RECYCLING DONE RIGHT

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Many products are packaged in bags or wrap. Bring this packaging to participating stores to be recycled. Learn more about this initiative at plasticfilmrecycling.org.

BEYOND plastic bags

Bubble wrap, grocery bags, bread bags, cereal box liners, produce bags and the plastic wrap around paper towels, toilet paper and cases of water. What do all these plastic items have in common?

They're not acceptable in your blue recycle cart!

We know what you're thinking: *"Why? They're made out of plastic and I recycle plastic all the time! Some of these bags even have recycling instructions printed right on them!"*

Plastic films and bags wind themselves around the gears of the machinery at our recycling facilities. Four times each day, staff must shut down the recycling line, crawl inside the machines and cut out all the tangled bags and film that become so dirty that they must be thrown away.

What if we told you that there is another way?

Enter: Recycle Right – Beyond Bags, a collaborative effort of Waste Connections, Clark County, City of Vancouver, Safeway, Trex and the Wrap Recycling Action Program.

In August 2015, the program launched as an effort to help residents recycle these materials correctly. In the big blue cart, these items are a problem; however, when clean and dry plastic bags and film are brought back to Safeway and many other retail locations in Clark County, they can be recycled into Trex composite lumber!

One fun component of the Recycle Right – Beyond Bags program, was the Trex Plastic Film Recycling Challenge. Clark County Green Schools rallied twenty-one local schools to participate in a simple challenge—the schools that collected the most plastic film and bags per person between November 2015 and April 2016 would win a prize and glory!

The winning schools were Battle Ground High School, Liberty Middle School, Mill Plain Elementary and Sarah J. Anderson Elementary. Each received a bench made of Trex lumber at celebratory assemblies. At the end of the challenge, a whopping 11,766 pounds (nearly six tons), of plastic bags and wrap were collected.

Michelle Picinich, coordinator of the Clark County Green Schools program, astounded by the participation and collection rates, remarked, "it's hard to imagine how many plastic bags it would take to equal 11,766 pounds! A plastic bag hardly weighs anything!"

The Trex Challenge will come back to Clark County schools for another year of friendly competition beginning this November on America Recycles Day.

We invite you to celebrate America Recycles Day everyday, by recycling your plastic bags and film at the store and by learning more about recycling, garbage and yard debris on the following pages.

Clark County business takes a *bite* out of wasted food

An estimated 70 billion tons of food is wasted in the United States every year. Much of this mountain of food waste can be avoided with careful planning.

Take the Hilton. Located in downtown Vancouver, the local Hilton hosts many fabulous catered events. Typically, events such as these come with a certain degree of food waste. Not at the Hilton. Through careful planning with clients, the Hilton is able to provide quality guest experiences while preventing and reducing wasted food.

Steven Nelson, Assistant General Manager, explains their process: "we work directly with our event clients to ensure that the total number expected at an event is as accurate as it can be, as well as to update the number in attendance even up to the moment food service begins. This ensures that just the right amount of food is actually prepared."

In addition, the Hilton seeks to donate any leftover food to local food banks and shelters as much as possible.

The Hilton is one of many businesses in Clark County committed to making sustainable operations a priority through the Clark County Green Business program. The program provides a framework for continual improvement, empowering businesses to become as efficient as possible. Waste reduction, including the reduction of food waste, is an important part of Green Business certification.

Learn how your business can reduce food waste and become more sustainable by visiting ClarkGreenBiz.Com.

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DANGER CAUTION WARNING POISON

Many products found in your home can be hazardous if you don't use, store or dispose of them properly. These items are often labeled with terms such as DANGER, CAUTION, POISON and WARNING. These products can be harmful to people, pets and the environment. They often fall into one of the following categories:

Automotive Products	Household Cleaners
Antifreeze Motor Oil	Oven Cleaners Disinfectants
Paints/Solvents	**Poisons**
Paint Thinner Varnish	Insecticides Herbicides

The best thing to do is use up these products, finishing the whole container. The next best option is giving the products to someone else who can use them. But when you want to dispose of these items, they are considered household hazardous waste (HHW), and need to be treated with care.

Proper disposal of HHW is key. Tossing these items in the garbage or recycling is a safety hazard to Waste Connections employees and can cause fires, explosions and injuries. Pouring these products down household and storm drains can harm our environment.

When it comes to HHW disposal, Waste Connections has the solution. Carefully load your vehicle with up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of sealed, unmixed HHW and head to one of our transfer stations for FREE disposal during the following days:

West Vancouver Materials Recovery Center
6601 NW Old Lower River Rd
(360) 737-1727
Friday & Saturday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Central Transfer and Recycling
11034 NE 117 Ave
(360) 256-8482
Friday – Sunday
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Washougal Transfer Station
4020 S Grant ST
(360) 825-2500
Third Saturdays
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Call before you haul!

It can be easy to accumulate a lot of these hazardous materials. In fact, national estimates show that the average home contains between three and eight gallons of HHW. For your family's well-being, consider switching to safer products. In many cases, there are simple alternatives to household products that contain hazardous materials, such as aerosols and harsh cleaners.

Aerosol spray cans contain highly pressurized liquid and gases that are explosive and sometimes flammable. Consider switching to a similar product in pump-spray, roll-on or liquid form. Easy-peasy!

Many all-purpose cleaners contain ammonia and sodium hypochlorite, chemicals that can burn the skin and irritate the eyes and lungs. Instead, try cleaning naturally with a 1:1 mix of water and white vinegar spray. Common ingredients in green cleaning recipes are water, vinegar, lemon, baking soda, borax and soap.

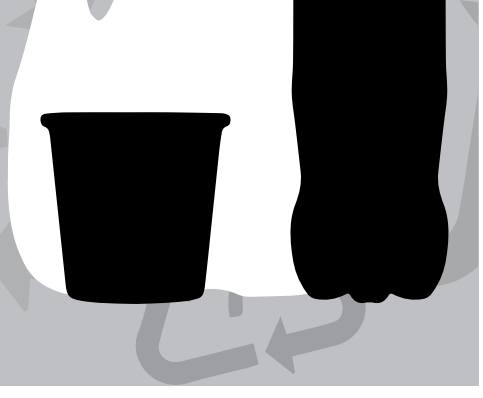
You can learn more about alternatives to HHW and take a HHW home assessment at ClarkGreenNeighbors.org.





Simply Plastic

Forget the complicated numbers and arrows on the bottom of the container! The most recyclable plastics come in three basic shapes: the **bottle**, **jug** and **tub**. So when you go to recycle something plastic, just ask yourself: *is it a bottle, jug, or tub?* If not, please don't put it in the recycle cart!



Turn Yard Debris into Compost!



Don't send your yard debris to the landfill! Call us to learn more about this optional program!

Yes
brush, leaves, weeds, branches, grass clippings

No
paper, food, garbage, pet waste, dirt, construction debris, rocks, branches over 4 in. wide or 5 ft. long

Please don't overfill carts. For an additional charge, extra yard debris may be placed at the curb in **cans**, **bags**, and/or **bundles**. Please follow these guidelines:



CANS	Up to 32 gallons, less than 75 lbs.
BAGS	Compostable, double-walled kraft bags, less than 40 lbs.
BUNDLES	Tie with twine or string

Tips from the Experts



Ashley

Customer Service Representative

"Drivers can come any time between 6:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. So if you don't see your driver at the usual time, don't worry! Their schedule may have changed due to weather, traffic, construction or other route delays."

Martin

Recycle Truck Driver

"Please remember to place your carts with the lid opening facing the street. If it's backwards, the lid can get in the way and stop items from getting in the truck."





Anna

Transfer Station Employee

"Keep in mind that people sort through your recyclables. Please make sure that nothing you place in your recycle cart is too heavy or too dirty."

Clark County Division of Solid Waste and Environmental Outreach is proud to offer a suite of programs to help our community go green:

Green Neighbors offers the community quality events like the Recycle Day events and the Recycled Arts Festival. Sign up for the newsletter to stay up to date on green tips and earth-friendly events in Clark County at ClarkGreenNeighbors.org.

Green Business provides businesses a structured approach to implementing green practices and measuring results. Go to ClarkGreenBiz.com to learn how your business can get certified.

Green Schools provides support for local public and private schools in their sustainability efforts. It connects Clark County schools with the statewide Washington Green Schools environmental certification program. The program also provides education and assistance in waste reduction, recycling and food composting in school cafeterias. To get involved, contact 360-397-2121.

Master Composter/Recyclers educates the community about easy ways to reduce waste, recycle more, and re-think our impact on natural resources. Learn more about composting and volunteering by visiting ClarkCountyComposts.org.

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Free Leaf Disposal COUPON

Valid: October 1 - December 31, 2016

For Vancouver & Clark County residents only

DISPOSAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

City Bark
2419 NE Andresen
Vancouver, WA
360-253-8461

H & H Wood Recyclers
8401 NE 117th Ave
Vancouver, WA
360-892-2805

West Van Materials Recovery Center
6601 NW Old Lower River Rd
Vancouver, WA | 360-737-1727

Triangle Resources
612 SE Union St
Camas, WA
360-834-7253

Prevent street flooding – NEVER blow or place leaves in the street.
Use this coupon for free leaf disposal from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2016.

This coupon must be presented at the drop-off site and is for **LEAVES ONLY**, up to 5 cubic yards. No trimmings, yard debris or mixed loads with this coupon; these items will be charged at the regular price. Leaves must be emptied from plastic or kraft bags.

Sponsored by: City of Vancouver Washington Public Works · Clark County, Washington

To redeem coupon, complete the following info:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Zip: _____

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Items should be clean and dry. Rinse only if needed.

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RECYCLE CART

PLASTIC



Bottles



Jugs



Tubs

NO



Hoses, Stretchy Plastic, Chemicals

PAPER



Paper



Cardboard



Cartons



Paperboard

NO



To Go Containers, Paper Towels, Dirty Paper

METAL



Aluminum, Steel, Tin Cans



Aerosol Cans



Aluminum Trays

NO



Propane Tanks, Auto Parts, Sharp Items

GLASS BIN

GLASS



Jars



Bottles

NO



Cookware, Dishware, Plate Glass

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Prune tree branches to allow 14 ft. vertical clearance above the road.

Please have all containers set out by the curb no later than 6:00 a.m.



Service Information

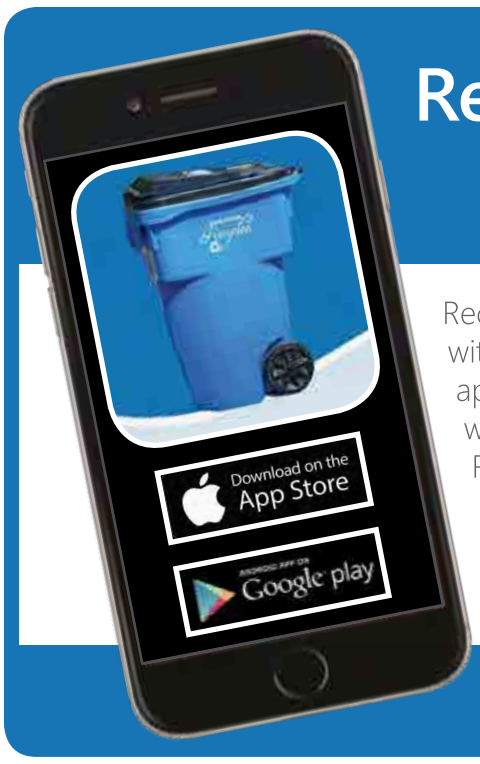
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City of Vancouver Solid Waste Services
cityofvancouver.us/recycling • 360-487-7160

Clark County Solid Waste Services
clark.wa.gov/solidwaste • 360-397-2121, ext. 4352

City of Camas
cityofcamas.us/index.php/pwgarbage • 360-834-2462

Recycling Right Made Easy!



Recycling right is now easier than ever with the new **RecycleRight** app. This app does it all: It can remind you when to set out your Garbage, Recycling and Yard Debris carts, and you can use its Recycling A–Z Directory to find out how to dispose of almost anything!

Don't wait—download it today!

Did you know?

We accept BATTERIES, MOTOR OIL, and ANTIFREEZE at the curb on your recycle service day!



BATTERIES

Put batteries in a sealed, clear plastic bag placed on top of the recycle cart.



MOTOR OIL & ANTIFREEZE

Set out in a clear, one-gallon plastic jug with a screw-top lid next to the recycle cart. DO NOT mix motor oil or antifreeze with each other or with any other material

These services are not available for businesses, apartments or condos.

'TIS THE SEASON

In the 2016 Holiday Season, your service schedule will only be impacted by Thanksgiving (not Christmas Day or New Year's Day).

If your regular pick-up day is...	Your pick-up day will be...
Thursday November 24th	**Friday** November 25th
Friday November 25th	**Saturday** November 26th

If you receive your bill from the City of Camas, please check the City of Camas website for any service changes.