

RECYCLING DONE RIGHT

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Lifting the Lid: Improving Recycling One Cart at a Time

Educators have been lifting the lids of curbside carts to set the community up for success!

The cart tagging program helps residents recycle right. This program provides helpful and customized feedback when contamination (items not accepted for recycling) is observed in the recycle cart. On collection day, Recycling Advocates with Waste Connections lift cart lids to check for items that do not belong. When they see unaccepted items, an “Oops Tag” is hung on the cart to provide education and feedback to residents. The program has been active throughout the county for over a decade.

Repeat visits demonstrate more customers recycle right.
Garbage found in the recycling has dropped by **50%!**

The program empowers residents to take action and keep garbage out of the recycling system.



Common Contaminants are items found in the recycle cart that should be placed in the trash instead.



Recycling questions? Contact us: recyclehelp@wcnx.org or 360-892-5370

How Do I Recycle Plastics?

Plastic recycling in Clark County depends on the item's size, shape and rigidity.

Items which meet **ALL** of the following guidelines are recyclable:

ACCEPTED PLASTICS



Bottles



Tubs



Jugs



Jars

- ✓ **SIZE:** Larger than the size of your fist and smaller than five gallons.
- ✓ **SHAPE:** Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars.
- ✓ **RIGID:** Plastics that hold their shape under pressure.

FREE at Transfer Stations

West Vancouver Materials Recovery Center
Central Transfer and Recycling Center
Washougal Transfer Station

Recycling
Household Hazardous Waste Disposal



View location information, open hours and view live stream of traffic.

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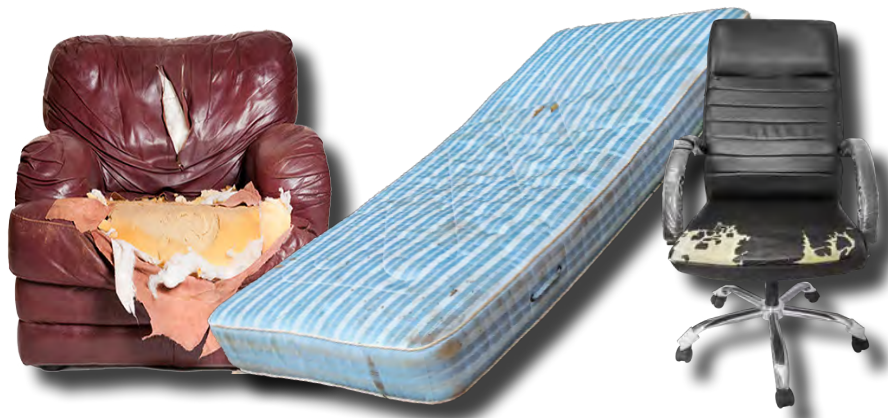
We are Waste Connections, your local solid waste hauler. We strive for a cleaner, greener Clark County by promoting waste reduction and a variety of waste solutions.

Based in Vancouver, we are proud to serve this community that we call home. We strive to better serve our community by celebrating the incredible diversity of all its peoples and our workforce. Find out more about this commitment at wcnorthwest.com/diversity

Apartments and Condos

Follow these tips to keep your shared space tidy and safe.

Talk with your property manager to schedule a special pick up for bulky items such as mattresses and furniture.



Collect recycling in a **tote bag**, empty it into the recycling.



Don't put recycling in plastic bags! Recycling must be loose in the recycle container.



Glass Recycling



Only recycle **bottles and jars that once held food or liquid**.

Glass must be loose in the glass recycle cart. No plastic bags, paper drink carriers or paper bags.

NO: light bulbs, candles, broken glass, canning jars, drinking glasses, ceramics, windows, mirrors, tabletop glass, aquarium glass or bottles with fruit slices, lids or corks.

wcnorthwest.com/apartments



HELP PREVENT FIRES IN CLARK COUNTY

Keep batteries out of garbage and recycle carts and dumpsters!

Used or "dead" batteries can ignite and have dangerous consequences.



To safely dispose of batteries:

- Find locations in the RecycleRight app, or at recyclinga-z.com
- Tape battery ends or place in separate sealed plastic bags
- Drop off batteries for safe disposal



Download the RecycleRight app to view your collection calendar, receive service notifications, and weather alerts! Check out the A-Z Directory to learn what items can be recycled.



Secure Your Load for Safer Roads

Unsecured loads cause...

up to **40%** of roadside litter

300+ crashes per year in Washington

finest up to **\$5000**

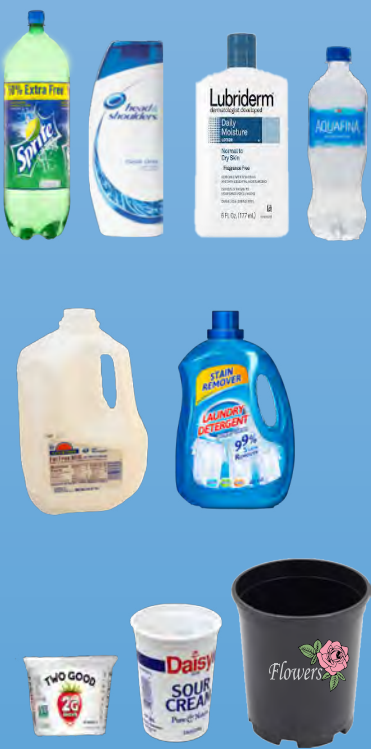


Learn more at clarkgreenneighbors.org/syl

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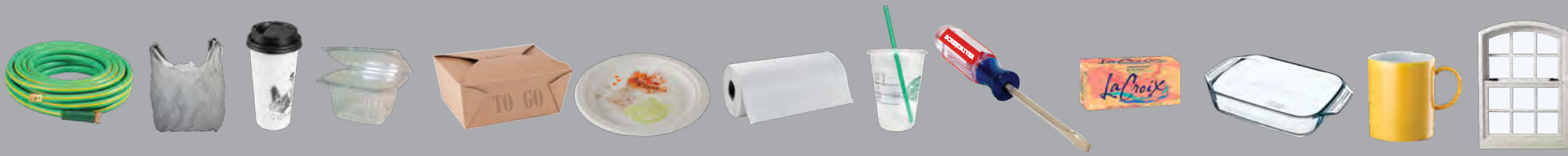
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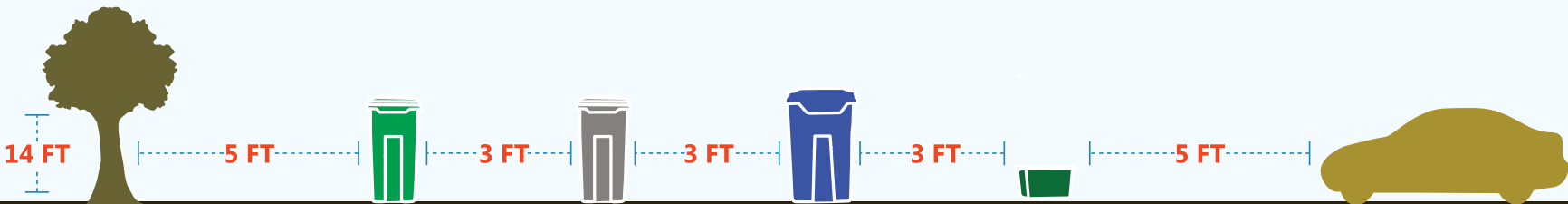
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Don't Put Recycling in Plastic Bags



- Set out at the curb by 6:00 AM.
- Recyclables should be empty, clean and dry.
- No broken glass or objects that are sharp or heavy.
- When in doubt, leave it out!

Curbside Motor Oil, Antifreeze and Batteries

Motor Oil and Antifreeze

YES: Pour used motor oil or antifreeze into a clear, 1-gallon plastic jug with a screw-top lid. No other containers are accepted.

Label jug with "motor oil" or "antifreeze."

Place on the ground next to your recycle cart.

NO: Mixing motor oil or antifreeze with each other or any other liquid.



Household Batteries

YES: Used Alkaline and rechargeable AA, AAA, C, D, button cell, 9 volt and other similar sized batteries.

Tape the ends and put in a sealed, clear plastic bag.

Place on top of your recycle cart.

NO: Lithium-ion batteries (i.e., batteries from cell phones, laptops, tablets, electronics, power tools).



Household Hazardous Waste

To identify Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), look for words on the product label such as **caution, warning, danger, explosive, flammable, toxic or poison.**



HHW should **NEVER** be thrown in the trash or poured down the drain because it can pose threats to public health and the environment.

Information about HHW drop off-locations can be found in the RecycleRight app or at **wcnorthwest.com/special-waste**



Sharps

FREE Sharps include hypodermic needles, syringes or intravenous (IV) tubing with needles attached, scalpel blades and lancets.

Place the items into an approved sharps disposal container or other sturdy plastic container with the lid screwed on. Drop off at the transfer station.

Medications

FREE Learn more about safe and convenient disposal for expired, unused or unwanted medications. Look up disposal locations and mail-back options at **medtakebackwashington.org**

Electronics

FREE With the E-Cycle Washington program, it's easy to recycle certain broken, obsolete or worn-out electronics:

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| -Televisions | -Tablets |
| -Computers | -E-readers |
| -Laptops | -Portable DVD players |
| -Monitors | |

Electronic products contain valuable materials that can be recycled and toxic chemicals that should be kept out of the landfill. Learn more at **ecyclewa.org**

Paint

FREE Recycle paint by dropping off at local stores – look up locations on **paintcare.org**

Service Guidelines

Extras

Not enough space in your container? Find out more at **wcnorthwest.com/extras**

- Garbage** Put in a 32-gallon can or in a securely fastened garbage bag. Charges apply.
- Recycling** Put items loose in a 32-gallon can, cardboard box or paper bag. No charge.
NO: Extra recycling in plastic bags.
- Yard Debris/ Organics** Put in a 32-gallon can, kraft paper bag or tie in a bundle. Charges apply.
NO: Extra yard debris in plastic bags.

Holiday Service

There is no service on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Day. Collection will be delayed one day.

If you receive your bill from the City of Camas, check for service changes at **cityofcamas.us/garbageservice**

Postponed/Canceled Service

If service is canceled, we will reschedule or pick up a double load on your next service day. How to prepare:

- Make sure we have your current phone number. Contact Waste Connections customer service to update.
- Sign up for service alerts through the RecycleRight app or **wcnorthwest.com/servicealert**

Please note: Our automated phone message cannot reach you if your phone number is on the National Do Not Call Registry.

Bulky Item Pickup at Home

Schedule a pickup for items too large for your containers.* Save time and money by avoiding a trip to the transfer station.



Contact us by phone or email to schedule. Find rates at **wcnorthwest.com/residential-rates**



**If you live in an apartment or condo, please contact your property manager for instructions.*

Live in the City of Vancouver? Customers can schedule **FREE** annual pickups:

- One appliance: refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, etc.
- Up to five bulky items: mattress, sofa, chair, table, dresser, etc.

Contact Information

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Contact Waste Connections to discuss local garbage, recycling, yard debris, organics and any service issues.

 wcnorthwest.com  360-892-5370

@ customerservice2010@wcnx.org

Find us on Facebook and Instagram: @wasteconnectionswa

Yard Debris and Organics

Reduce how much waste is ending up at the landfill by keeping yard debris and organic waste out of the garbage. Yard debris and food waste is turned into nutrient-rich compost which is important to build healthy soil. By using yard debris or organics service, you may even save money by reducing garbage cart size or frequency of collection!



Don't toss leftover Halloween pumpkins in the garbage - carved and uncarved pumpkins are accepted in yard debris and organics carts!

*Please remove glitter, paint, candles and all plastic from pumpkins.

**Not Accepted
in Yard Debris
and Organics:**



Plastic Bags



Paper,
Compostable
Products



Dirt, Sod, Rocks



Pet Waste



Treated Wood,
Painted Lumber

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Branches up to 4 inches in diameter and 5 feet in length

Contact us to set up service wcnorthwest.com/curbside-services



Available within the city limits of Vancouver and Ridgefield

Organics includes yard debris material AND food scraps!

ORGANICS RESIDUOS ORGÁNICOS RÁC HỮU CƠ ORGANICS



Fall leaves can block storm drains and cause flooding.

Please help: Never rake or blow leaves into the street. Prevent pooling in storm drains by placing fallen leaves in your backyard compost, yard debris or organics cart.

No cart? No problem! Clip this coupon for FREE leaf disposal at one of four convenient Clark County locations.

Free Leaf Disposal Coupon

Prevent street flooding – **never** blow or place leaves in the street.



City of Vancouver
Public Works



Vancouver and Clark County Residents Only

Valid October 1 – December 31, 2024

Present this coupon at a participating drop-off location for up to 5 cubic yards of **leaves only**. No bags, trimmings, yard debris or mixed loads accepted.

Complete the following information:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Zip: _____

City of Vancouver residents: Funding for this program is provided through your garbage rates.

Clark County residents: Funding for this program is provided through Clark County Public Works.

Drop-off locations:

Call ahead to verify operating hours. Loads must be covered and secured.

H&H Wood Recyclers

8401 NE 117th Ave., Vancouver, WA
360-892-2805

West Van Materials Recovery Center

6601 NW Old Lower River Road,
Vancouver, WA | 360-737-1727

McFarlane's Bark

8806 NE 117th Ave., Vancouver, WA
360-892-6125

Triangle Resources

612 SE Union Street, Camas, WA
360-834-7253

Stay Connected



Download the RecycleRight App!

- View collection schedule.
- Sign up for reminders and service alerts.
- Look up donation, recycling and disposal options with the A-Z Directory.



Sign up for free classes to learn about recycling and curbside composting.

These classes are offered through a partnership with City of Vancouver, Clark County Green Neighbors and Waste Connections.

cityofvancouver.us/recycleu



The Composter Recycler Program educates the community about ways to reduce waste, recycle more, and rethink our impact on natural resources.

Interested in learning about composting, waste reduction and green living? We offer a FREE public volunteer training and workshops to help get you started!

clarkcountymcomposts.org



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Your 2024-2025 guide to services and recycling right in Clark County

Inside:

- **FREE** 2024 Leaf Coupon
- Quick Recycling Guide

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We value your opinion!
Please participate in our survey and share your thoughts with us.