great job!

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## No Plastic Bags in Recycling

**Don't put plastic bags in your recycling container!** Yes, you read that correctly. Please do not put any plastic bags in your recycling container—even bags used to store and carry recyclables out.

Your recycling goes to a facility that uses machinery to separate materials. Plastic bags clog the sorting machines the same way a string gets wrapped around your vacuum cleaner brush, but on a much larger scale. At least twice a day, the entire facility stops running, and the plastic bags have to be cut out of the screens by hand.

Plastic bags should be reused for a variety of purposes – garbage, pet waste and more. You can also "bag the bags" and recycle them at grocery stores along with bread bags, newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags and plastic wrap from paper products such as paper towels.

Reduce waste in the first place! To generate less plastic bags, simply take reusable bags to the store. If you often forget these, ask your children to remind you or write a reminder on your shopping list.

# How Does Your Complex Measure Up?

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## Silver: 30–50%

These complexes are doing a great job of putting most of their recyclables in the recycling container. Good job!

- Arcadia Rental Townhomes
- Blue Ridge
- Brookhaven Apartments
- Campus Green Phase II
- Campus View Apartments
- Cascade Ridge
- Cedardale Apartments
- Celebration Park Apartments
- Fircrest
- Forest Lane Townhouses
- Grace J Apartments
- Greystone Meadows Apartments
- Hearthstone Condos
- Hidden Woods Condos
- Highline MHP
- Hui O Hana Apartments
- Jonathon House
- Kollars
- La Dolce Vita Apartments
- Lake Village Apartments
- Latitude Condos
- Laurel Hill Condominiums
- Madera West Condos
- Madrona Park Apartments
- Mitchell Place
- Mountain Sun Apartments
- Panther Lake Apartments
- Parkway Apartments
- Redondo View
- Redondo Vista
- Senior City
- Silver Shadow Apartments
- Soundview South
- Soundview Terrace
- South Garden Court Condos
- Steel Lake Plaza
- Tartan Arms
- The Shores Apartments
- Timber Grove Condos
- Trinidad South Condos
- Twin Cedars Apartments
- Vantage Point at Redondo
- View at The Lake
- Waverly Apartments
- Westboro Apartments



## Bronze: 15–30%

These complexes have a pretty good start to recycling, but there is opportunity to divert more material into the recycling.

- Arrowwood
- Azalea Gardens
- Barkley Ridge
- Bayview Apartments
- Bellridge Condos
- Campus Green Phase II
- Campus Landing Apartments
- Chelsea Court
- Club Palisades
- Crestview West Apartments
- Crosspointe
- Eighteenth South
- Firetree East
- Forest Cove Apartments
- Fox Run Apartments
- Glen Park at West Campus
- Habitat Condos
- Heritage Condos
- La Madera Apartments
- Lake Easter Estates
- Lakeside Village Condos
- Laurelwood Garden Apartments
- Liberty Lake Condos
- Lodge at Peasley Canyon
- Mariposa
- Meridian Court I & II
- Northview Terrace
- Park at Dash Point
- Pinewood Village
- Providence Landing
- Rainier Continental
- Rainier Meadows
- SeaTac Village Apartments
- Soundview Apartments
- Southwynd
- Sunrise at West Campus
- Tall Firs Condos
- The Commons Apartments
- The Cove Apartments
- The Reserve
- The Ridge Apartments
- Treepointe Apartments
- Twin Lakes Apartments
- View at Redondo
- Villa Capri
- Village at 330th Condos
- Village at Redondo Condos
- Waterbury Park Apartments
- Westboro Condos
- West Green Condos
- Westhill Pointe Apartments
- Whispering Firs
- Woodside



## Honorable Mention: <15%

These complexes have some dedicated recyclers on-site and can easily expand for more residents to recycle.

- Arbor Woods Apartments
- Brightwater Apartments
- Cedar Gardens Apartments
- Crystal Pointe Apartments
- Forest Lake Apartments
- Maplewood Condos
- Riverstone
- The Retreat at Maple Hill Apartments
- WestHampton Apartments
- West Pointe Apartments
- Willamette Court

## NO RECYCLING

These complexes do NOT have any recycling on-site.

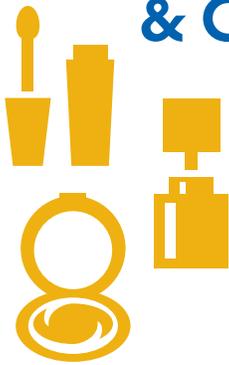
- Firetree Ten
- Greystone Apartments
- Overlook Condos



The cost for recycling is included with garbage, so there is no additional cost to add recycling. Also, the City supplies educational materials and assistance setting up or expanding the recycling program for free. If you would like to see your complex do a better job of recycling, please contact your property manager and the City of Federal Way Recycling at 253.835.2771 or [recycling@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:recycling@cityoffederalway.com).

Note that these measurements are based upon Waste Management container sizes, not the actual volume or weight of material contained. Nor does it include bulky materials, landscaping debris or other materials hauled away by a company other than Waste Management.

# How “Safe” Are Your Cleaners & Cosmetics?



Use the consumer guides at [ewg.org](http://ewg.org) to get the scoop on how safe your personal care products and cleaning products are. You can look up over 80,000 personal care products such as sunscreen, lotion, deodorant and shampoo to see if they have a low, moderate or high health hazard rating. Each of the 2,000 cleaning products evaluated is graded A through F based on the potential health hazards in the ingredients.



If you decide to switch to less hazardous cleaners, please use up your existing product or drop it off at the **Auburn Hazardous Wastemobile** at the Auburn SuperMall / The Outlet Collection at 1101 Outlet Collection Way (outside loading dock between Sports Authority and Nordstrom Rack), Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM-5 PM. More information can be found at [lhwmp.org](http://lhwmp.org) or by calling 1.888.ToxicEd (869.4233).

## Just Because It has a Recycling Symbol, Doesn't Mean It's Recyclable!

Those “triangle & number” symbols printed on many plastics are not technically recycling symbols. Instead, these are the 1-7 “resin identification codes” that tell which primary plastic resin makes up that



Recycling Symbol



Plastic Resin Identification Code

product. There are many different types of plastics, each with unique recipes, which may or may not be recycled together. Just to set the record straight: the triangle and number does **NOT** indicate if the plastic item is recyclable here in Federal Way, nor how many times it was already recycled. The number has no other meaning aside from identifying the primary resin in the plastic.

### So, how do you know if a plastic item is recyclable?

Look at the shape: recycle your bottles, jugs and tubs. Most of these items are made from similar plastics and can be recycled together. Also, the plastic bottle and tub shape allows them to be sorted properly at the recycling facility.

Watch a video of the recycling facility: [wmnorthwest.com/crcvideo](http://wmnorthwest.com/crcvideo)

## Keep Dumpster Lids Shut

While it may seem courteous to leave dumpster lids open for the next person, please shut them after each use. It is important for multiple reasons:

- Prevents birds, squirrels and other animals from entering the container.
- Reduces mess by keeping trash from spilling out and wind from blowing it out.
- Keeps rain water out. Wet paper is hard to separate from other recyclables.
- It's the law! City code requires non-leaky garbage containers with a tight-fitting cover for the above reasons.



If you notice your dumpster needs to be repaired or replaced, please have your property manager contact Waste Management.

## Food: Too Good to Waste



Did you know the average American family tosses out approximately 25 percent of the food they purchase, adding up to more than \$1,600 a year? Food is wasted when we buy more than we need, store it incorrectly, throw away leftovers or cook too much. Wasting less food is an easy way to trim your grocery bills and reduce your environmental footprint. For tips on reducing wasted food at home, visit [recyclefood.com](http://recyclefood.com).



# FREE RECYCLING!!!



## Free Mattress Drop Off at Recycling Events

### Recycling Event

Sat, Sept 20

9 AM-3 PM

Wild Waves Parking Lot  
36201 Enchanted Pkwy S

The City of Federal Way hosts free recycling events every April and September for residents to drop off a wide range of materials not typically collected at the curb such as mattresses, bicycles, tires, electronics and fluorescent tubes—plus shredding for confidential documents. More information and

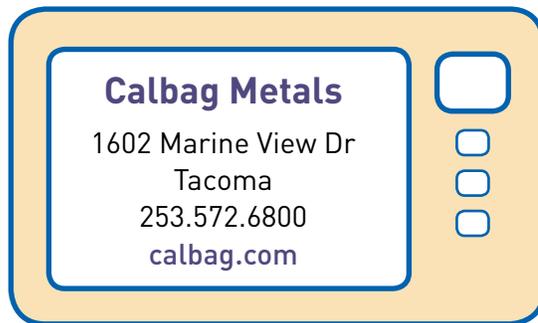
restrictions: [cityoffederalway.com/recyclingevent](http://cityoffederalway.com/recyclingevent) or 253.835.2771.

## Free Battery Recycling

All types of batteries can now be recycled on weekends at The Outlet Collection (formally known as The Auburn SuperMall) located at 1101 Outlet Collection Way in Auburn. Look for the collection tent in the outside loading dock between Sports Authority and Nordstrom Rack. Other household hazardous waste accepted for free includes cleaners, pesticides, herbicides, chemicals, automotive fluids, oil-based paint, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, propane tanks and more. Please call 206.296.4692 or visit [lhwmp.org](http://lhwmp.org) for more information.

## Free Microwave Recycling

Drop off your old or broken washers, dryers, microwaves, metal pans, wire hangers, old flatware, foil, and other metal items that cannot be donated. There are multiple scrap metal yards in the area that you can visit—call ahead for hours, rates and restrictions. Here is one of the closest with a special "Retail Dock" for residents.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

In 2013, over 2.75 million pounds of recycling was collected from Federal Way multi-family complexes.

## Free Styrofoam Recycling

R & D Recycling recently opened in Fife, and accepts plastic foam blocks and sheets for free. Residents and businesses can drop off a variety of expanded foam including:

- Polyethylene blocks (labeled #4 or "LDPE")
- Polypropylene blocks (labeled #5 or "PP")
- Styrofoam blocks (labeled #6 or "PS")
- Foam sheeting

**R & D Recycling**  
7214 26th St E #C10  
Fife  
253.241.1904  
[rndrecycling.com](http://rndrecycling.com)

## Recycling Now Open at Bow Lake Transfer Station

18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila

At long last, the Bow Lake Transfer Station rebuild is complete and its recycling center is now open. Residents can recycle the following items for free: regular curbside recyclables, scrap metal, bicycles, needles/sharps and clothing/shoes. Appliances and yard debris are also accepted for a fee. Call 206.477.4466 or visit [kingcounty.gov/solidwaste](http://kingcounty.gov/solidwaste) and click on "facilities" for more information.

regular curbside recyclables

scrap metal

bicycles

needles & sharps

clothing & shoes

## Comprehensive Local Recycling Databases

Find out how to recycle almost anything— medication, electronics, propane tanks & more!



**King County "What Do I Do With...?"**

206.477.4466

[kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith](http://kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith)

**Washington State Recycling Database**

1.800.RECYCLE (732.9253)

[1800recycle.wa.gov](http://1800recycle.wa.gov)

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



## DID YOU KNOW?

It takes approximately 1 million years for a glass bottle to break down at the landfill.

*Source: Washington State Department of Ecology*

## Getting Rid of Stuff? Post 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/](http://seattle.craigslist.org/)

**eBay Classifieds:**  
[seattle.ebayclassifieds.com](http://seattle.ebayclassifieds.com)

**2good2toss:**  
[2good2toss.com/](http://2good2toss.com/)

**Freecycle:**  
[freecycle.org/group/US/Washington](http://freecycle.org/group/US/Washington)



## Keep Connected



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

Visit [cityoffederalway.com/notifyme](http://cityoffederalway.com/notifyme) and select "Recycling Events and Information."



**Does this  
drive you  
CRAZY?**

**Become your complex's  
Recycling Expert  
to help your neighbors  
recycle better and  
keep your complex clean.**



## Sign Up Today:

[cityoffederalway.com/  
ambassador](http://cityoffederalway.com/ambassador)  
[recycle@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:recycle@cityoffederalway.com)  
253.835.2771

### Questions?

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### 1. Sign Up.

Anyone from a multi-family complex in Federal Way can sign up—a property manager or an enthusiastic resident. Sign up today to become your complex's "Recycling Ambassador."

### 2. Get Your Goodies.

Waste Management staff will host a fun recycling workshop to share information and tips for becoming your complex's recycling expert, and provide you with recycling flyers and tote bags. The first 20 people to get trained each get a \$20 gift card\*.

### 3. Pass It Along.

Pass out recycling flyers and tote bags to everyone in your complex and share your knowledge. Send us a picture of your good work and we will send the first 20 people a \$50 gift card\*.

# Federal Way Multi-family Recycling Guidelines



## Clean Paper and Cardboard

Flattened cardboard, newspapers, inserts, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, paperback books, mail (*window envelopes ok*), and paper bags.



## Paper Food Containers

Clean food boxes, frozen food boxes, paper cups, juice boxes, milk and juice cartons (*rinse out, no caps*).



## Plastic Containers

Plastic bottles, jugs and tubs (*clean, no lids*). **Plastic bags are not accepted.**

Ignore the numbers; recycle plastics by shape!



## Glass Bottles and Jars

Bottles and jars (*all colors and sizes, no caps or lids, labels ok*).



## Aluminum, Tin Cans, and Clean Scrap Metal

Aluminum and tin cans, empty aerosol cans, scrap metal and small metal appliances (*limit 2x2 ft, 35 lbs*). Please rinse and empty cans.



## The Following Items Are Not Accepted:

### Non Accepted Paper

- Food-soiled paper towels, napkins and non-coated paper plates
- Shredded paper

### Non Accepted Plastic

- Plastic bags and film (*reuse or recycle at grocery stores*)
- Plastic plates and utensils
- Prescription vials
- Styrofoam containers and packaging

### Non Accepted Metal

- Aluminum foil and foil trays
- Sharp metal and greasy items

### Non Accepted Glass

- Ceramics, dishes and drinking glasses
- Light bulbs, windows, and mirrors

### Other Non Accepted Items

- Clothing and shoes (*donate instead*)
- Diapers
- Garbage
- Hoses
- Needles and syringes
- Toxic containers (*paint, oil, antifreeze, pesticides, etc.*)

Please contact your property manager or HOA if your recycling containers are often full. Unlimited recycling is included with garbage service.



If in Doubt, Check it Out at [wmnorthwest.com/fedway](http://wmnorthwest.com/fedway)

**Solid Waste & Recycling Division**

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Federal Way, WA 98003

[cityoffederalway.com/recycling](http://cityoffederalway.com/recycling)

253.835.2771

[recycle@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:recycle@cityoffederalway.com)



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800.592.9995 (M-F 7 AM-5 PM, SAT 9 AM-1 PM )

[wmnorthwest.com/fedway](http://wmnorthwest.com/fedway)

Información en Español

한국어 정보

Информация, доступная на русском языке

# WORD JUMBLE

**1** Unscramble the letters to form recycling-related words.

RNWEPSAPE \_ ( ) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( )

DRCAADROB ( ) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

PTIASCL \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( )

SASGL \_ ( ) \_ \_ \_

DYARATSEW ( ) \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ( )

**2** Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer.

*What do you do after ride your bike to work?*

*\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ back home!*



Answer Key: Newspaper, Cardboard, Plastic, Glass, Yard Waste, Recycle