

Recycling Review

RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL WAY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTS

JUNE 2015

Join the Recycling Ambassador Team

Twenty multi-family residents completed the Federal Way Recycling Ambassador program last year. These enthusiastic volunteers learned about recycling and then provided neighbor-to-neighbor outreach to encourage other residents at their complexes to recycle. These Recycling Ambassadors were recognized at a City Council meeting for their outstanding efforts.



"Thank you for a fun and informative evening. Our team is very energized to make a difference in our community. It was refreshing to be in a room too with fellow concerned and passionate folks wanting to make an impact on our surroundings. Thank you for sharing so much that I never knew before— for it refueled the importance for us to do more and get others involved."

~ Renee



Want to join the team? Residents and property management staff of Federal Way apartments, condos and mobile home parks can sign up for the 2015 Recycling

Ambassador program. Two trainings are scheduled: 6–8 PM on Tuesday, June 30 and Thursday, October 15 at City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way. Waste Management provides the first 20 Recycling Ambassadors with a \$20 gift card for taking the training and then a \$50 gift card for sharing their recycling knowledge with their neighbors.

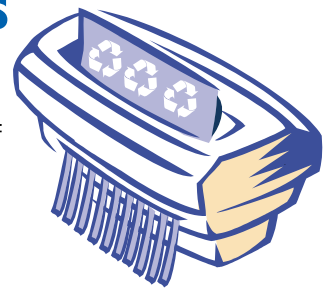
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Free Document Shredding Events

The Washington State Office of the Attorney General publishes a list of free community shredding events.

atg.wa.gov/shredathon.aspx#events
800.551.4636
(Mon-Fri, 10 AM-3 PM)



Recycling Ambassadors recognized at City Council meeting. L-R Back: Councilmember Assefa-Dawson, Councilmember Maloney, Councilmember Honda, Mayor Ferrell, Deputy Mayor Burbidge, Councilmember Celski, Councilmember Moore; L-R Front: Candy Castellanos (WM), Laquinta McCraney, Kim Reeves, Rose Reeves, Elizabeth Pascua, Councilmember Duclos, Karla Ramirez, Linda Wilkerson, Renee Rivera, Laura Moser (WM), Rob Van Orsow (CFW)



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.

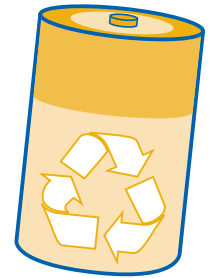
Second, lids cause problems at recycling centers. Small caps can jam in the sorting equipment. Also, the automated sorting equipment sees flat metal and dairy-tub lids as paper, so they become a contaminant. To add insult to injury (literally) capped bottles can explode when compacted during processing,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

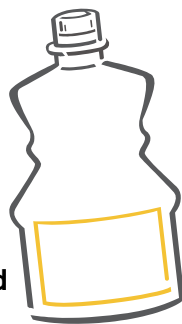
Free Battery Recycling

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 Outlet Collection (formally known as The Auburn SuperMall) located at 1101 Outlet Collection Way, Auburn in the outside loading dock between Sports Authority and Nordstrom Rack. Other hazardous waste accepted includes cleaners, pesticides, automotive fluids, oil-based paint, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, propane tanks and more. The collection site operates Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to 5 PM (except holidays). Please call 206.296.4692 or visit HazWasteHelp.org for more information.



Free Used Cooking Oil Drop-off

French Lake Dog Park
31531 1st Ave S

Please take your empty containers home to maintain this free program.

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 Microwave Recycling

Drop off your old or broken washers, dryers, microwaves, pans, 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:

Calbag Metals

1602 Marine View Dr
Tacoma
253.572.6800
calbag.com

Comprehensive Local Recycling Databases

Find out how to recycle almost anything—styrofoam mattresses, medication & 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



Overflowing Recycling?

Multi-family complexes within the City of Federal Way are eligible for unlimited recycling. This means that your site can have larger containers, more containers, and more frequent pickups—for free! If you notice that your recycling containers are frequently full or overflowing, please contact your property manager or the City of Federal Way Recycling at 253.835.2771 or recycling@cityoffederalway.com.



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:

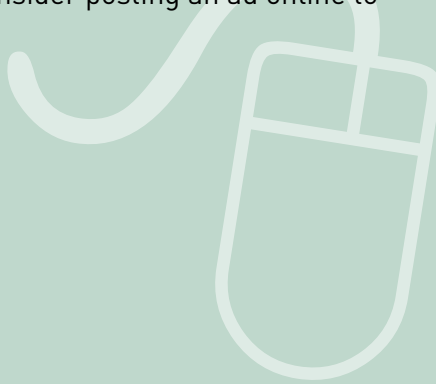
seattle.craigslist.org/

eBay Classifieds:

seattle.ebayclassifieds.com

2good2toss:

2good2toss.com/



How Garbage Costs You

Residents of multi-family complexes ultimately pay for the increased cost of garbage disposal, whether directly (separate charge) or indirectly (included with rent/dues). Here's what you can do to control garbage costs.



- 1. Recycle.** The cost for garbage service varies upon the container size and collection frequency. However, there is no cost for recycling in Federal Way for complexes that have garbage service. The more recycling, the less garbage, and this saves resources and money.
- 2. Don't Let Others Use Your Dumpsters.** It can be tempting to offer your complex's dumpster to others, but don't do it! When illegally dumped garbage goes into your dumpster, the space gets used up and your site must pay for more garbage service. Also, this can be a hassle for other residents who find their dumpster full.
- 3. Report Illegal Dumping.** Any time garbage from outside your apartment complex is dumped into your dumpsters, it is considered "theft". You are encouraged to report illegal dumping to your property manager, and to also contact Federal Way Police. Here are three ways to make contact:
 - If there is no suspect, report the theft online at pd.cityoffederalway.com/onlinereport/
 - If you have details about the suspect (description, license plate, vehicle make/model, etc.), call the non-emergency number at 253.835.2121
 - If the theft is in progress, call 911 and be ready to provide details

If you have bulky items, talk with your property manager to determine how to handle them. Items in good shape should be given away or donated to a second-hand store.

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
& Containers



Food & Beverage
Cans



Paper



Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard



Food & Beverage
Cartons

Do NOT include in your mixed recycling cart:



NO Food Waste



NO Plastic Bags & Film

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



NO Needles



NO Foam Cups & Containers

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

To Learn More Visit: RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com



**Does this
drive you
CRAZY?**

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



**Training Dates:
June 30 &
Oct. 15**

Sign Up Today:
[cityoffederalway.com/
ambassador](http://cityoffederalway.com/ambassador)

Questions?

City of Federal Way Recycling
recycle@cityoffederalway.com
253.835.2771

 **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*.

*Commons Mall gift cards (redeemable at Target, Kohl's, etc.) are provided courtesy of Waste Management.



Solid Waste & Recycling Division
 33325 8th Ave S
 Federal Way, WA 98003
cityoffederalway.com/recycling
 253.835.2771
recycle@cityoffederalway.com

Stay informed of recycling events and information:
cityoffederalway.com/NotifyMe



Waste Management
 720 4th Ave, Suite 400
 Kirkland, WA 98033
 800.592.9995 (M-F 7 AM-5 PM, SAT 9 AM-1 PM)
wmnorthwest.com/fedway

Información en español
 한국어 정보
 Информация, доступная на русском языке
 Alternative formats available upon request.
 Call 800.592.9995 TTY Relay 711



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.

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RETHINK

Which journey saves trees and other resources?
You make the difference!

start

end

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, & Rethink!

Rethinking saves natural resources.