



RECYCLING



REVIEW

SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING DIVISION

RESIDENTIAL NEWSLETTER



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JUST GIVE GREASE A CHANCE

Recycle used cooking oil for free! General Biodiesel services a collection tank located in the parking area at French Lake Dog Park (31531 1st Ave S.) and turns it into low carbon fuel.

Here are some tips for recycling used cooking oil:

- Never pour oil down drain or place liquid oil in garbage, recycling or yard waste.
- Transport cool cooking oil in plastic jugs with twist-on lids. Use jugs that allow easy pouring into the collection tank. Please pour slowly to avoid splatter.
- Please rinse and recycle your empty jugs at home (sorry, no container disposal on site).

This free public service is sponsored by the City and Lakehaven Utility District. ■



MAKE RECYCLING DAY EASIER

Did you know that you no longer need to set out two separate recycling containers? Empty your bottles and cans bin into your recycling cart. Then wheel all your recyclables to the curb in one trip. The same truck picks up the paper and the bottles, so there is no need to separate. Need a larger recycling cart at no additional cost? Contact Waste Management today at 800.592.9995.

Your recyclables are collected by the same truck—no need to separate bottles from paper.



RECYCLE FOOD SCRAPS IN YARD WASTE CART

Once you master curbside recycling, the next easiest way to reduce what you send to the landfill is food scrap recycling! It may seem a little icky at first, but a bit of planning makes it easy—and creates big environmental benefits. Food scraps veggie peels, stale bread, bones, and coffee grounds now belong in your curbside yard waste cart.

These materials are mixed with yard waste and become rich compost products.

Don't like taking food scraps out daily? Just keep a small container (like an old plastic pitcher with lid) on the kitchen counter to collect your scraps, and take it out when full. Special counter-top containers (complete with air filters) are on sale for \$5 at **Northshore Ace Hardware** (35419 21st Ave SW) and **Oriental Garden Center** (30650 Pacific Hwy S). County grant funds subsidize these containers.

Keep your yard waste cart clean by using a biodegradable bag, paper sack or even newspaper to wrap your food scraps. Visit recyclefood.com for retail locations for biodegradable bags and more food waste recycling tips. ■

CAUTION! DANGER! WARNING! POISON!

These four words are on the labels of many hazardous products we have in our homes. Protect the health of your family, pets and planet by properly disposing of old or unwanted hazardous chemicals for free. The SuperMall Wastemobile is now open every weekend for your convenience. This service is funded by surcharges on garbage and sewer fees.

Auburn SuperMall Wastemobile

Northwest loading dock,
between Nordstrom Rack and
Sports Authority

10AM–5PM every Saturday &
Sunday, excluding holidays

Accepted items: cleaners,
pesticides, herbicides,
chemicals, automotive fluids, oil
based paint, fluorescent bulbs/
tubes, propane tanks, and more!

More information:
206.296.4692
lhwp.org

GREEN YOUR HOLIDAYS

Styrofoam Recycling

Gifts and the holiday season often equal Styrofoam. Be green by recycling those bulky blocks. The City of Federal Way hosts the annual Styrofoam block collection Dec 31 to Jan 18 at Federal Way City Hall, 33325 8th Ave S. Collection carts are located in the northeast corner of City Hall parking lot, with resident access available during daylight hours. Only clean white Styrofoam blocks are accepted—Please do not bring cups, trays, foam sheeting, plastic wrap, or other plastics.

Recycle Styrofoam for free year-round at **Styro Recycle** (800 SW 43rd St in Renton—near IKEA). For information, visit www.styrorecycle.com or call 253.838.9555.



Holiday Tree Recycling

Set out used holiday trees on your neighborhood's collection day between Dec 31 and Jan 11. Trees are collected for free from all Federal Way residents each year—even if you don't subscribe to yard waste service. Trees must be set out at the curb by 7 a.m. and cut in half if over 6' tall. Decorated or flocked trees cannot be composted and will be charged as garbage. Wreathes and pruned branches are not part of this service—they belong in yard waste carts. ■

VOLUNTEER LITTER COLLECTION

Is your organization looking for a community service activity?

Consider picking up litter in local parks or along roadsides.

The City offers free supplies – litter bags, safety vests, gloves, litter pickers and more.

Together we can help make Federal Way more beautiful. Contact us at 253.835.2771 or recycle@cityoffederalway.com





Recycle Palooza & Family Green Fest

What do 10,000 pounds of confidential documents, a \$1,000 grand prize, 550 people and 18 vendors all have in common? The second annual Family Green Fest and Recycle Palooza Event, which took place April 28 at the Federal Way Community Center.

Over 5 tons of confidential documents were shredded courtesy of Woodstone Credit Union. WestSide Baby collected nearly 60 car seats for recycling and reuse by the needy. Styro Recycle bagged 20 cubic yards of Styrofoam to recycle. Federal Way Police collected over 160 pounds of unwanted medications in conjunction with DEA's secure drug take-back efforts.

The Family Green Fest featured info on a variety of trendy topics including composting, green remodeling, green gardening, energy conservation, green cleaning options, organic foods and more.

The 2012 Recycle Palooza contest winners were declared from 45 Federal Way competing residences. Prizes courtesy of Waste Management:

- **\$1,000 grand prize:** Brad Blunci
- **\$200 garbage service credit:** Myra Aho, Dan Ayers, Peggy Beck, Chris Buchanan, Joanne Harrell, John Houde, Rose Jacobi, Peter Johnson, George Torralba & Donald Viele
- **\$50 gift card:** Helena Cho, Janice Cockerham-Twigg, Teddie Cummings, Dianne Ferguson, Jessica Gandulin, John Howard, Kandi Kimberling, Michele Peterson, Marco Sauri & Phil Sell

Plans are already underway for Recycle Palooza 2013. Subscribe to cityoffederalway.com/notifyme for updates. ■



GREEN YOUR HOME WITH FREE WORKSHOPS

The City of Federal Way is hosting workshops to help green your home. Workshops are free and open to all residents. There will be a variety of informative speakers at each workshop, plus plenty of time for questions. In addition, light refreshments and door prizes will be provided. All workshops are held at City Hall Council Chambers, 33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way



Green Building & Remodeling
Monday, October 8
6:00-8:00 PM

- Green up your next home remodeling project
- Reuse and recycle building materials
- Benefits of green certification



Green Energy
Monday, October 22
6:00-8:00 PM

- Low cost DIY energy savings projects
- PSE rebates and grants explained
- Alternative energy—what works and what's practical



Healthy Homes and Gardens
Monday, October 29
6:00-8:00 PM

- Green cleaners that work
- Link between your health and products used in home
- Put "natural" back in "nature"

For more information or to RSVP, please visit cityoffederalway.com/greenhomes or call 253.835.2644.



POP QUIZ:

Recycling Plastic Containers

What does the number on the bottom of a plastic container mean?

- A. How many times the plastic container has been recycled.
- B. The type of resin used to make the plastic.
- C. How easy it is to recycle (1=easiest, 7=most difficult)

If you chose B, you are correct! The number on plastic containers shows the type of resin it's made from. It does not say whether or not it is recyclable in local curbside programs. Items marked with the same number create plenty of confusion. For example, a #1 bottle and #1 microwaveable tray may start from the same resin, but different additives make them melt at different temperatures. This means the bottle goes into your recycling cart, and the tray can't.

How can you make it easy to recycle plastics? Simply recycle based on these shapes:
Bottles • Jugs • Tubs • Cups



WHO TO CONTACT FOR WHAT...



Waste Management

Start, cancel or change garbage, recycling, and yard waste services

- Missed collection
- Missing/damaged carts
- Vacation service hold (advance notice only).

800.592.9995

wmnorthwest.com/fedway



City of Federal Way Recycling

Assistance with recycling and composting.

253.835.2771

recycle@cityoffederalway.com
cityoffederalway.com/recycling

Sign up for email notifications:
cityoffederalway.com/notifyme

King County Transfer Stations

Facilities for disposing of garbage for a fee.

206.296.4466

kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

Household Hazards Line

Assistance with reducing and disposing of household hazardous waste.

206.296.4692

lhwmp.org

Comprehensive Local Recycling Databases

Find out how to recycle almost anything!

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

FUN & GAMES!

Find and circle the names of items you can recycle .



C R K P V B H L M N
 S A C I T S A L P E
 S C R T R T N U G W
 A J D D E E B A L S
 L B A M B O P X P P
 G P E R T O C A R A
 P Y S T S H A T P P
 R Z L C A N S R K E
 S E W J N T Z Q D R
 S F O G B I D X F E

Word list:

BOTTLES
 CANS
 CARDBOARD
 GLASS
 JARS
 METAL
 NEWSPAPER
 PAPER
 PLASTIC