

Recycling Review

RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL WAY RESIDENTS

FALL 2014

Free Bag of Compost for Helping Keep it Sticker-Free

Did you know that those little stickers on fruits and veggies are NOT edible and NOT paper—they are plastic! Produce stickers do not belong in your food/yard waste cart.

Waste Management has partnered with Cedar Grove to provide residents a free bag of compost for helping keep compost products sticker-free.

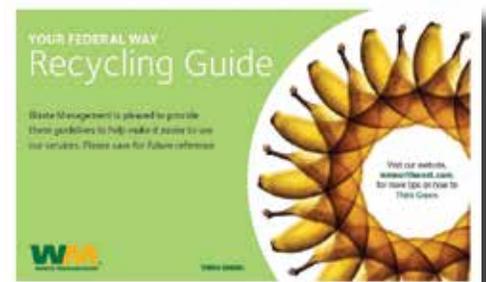


1. Get a Produce Sticker Trading Card:
 - Visit a WM Recycling Information Station at one of the participating community events throughout the Puget Sound to receive a card—www.wmfoodcycling.com
 - Request one to be mailed to you by emailing recycle@cityoffederalway.com or calling 253.835.2771
2. Remove stickers from produce and place on trading card. Choose any 20 stickers you want—no need to match the examples on the card.
3. Each completed card is good for a FREE bag of compost at any of the Cedar Grove Landscape Yards. (Closest is 17825 Cedar Grove Rd SE, Maple Valley.) Other locations: cedar-grove.com. **Hurry—this program is only good through 12/31/15!**

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Need a Curbside Recycling Guide?



Pick up your guide at City Hall at 33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way. If you need it mailed, please email recycle@cityoffederalway.com or call 253.835.2771.

No Plastic Bags in Recycling

Don't put plastic bags in your recycling container! Yes, you read that correctly. Please do not put any plastic bags in your recycling container—even bags used to store and carry recyclables out.

Your recycling goes to a facility that uses machinery to separate materials. Plastic bags clog the sorting machines the same way a string gets wrapped around your vacuum cleaner brush, but on a much larger scale. At least twice a day, the entire facility stops running, and the plastic bags have to be cut out of the screens by hand.

Plastic bags should be reused for a variety of purposes – garbage, pet waste and more. You can also “bag the bags” and recycle them at grocery stores along with bread bags, newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags and plastic wrap from paper products such as paper towels.

Reduce waste in the first place! To generate less plastic bags, simply take reusable bags to the store. If you often forget these, ask your children to remind you or write a reminder on your shopping list.

DID YOU KNOW?

For every \$1,000 of fast food sales, 200 pounds of trash is created.

Source: Washington Department of Ecology

Paper Towels

Where do paper towels go? Please place in your food/yard waste cart for composting!

Paper towels, Kleenex, etc. are all made of a low grade of paper that are not suitable for recycling.

Keep Leaves Out of Storm Drains

Fallen leaves can plug storm drains, causing flooding in our streets and harming our creeks. City crews work to keep storm drains clear, but with over 12,000 drains in Federal Way alone, we could use your help! Please remove fallen leaves and place in your yard waste cart or home compost pile. Never rake or blow leaves into the storm drain as this is a violation of City code.

Remember, "The drain is just for rain." If flooding is severe and you are unable to clear the drain, please call the City of Federal Way Public Works at 253.835.2700.

\$5 Food Scrap Buckets



Take the "ick-factor" out of collecting food scraps and food soiled paper with food scrap collection containers and special compostable bag liners. The first step in composting food scraps and food-soiled paper at home is to choose a kitchen collection container that is right for you. This could be as simple as using a paper bag, reusing a large plastic yogurt container, or purchasing a discounted \$5 food scrap bucket from 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.

No Milk Cartons in the Food/Yard Waste Cart

Milk cartons have plastic inside them that does not break down in the composting process. Please rinse and place in your regular blue recycling container - do not place in your food/yard waste cart.





FREE RECYCLING!!!



Free Needles & Sharps Disposal

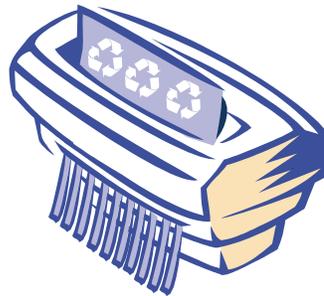
The Bow Lake Transfer Station Recycling Center (18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila) has a free drop box for needles and sharps. Please do not place these items in the garbage as they can injure workers and spread disease. Mail-in programs are also available for small fee—search online for “sharps mail in programs”.

Free Document Shredding 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, 10 AM-3 PM)



Free Used Cooking Oil Recycling



Free Styrofoam Recycling

Everyday Recycling:

R & D Recycling

7214 26th St E #C10, Fife
253.241.1904

rndrecycling.com

Tacoma Landfill Recycling Center

3510 S Mullen St, Tacoma
253.502.2100

Winter Collection Event:

City Hall Parking Lot

33325 8th Ave S

Dec 29, 2014–Jan 16, 2015

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

Free Fluorescent Bulb & Tube Recycling

CFLs (twisty bulbs) and fluorescent tubes contain a small amount of mercury, a toxic substance that is released into the environment when a bulb or tube breaks. These are no longer accepted in the garbage and need to be taken to a special place for disposal.



Puget Sound Energy has free collection boxes for the small bulbs (no tubes!) at places such as City Hall, Home Depot and Lowe's. Visit pse.com/cflrecycling for a complete list of locations.

The Auburn Hazardous Wastemobile at the Outlet Collection (previously Auburn SuperMall) accepts both CFLs and fluorescent tubes at no charge. Visit the drop-off tent in the outside loading dock located between Nordstrom Rack and Sports Authority. They are open Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM to 5 PM. More information and a complete list of accepted items can be found at lhwp.org or by calling 888.ToxicEd (869.4233).

Auburn Hazardous Wastemobile

Outlet Collection

between Nordstrom Rack and Sports Authority

Saturdays and Sundays
10 AM to 5 PM

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lhwp.org



FREE RECYCLING!!!



Getting Rid of Stuff? Post an Ad Online

Do you have an item in “useable” shape that a second hand store won’t take or you cannot haul? Consider posting an ad online to see if anyone is interested in it:

Craigslist:
seattle.craigslist.org/

eBay Classifieds:
seattle.ebayclassifieds.com

2good2toss:
2good2toss.com/

Freecycle:
freecycle.org/group/US/Washington



Free Microwave Recycling

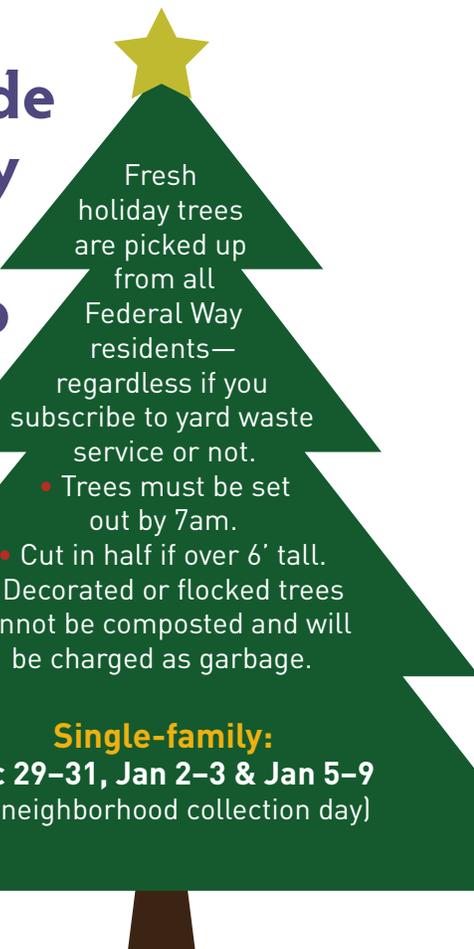
Drop off your old or broken washers, dryers, microwaves, metal pans, wire hangers, old flatware, foil, and other metal items that cannot be donated.

There are multiple scrap metal yards in the area that you can visit—call ahead for hours, rates and restrictions. Here is one of the closest with a special “Retail Dock” for residents.

Calbag Metals

1602 Marine View Dr
Tacoma
253.572.6800
calbag.com

Free Curbside Holiday Tree Pick-up



Fresh holiday trees are picked up from all Federal Way residents—

regardless if you subscribe to yard waste service or not.

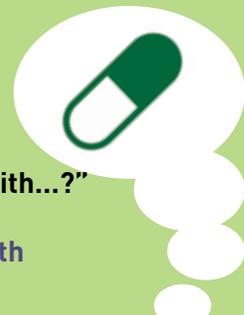
- Trees must be set out by 7am.
- Cut in half if over 6’ tall.
- Decorated or flocked trees cannot be composted and will be charged as garbage.

Single-family:

Dec 29–31, Jan 2–3 & Jan 5–9
(on neighborhood collection day)

Comprehensive Local Recycling Databases

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



King County “What Do I Do With...?”
206.477.4466
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



Rent or Borrow Instead of Buying

Instead of buying, consider renting or borrowing items that you use infrequently. You'd be amazed at the many items commonly available for rent: trailers, camping equipment, lawn equipment, ladders, power tools, tree-trimming equipment, folding tables and chairs. You can save money (over buying), get a better quality product, and not have to deal with storage or maintenance.

Talk with your neighbors, close friends or family about sharing equipment and tools. For example, you have a pressure washer and your neighbor has an extension ladder. Talk to each other about borrowing the items when needed. (Homemade cookies are usually accepted as payment for borrowing items too!) Not only do exchanges like this save money, they help build community.



America Recycles Day

November 15 is America Recycles Day!

Visit americarecyclesday.org to take the recycling pledge and view upcoming events.

The City of Federal Way is hosting two events at City Hall (33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way) to recognize America Recycles Day:

Greenwashing: How to Spot Deceptive Green Marketing Wed, Nov. 12, 6–8pm

King County's Eco Consumer will give you the scoop on how to spot "greenwashing" (deceptive marketing of products aimed at making them seem safer or better for you and the environment). We'll also have tips for "greening up" your holidays.

RSVP at cityoffederalway.com/greenliving

Energy-Efficient Light Bulb Sale Thur, Nov. 13, 1–7pm

Puget Sound Energy is offering deeply discounted energy-efficient light bulbs for residents. All kits contain super-efficient LED and CFL bulbs plus a water-saving showerhead. The \$10 kit is valued at \$90 and the \$20 kit is valued at \$135.

More details at cityoffederalway.com/recycling

FREE!

Monthly Green Living Workshops

The City hosts free workshops on a variety of "green" topics such as gardening, composting and rain barrels.

2nd Wednesday of each month

(except August and December)

6:00 PM–8:00 PM

Federal Way City Hall • 33325 8th Ave S

Light refreshments, door prizes, giveaways and informational materials are provided at each workshop.

Visit cityoffederalway.com/greenliving or call 253.835.2700 for the workshop schedule and to RSVP.

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*

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

Waste Management

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

1.800.592.9995 (M-F 7AM-5PM, Sat 9AM-1PM)

wmnorthwest.com/fedway

City of Federal Way Recycling

- Assistance with recycling and composting

253.835.2771

recycle@cityoffederalway.com

cityoffederalway.com/recycling

King County Transfer Stations

- Facilities for disposing of garbage for a fee

206.477.4466,

kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

Algona Transfer Station

35315 W Valley Hwy, Algona

Bow Lake Transfer Station and Recycling Center

18800 Orillia Rd S, Tukwila

Household Hazards Line

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

1.888.ToxicEd (869.4233),

lhwp.org

Keep Connected



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

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