

# Recycling Review

RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL WAY BUSINESSES

WINTER 2014

## Free Recycling at Your Business

All businesses within the City of Federal Way limits with commercial garbage service are eligible for two free 96-gallon recycling carts, collected weekly. This includes businesses that share garbage service and individual businesses located within a business park or commercial building. You can recycle cardboard, mixed paper, plastic bottles/jugs/cups, glass bottles/jars and metal cans—all in the same cart. To order this free service, contact Waste Management at 800.592.9995.



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## Free Recycling Containers



## 5 Federal Way Businesses Recognized for Recycling

- Federal Way Naturopathy
- Frito Lay
- Kennedy/Jenks Consultant
- Marlene's Market & Deli
- Weyerhaeuser

Congratulations for being recognized on the King County 2014 "Best Workplaces for Waste Prevention and Recycling" list.

To learn about their recycling programs, visit [kingcounty.gov/recyclemore](http://kingcounty.gov/recyclemore), and click on the link.

Contact City of Federal Way Recycling at 253.835.2771 or [recycle@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:recycle@cityoffederalway.com)

## 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 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:

- Bottles
- Jugs
- Dairy 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.



Recycling Symbol



Plastic Resin Identification Code

## Still Bagging Recyclables? “Keep it Loose” Instead!

For most recyclers, empty recyclable materials out of bags and boxes so material is loose—this allows them to be sorted at the recycling center. Unless your recycler says its OK, please do not put loose plastic bags into your recycling container—even bags you use to collect your recyclables.

At the recycling center, huge rolling screens sort out the recyclable materials. But plastic bags clog these rolling screens like a string wraps around a vacuum cleaner brush, and on a much larger scale. At least twice a day, the entire sorting line stops running and plastic bags are cut out of the screens by hand.

Remember, “when it comes to recycling, keep it loose!” Recyclables stuck inside plastic bags end up being disposed as “residue”—and that just makes a waste out of your recycling efforts. Always keep loose plastic bags, film, and pallet wrap out of your recycling. There is one exception: plastic wrap and bags that are clean and clear can be bagged in large, clear plastic bags. These large bags get pulled out by workers before reaching the rolling screens.



## Glass: In or Out?



It depends upon your recycler if you can place glass bottles and jars in your recycling. Some companies are able to sort the glass out and have businesses that want their material, while others are not able to.

Check with your current recycler to find out their rules.

## What Happens to Your Recycling?

Watch Waste Management’s video of their local recycling sorting facility. Each facility is slightly different, but it will give you an idea of how recycling is sorted.

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

# BUSINESS RECYCLERS

## TRADITIONAL RECYCLABLES

(Paper, Cardboard, Plastic, Glass, Metal)

### Commercial Waste Reduction & Recycling

206.772.4745, [cwrrecycling.com](http://cwrrecycling.com)

### SeaDruNar Recycling

206.467.7550, [seadrunarrecycling.com](http://seadrunarrecycling.com)

### Waste Management

800.592.9995, [wmnorthwest.com/fedway](http://wmnorthwest.com/fedway)

### Paper/Cardboard Only

#### Fibres International

425.405.1700

[fibres.com](http://fibres.com)

#### International Paper

253.372.1360

[ipaper.com](http://ipaper.com)

### Metal Only

#### Calbag Metals Co

253.572.6800

[calbag.com](http://calbag.com)

#### Schnitzer Steel

253.572.4000

[schnitzersteel.com](http://schnitzersteel.com)

## GARBAGE

### Waste Management

800.592.9995

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

## COMPOST

### Cedar Grove Composting

877.994.4466

[gogreenscene.com](http://gogreenscene.com)

### Waste Management

800.592.9995

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

*Disclaimer: Inclusion on this list does not constitute endorsement by the City of Federal Way. Exclusion from this list is no comment on suitability of any other products or vendors.*

## Shredder Options & Services

Documents with account information or addresses often wind up in the shredder. While personal shredders allow you to shred 'as you go', they have an upfront cost, use staff time, and the shredded paper has to be disposed in the garbage (sorry—shredded paper doesn't belong in your recycling).

On-site shredding service has an ongoing cost, but features secure collection containers, regular service and (bonus!) the shredded paper also gets recycled.

A third option is to take documents to an office supply store that provides on-site shredding service (this also gets recycled)

Why not reduce what needs to be shredded in the first place? For example, you may not have to shred entire catalogs, whole magazines or large mailers. Tear off the account and/or personal information for shredding, and then the bulk of the paper can go in your recycling bin. For more information on shredding

and identify theft, visit the Washington State Attorney General's website at [atg.wa.gov](http://atg.wa.gov) and look for business resources.



## 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*



# RECYCLING OPTIONS FOR OTHER MATERIALS

Many items are recyclable, but can't be included in your regular recycling container.  
Here are some recycling options for a variety of materials.

## STYROFOAM

Pick-Up/Drop off:

### Styro Recycle

800 SW 43rd St, Renton  
253.838.9555  
[styrorecycle.com](http://styrorecycle.com)

Drop Off:

### R & D Recycling

7214 26th St E #C10, Fife  
253.241.1904  
[rndrecycling.com](http://rndrecycling.com)

### Tacoma Landfill Recycling Center

3510 S Mullen St, Tacoma  
253.502.2100



## BATTERIES

Rechargeable Battery

Drop Off:

Multiple free local  
drop-off locations:  
[call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org)



Battery Pick-Up Services:

### All Battery Sales and Service

888.562.9501  
[allbatterysalesandservice.com](http://allbatterysalesandservice.com)

## USED COOKING OIL

General Biodiesel

206.932.1600  
[generalbiodiesel.com](http://generalbiodiesel.com)



## COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

### A Plus Removal & Recycling

1302 W Main St #25, Auburn  
253.737.4441  
[aplusremovalandrecycling.com](http://aplusremovalandrecycling.com)

More Listings:

### Take It Back Network

206.477.4466  
[takeitbacknetwork.org](http://takeitbacknetwork.org)

### eCycle Washington

800.732.9253  
[ecyclewashington.org](http://ecyclewashington.org)

## FLUORESCENT TUBES & BULBS

### EcoLights Northwest

888.214.2327  
[ecolights.com](http://ecolights.com)

### PSC Environmental Services

800.228.7872  
[pscnow.com](http://pscnow.com)



*The disposal of mercury-containing lights by any Washington State businesses or entity is prohibited by law. A manufacturer-operated system will be in place starting January 1, 2015 to recycle these lights at no cost. For information please visit [lightrecyclewa.org](http://lightrecyclewa.org)*

## VARIETY OF MATERIALS

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## Comprehensive Local Recycling Databases

Find out how to recycle almost anything—microwaves, paint, printers, ink/toner cartridges, furniture, carpet & more!

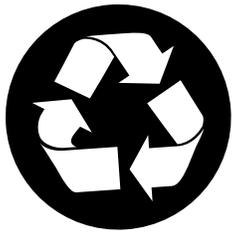
### King County "What Do I Do With...?"

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)





## Close the Loop by Buying Recycled

Close the recycling loop by purchasing items with recycled content. Using products and materials made from recycled content reduces

the consumption of natural resources and creates a critical market for recycled content goods. Support recycling by feeding this loop: recycle, then buy recycled. Examples of new products made with percentages of recycled content materials are copy paper, carpet, tables, couches and even local compost.

## Be Recognized as an Environmentally Responsible Business

EnviroStars helps businesses manage their hazardous waste and certifies those with environmentally friendly business practices. Participating businesses are listed and recognized for their efforts—why not add yours? Visit [envirostars.org](http://envirostars.org) or call 206.263.3063 for more info.



## Got Hazardous Waste? Get Rid of it the Safe Way!

No-charge drop-off options are available for businesses that qualify as “Small Quantity Generators” in King County. Limits apply and a Disposal Clearance Form must be completed in advance. Call the Business Waste Line at 206.263.8899 or visit [HazWasteHelp.org](http://HazWasteHelp.org) for information and drop off sites, plus tips on safely transporting your qualified hazardous waste.

Hazardous wastes your business might generate include: glues/adhesives, thinners/solvents, corrosives/cleaners, and all batteries.

## Weyerhaeuser Wins Business Recycler of the Year Award

Weyerhaeuser won the City of Federal Way’s business recycler of the year award. The Corporate Headquarters and Technology Center currently recycles over 55 percent of the waste it generates which is nearly 100,000 pounds of material! Weyerhaeuser has an active Green Team known as “The Sustainables” that focuses on environmental improvements. One impressive accomplishment is their annual “waste-free” company picnics where “The Sustainables” made extraordinary efforts to ensure everything was reused, recycled or composted. Last summer, they served over 700 employees and created just five pounds of trash. Congratulations to Weyerhaeuser staff for all you’re accomplishing!

Your business is encouraged to apply for this award by the end of this year. Please tell us about your recycling efforts by completing and returning the business recycling award application. Download online [cityoffederalway.com/recyclingaward](http://cityoffederalway.com/recyclingaward) or call 253.835.2771.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Every ton of paper (approximately 12 cubic yards) made from recycled materials saves about 7,000 gallons of water, 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space and 4000 kilowatts of energy.

Source: EPA

# Superstar Recyclers!

The following businesses are not just recycling the traditional items, but they signed up with Waste Management or Cedar Grove Composting to recycle food scraps and yard debris too. Great job!



## HEALTHCARE:

- DaVita
- Federal Way Medical Dental Building
- Life Care Center of Federal Way
- St. Francis Hospital
- Twin Lakes Chiropractic

## SCHOOLS:

- Adelaide Elementary
- Brigadoon Elementary
- Federal Way High School
- Green Gables Elementary
- Mirror Lake Elementary
- Nautilus Elementary
- Olympic View Elementary
- Saghalie Middle School
- Silver Lake Elementary
- Todd Beamer High School
- Truman High School
- Twin Lakes Elementary

## RESTAURANTS:

- Billy McHale's
- Jimmy Mac's Roadhouse
- Kum Kang San BBQ Grill Buffet
- Outback Steakhouse
- Panera Bread

## FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS:

- Calvary Lutheran Church
- Church of Good Shepherd
- Church of the Nazarene
- Family Life Community Church
- First Ukrainian Baptist
- New Hope Christian Fellowship
- Puget Sound Baptist Association
- Seventh-day Adventist Church

## RETAIL STORES:

- Albertsons
- Fred Meyer
- H-Mart
- Home Depot
- Lowe's
- Oriental Garden Center
- Walmart

## NOT FOR PROFIT & GOVERNMENT

- Boys & Girls Club of King County
- City of Federal Way
- Multi-Service Center
- Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center

## OTHER:

- Frito Lay
- Wall Street Journal
- Weyerhaeuser

## Biodegradable ≠ Compostable

### Understanding "Green Marketing" Claims

To most folks, biodegradable and compostable mean the same thing – items will break down or decompose. These are actually different terms, and the rules for using these terms are lax. Technically, "biodegradable" refers to things that physically break down into smaller and smaller pieces. "Compostable" means that under the right conditions, an item actually changes to compost, a nutrient-rich soil amendment. "Cedar Grove Compostable" means the item has passed special tests and is accepted at Cedar Groves composting facility.

All food, plant trimmings and food-soiled paper (like pizza boxes and paper napkins) can go to the composting facility. But what about so-called "eco-friendly" packaging? Some "compostable" items will eventually break down, but not in the standard process at our local composting facility.

Cedar Grove maintains a list of acceptable items on their website that have been tested and approved at [cedar-grove.com/commercial/accepted-items/](https://cedar-grove.com/commercial/accepted-items/). Please make sure that any items you put in food/yard waste containers are Cedar Grove approved.

### Basic Steps:

- Reduce waste by using durable items that can be reused.
- If you choose to use "compostable" items, make sure they are "Cedar Grove approved" before putting them in the food/yard waste container.
- Never put plastic bags into the compost.



## 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 contact Waste Management at 800.592.9995.



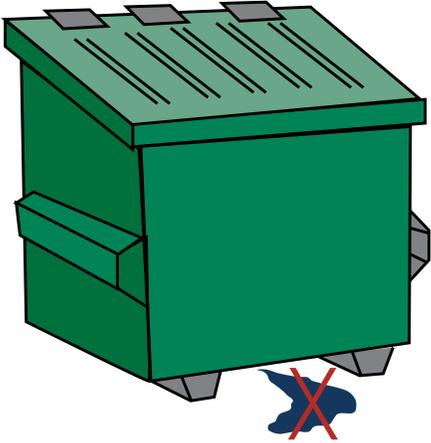
## Garbage Rates

Waste Management provides garbage service per a contract with the City. Rates are linked to CPI and increase annually on March 1. For current rates, visit [cityoffederalway.com/recycling](http://cityoffederalway.com/recycling), click on Documents & Publications and scroll down to Rates.

Business recycling and food/yard waste services are 'open-market'—which means there are no set rates and multiple providers. Providers can adjust rates and you can choose or switch providers as needed. This applies to temporary services as well (like hauling remodeling debris). However, all scheduled or ongoing 'regular' garbage hauling is provided solely by Waste Management within city limits.

## Leaky or Broken Dumpster?

If your dumpster is leaking, has a broken wheel or is missing lids, please call Waste Management at 800.592.9995 for a free replacement. If your recycling container is provided by another company, please contact them for a replacement.



Please close lids! An open container collects rainwater that mixes with wastes. This makes a nasty blend of grease, pathogens, and chemicals which can leak out or spill when the container is emptied. This means slippery areas, unpleasant smells, and stormwater pollution. If this gunk runs into storm drains, this violates City Code. All leaks require immediate clean-up or else fines will be issued.

**REMEMBER!**

**No liquids in the garbage or recycling!**



## FREE On-site Recycling Assessment

The City will provide an on-site waste assessment of your business free of charge. Our consultant will help you "right size" services to save money, plus train staff or custodians, and provide free interior recycling containers (supplies are limited) as well as instructions or signs for reminders. We can also help find easy recycling options for special materials like computers and fluorescent tubes.

Contact for Free Business Recycling Assistance:



Solid Waste & Recycling  
253.835.2771

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

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Информация, доступная на русском языке

Alternative formats available upon request.

Call 253.835.2771, TTY Relay 711

# 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