



CITY OF
Federal Way
Solid Waste & Recycling Division

Recycling Review

RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL WAY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTS

AUGUST 2013

Free Document Shred 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:
www.atg.wa.gov/shredathon.aspx#events
800.551.4636 (Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm)



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 lessen your environmental footprint. For tips on reducing wasted food at home, visit www.recyclefood.com.

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FREE!

Green Living Workshops

2nd Wednesday of Each Month
(excluding August & December)

6:00–8:00 PM

Federal Way City Hall

33325 8th Ave S • Federal Way, WA 98003

For Schedule and to Register:

www.cityoffederalway.com/greenliving • 253.835.2700





Don't Watch Paint Dry; Learn Proper Disposal

...But seriously, what to do with old paint? Well, that depends on the type.

Latex (water-based) paint is no longer considered a hazardous waste. It can be tossed in the garbage with the lid

off when "solid" (not runny). Don't have time to wait

for it to dry? Just mix the paint with equal parts cat litter, sawdust or shredded paper. Once the paint cannot "flow" out of the can, it is ready for disposal. For several cans over half full, double-line a cardboard box with plastic bags and then add paint and thickener of your choice.

Oil-based paint is considered "hazardous" and needs to be taken to a proper disposal location. The great news is that the **Auburn Hazardous Wastemobile** is open 10am-5pm every Saturday and Sunday, except holidays and accepts this type of paint. It may seem tricky to find the first time, but just check the outside loading dock between Nordstrom Rack and Sports Authority at the Auburn SuperMall/Outlet Collection.

Upgrade Recycling Today!

Always running out of room for your recycling? Upgrade to a larger recycling cart for free!

Large family? No problem, get a second recycling cart for free.

Just call Waste Management at 800.592.9995 to upgrade.



Recycle Motor Oil at the Curb

Federal Way residents can place used motor oil at the curb for free collection on recycling day. Please place oil in plastic jugs with screw-top lids, marked with your name and address. You can place up to three gallons of used motor oil by your recycling cart. Only used motor oil will be collected. It cannot be mixed with water, gas or any other liquid.



Contaminated oil must be taken to the Auburn Hazardous Wastemobile on Saturdays and Sundays, 10am-5pm (except holidays) at the Auburn SuperMall/Outlet Collection. Call the Household Hazardous Waste Line at 206.296.4692 or visit www.lhwmp.org for more information.

\$5 Food Scrap Buckets



Make food scrap recycling even easier with a handy starter kit for \$5. The City of Federal Way is subsidizing these buckets which normally retail for \$20. You also receive 10 compostable bags and food scrap recycling information. Containers are available at these 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 www.recyclefood.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

Americans use 4 million plastic bottles every hour! Yet only 1 bottle out of 4 is recycled.

The Latest Leak:



Garden hoses are **not** recyclable. If you can't patch your old hose, please toss it in your garbage can.

Recycler of the Year Award



The Washington State Recycling Association (WSRA) awarded your City's Recycling Project Manager,

Jeanette Brizendine,
with the prestigious
2013 Individual Recycler of the Year Award.

Over the past six years, Brizendine's creative and committed efforts have launched many programs that engage you, the public, and increased recycling. Your Public Works Department is mighty proud of Jeanette!

For details on her accomplishments, please visit www.cityoffederalway.com/recycling



Recycle All Your Batteries at the Wastemobile

The Wastemobile now accepts all types of batteries for recycling, including "regular" household batteries, rechargeable batteries and button batteries. The Wastemobile is free of charge to King County residents. Residents can also drop off oil-based paint, cleaners, pesticides, motor oil, antifreeze, fluorescent bulbs/tubes, propane tanks and more.

For a complete list of accepted items, visit www.lhwmp.org/home/HHW/whattobring.aspx or call 206.296.4692

Auburn Wastemobile

Auburn SuperMall/
Outlet Collection
1101 SuperMall Way, Auburn

*(Outside loading dock between
Nordstrom Rack and
Sports Authority)*

Saturdays & Sundays,
except holidays

10am to 5 pm

Say No to Junk Mail

Waste prevention means not creating waste in the first place. It's a simple concept. If you create less waste, you consume fewer resources and don't have to spend as much money or effort to dispose or recycle what's left. Get off mailing lists to reduce the amount of junk mail you receive.

Sign Up for the Catalog Choice Junk Mail Opt-Out Service

The free opt-out service offered by Catalog Choice will help you reduce your unwanted mail. Residents and businesses can opt out of more than 4,000 different catalogs, coupons, credit offers, circulars, newsletters, other unwanted mailings and even phone books. If you do not have a computer at home, try the library or ask someone with a computer for help. This service won't eliminate all unwanted mail, but it's a good start. <https://www.catalogchoice.org/>

Contact Companies and Organizations Directly

Contacting specific companies or organizations to stop unwanted mail. Use their customer service line, or make your request via e-mail or the company's website.

Don't Let Your Name Become a Commodity

When you enter a contest, become a retailer's preferred shopper, purchase by mail, subscribe to magazines, or return warranty cards, guess what? Your name and address are added to mailing lists. To help prevent this, specify "do not rent or sell my name" when possible.

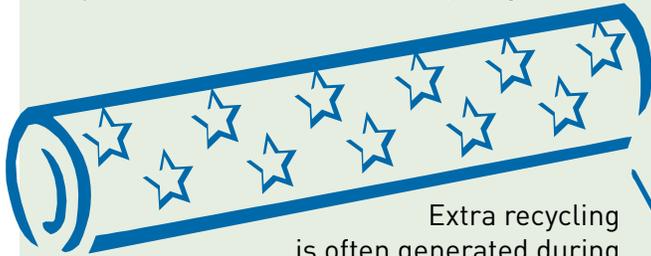
Get Off Lists for Credit Offers

Consumer credit bureaus offer an efficient removal service from mailing lists for credit offers. Sign up online at <https://www.optoutprescreen.com/contact.htm> or call 888.5.OPTOUT (888.567.8688).



Holiday Recycling Events & Info:

The holidays are approaching and that may mean extra materials to dispose of. Check out these recycling events and tips.



Extra recycling is often generated during the holidays. Waste Management provides unlimited recycling service for all resident subscribers. Here are some tips for setting out your extra material:

- Large totes or tubs labeled "Recycle" (*Drivers will not take your personal containers.*)
- Extra garbage cans labeled "Recycle"
- Large cardboard box labeled "Recycle"
- **Do not** set out recycling in plastic bags

Styrofoam Blocks

Winter Collection Event:

City Hall Parking Lot
33325 8th Ave S
Dec 24–Jan 12, 2014

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

Year Round: Styro Recycle,

800 SW 43rd St,
Renton (by IKEA)
253.838.9555 or
Tacoma Landfill
Recycling Center
3510 S Mullen St
Tacoma



Used Cooking Oil



Holiday Trees

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 and cut in half if over 6' tall.
- Decorated or flocked trees cannot be composted and will be charged as garbage.

Single-family:

Dec 30–31, Jan 2–4 & Jan 6–10
(on neighborhood collection day)

Multi-family:

Dec 27 & Jan 3 (Property managers must call 800.592.9995 to sign up for free service)



Leftover Food

The average household tosses out about 50 pounds of food scraps and food-soiled paper each month. All vegetable trimmings, meat scraps and bones, plate scrapings, egg shells, coffee grounds, paper towels, napkins and even greasy pizza boxes can go into your grey curbside yard/food cart. Keep your cart clean by wrapping food scraps in newspaper or placing in paper sacks. Remember, **never** put food scraps or soiled paper in your blue recycling cart!

Garbage service for as low as \$7 per month

Federal Way residents can get weekly garbage service for as low as \$7.03 per month (plus taxes and fees). All residential garbage service in Federal Way comes with unlimited every-other-week recycling. Curbside service saves time and money, compared to driving to transfer stations and recycling centers. For a complete list of garbage rates, call 253.835.2771 or visit www.cityoffederalway.com/recycling and click on "Documents & Publications".



2014 Events!

Recycling Events: 4/19 & 9/20

Events to drop off materials for recycling such as appliances, mattresses, branches, tires, Styrofoam and more.

Recycle Palooza Contest Entry Deadline: 5/14

Sign up in early 2014 for your chance to win \$1,000 for recycling right!

Family Green Fest & Recycle Palooza Event: 5/31

Fun and educational environmental fair with a garbage truck, document shredding, games, door prizes and more.

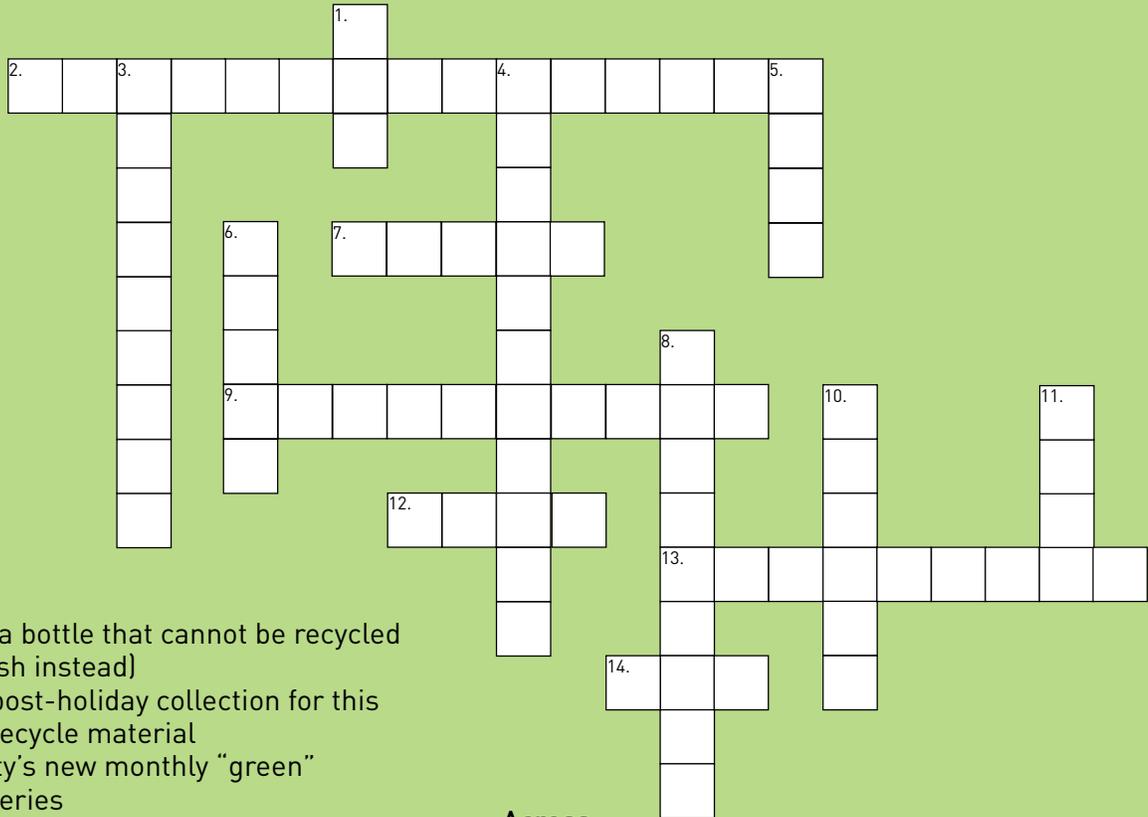
Green Living Workshops: 1/8, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9, 5/14, 6/11, 7/9, 9/10, 10/8 & 11/12

Monthly workshops on a variety of seasonal topics including backyard chickens, green gardening, composting, rain barrels, canning, green cleaning, energy conservation and more.

More information: www.cityoffederalway.com/recycling or 253.835.2771

Crossword Puzzle

Challenge your recycling knowledge



Down:

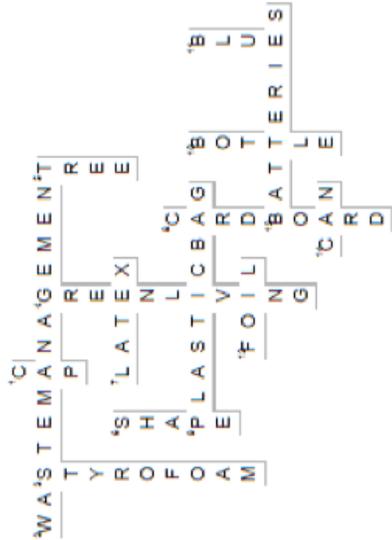
1. The part of a bottle that cannot be recycled (goes in trash instead)
3. City offers post-holiday collection for this difficult to recycle material
4. Name of City's new monthly "green" workshop series
5. This type of fresh holiday item is recycled for free if it is not decorated or flocked
6. What to look at to determine if a plastic item is recyclable (hint: not the number)
8. Break these down before placing in recycling to save space
10. One of the shapes of plastic and glass that is recyclable
11. Color of recycling carts

Across:

2. Who to call to for garbage and recycling service
7. The type of paint that can be dried out and thrown away
9. Should be recycled at the grocery store
12. Type of thin metal that cannot be recycled
13. All types of these (household, rechargeable, button, etc.) can be recycled at the Wastemobile
14. Tin, steel or aluminum, they are all recyclable

See reverse page for answers.

Crossword Puzzle Answer:



STAY IN THE LOOP

notify me!

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

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



WHO to Contact for WHAT

Waste Management

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

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

City of Federal Way Recycling

253.835.2771
recycle@cityoffederalway.com
cityoffederalway.com/recycling

- Assistance with recycling and composting

King County Transfer Stations

206.296.4466, kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

- Facilities for disposing of garbage for a fee

Algona Transfer Station (garbage only)

35315 W Valley Hwy, Algona

Bow Lake Transfer Station (garbage and yardwaste)

18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila

Household Hazards Line

206.296.4692, lhwp.org

- Assistance with reducing and disposing of household hazardous waste in King County

Comprehensive Local Recycling Databases

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

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

206.296.4466
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

