

# RECYCLE

These kinds of things go in the recycling cart.

**Plastic:**  
Empty and rinse; no lids

Milk, juice & pop bottles

Yogurt, dairy & margarine tubs

Shampoo & conditioner bottles

Window, bathroom & kitchen cleaner bottles

Detergent & fabric softener bottles

Stretch wrap

Pill bottles (non-prescription)

**Aluminum & tin cans:**  
Empty and rinse out food residue

Soda cans

Canned food cans

Foil & foil trays

Aerosol spray cans

**Scrap metal:**  
Limit 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft., 35 lbs; no wood, plastic, or rubber attachments.

**Cardboard:** Flatten

Wax & plastic-coated cardboard

**Mixed paper & newspaper:**  
Keep it loose – don't bundle, bag or tie

Newspaper & advertising inserts

Advertising mail & envelopes

Cereal & dry food boxes (remove liner)

Paperback books

Magazines, catalogs & phone books

Non-foil wrapping paper

Frozen food boxes

Juice boxes

Milk, soy milk & broth cartons

**Glass jars & bottles:**  
Empty and rinse out food residue

Labels OK

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# YARD WASTE &

These kinds of things go in your gray yard & food scrap cart.

Grass Clippings & leaves

Houseplants (no pots)

Tree branches (under 4' long, 4" in diam.)

Weeds

Twigs, branches & roots from pruning

# FOOD SCRAPS

Meat, fish, poultry, bones

Fruit & vegetable scraps; leftovers

Bread, pasta & grains

Eggshells & nutshells

Coffee filters & grounds

Teabags & tea leaves

**Recycle food. It's easy to do.**

- Keep container near your sink
- Add food scraps and food soiled paper
- When full, empty into your yard waste cart

[www.recyclefood.com](http://www.recyclefood.com)

**Please NO animal waste**

Greasy pizza delivery boxes

Food soiled paper towels & napkins

Shredded paper (layered) (no plastic)

Paper grocery bags containing food scraps

Paper egg cartons

Paper berry cartons

Uncoated paper plates & cups\*

Uncoated paper food wrap\*

Uncoated paper food bags\*

*Tip: \*Uncoated paper does not have a shiny surface.*

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# GARBAGE

These kinds of things go in the garbage can.

**Plastic:**

Take-out containers

Styrofoam & packing peanuts

Caps & lids (bagged)

Empty motor oil & antifreeze containers

Plastic bakery & meat trays

Plastic cups, plates & utensils

Empty prescription vials

**Paper:**

Food-soiled frozen food boxes

Disposable diapers

Ribbons & wrapping paper

Dirty or soiled paper & facial tissue

Hardback books\*

*\*Tip: remove covers and binding for garbage (pages are recyclable)*

**Glass:**

Mirrors & window glass

Ceramics & dishes

Broken glass

**Aluminum and tin:**

Caps, rings & lids

Oil containers

Hardened paint (leave lid off)\*

*\*Tip: Use kitty litter or paint hardener to solidify latex paint.*

**Metal:**

Sharp or greasy metal

Metal caps & lids

Clothes hangers

**Miscellaneous:**

Bagged pet waste & litter

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# What Do I Do With...?

**Electronics:**

Snohomish County prohibits the disposal of the following electronic products in the garbage, at transfer stations and at household hazardous waste facilities.

**Computers**

includes main-frame, desktop and laptops

**Computer monitors**

includes cathode ray tubes and flat panel

Please visit [recyclewashington.org](http://recyclewashington.org) to locate a recycling facility

**TVs, Cell phones**

These products need to be recycled. Visit the Take it Back Network [www.takeitbacknetwork.org](http://www.takeitbacknetwork.org) to locate a recycling facility for these and other electronic products such as printers, fax machines and household electronics call 206-296-4466.

**Mercury-Containing Products:**

Products that contain mercury are prohibited from the garbage. Please recycle these products.

**Fluorescent bulbs and tubes**

includes "green tipped or low mercury" tubes and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs).

Recycle fluorescent bulbs and tubes through the Take it Back Network or call 206-296-4466.

**"Button" batteries**

includes coin-shaped batteries such as hearing aid, watch & digital camera

**Mercury switches, Thermostats and Thermometers**

For recycling of other mercury-containing products called the household hazardous line at 425-388-3425.

**Bulky Item Collection:** Mattresses, appliances, building materials, electronic waste and more can be picked up by special arrangement for a fee, 425-778-0188.

**Syringes:**

Used needles and syringes are dangerous in garbage and recycling because they can:

- Injure residents, collectors and sorters
- Spread diseases such as HIV/AIDS, hepatitis, tetanus & syphilis

Please check with your local pharmacy for syringe disposal options.

**Sharps by Mail**

Dispose of needles safely and affordably: [www.wastemd.com/shop/home.shtml](http://www.wastemd.com/shop/home.shtml)

**Large appliances:**

Many appliances can be repaired or donated for reuse. Older appliances may contain chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), which must be removed before disposal. Five county transfer stations take appliances for a fee. Visit [http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public\\_Works/Divisions/SolidWaste/Haz\\_Waste](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public_Works/Divisions/SolidWaste/Haz_Waste)

Large appliances include:

**Air-conditioners, dishwashers washers & dryers, furnaces, refrigerators, freezers, stoves & ranges**

**Batteries:**

Many batteries are not allowed in the garbage, but are accepted by local businesses.

**Lead acid automobile batteries**

May be recycled at your local auto store.

**Rechargeable batteries**

Visit [www.brc.org](http://www.brc.org) for recycling locations or a household hazardous waste collection site.

**UPS:** (Uninterruptible power supply batteries) such as computer back up batteries. Visit [http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public\\_Works/Divisions/SolidWaste/Haz\\_Waste](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public_Works/Divisions/SolidWaste/Haz_Waste)

**Alkaline batteries** may be placed in the garbage, but some businesses will also take them.

For proper disposal of the materials listed above or for more information contact Snohomish County at [http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public\\_Works/Divisions/SolidWaste/Haz\\_Waste](http://www1.co.snohomish.wa.us/Departments/Public_Works/Divisions/SolidWaste/Haz_Waste) or 425-388-3425.