




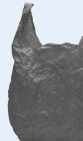



ITEMS THAT DON'T BELONG IN RECYCLING CARTS:





Curbside recyclables requiring special handling Available to single family homes only

| | WHAT CAN I DO WITH IT? | HOW DO I PREPARE IT? |
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|  <p>Motor oil or antifreeze</p> | <p>These items are accepted at the curb for residents in single family homes only. Apartment customers must check with the property manager or take items to the HHW collection (see below).</p> | <p>Set out in a clear one-gallon plastic jug with a screw top lid (screw top lids help prevent spills). DON'T mix motor oil or antifreeze with each other or with any other material (no water, brake fluid, solvents).</p> |
|  <p>Household batteries</p> | | <p>Put batteries in a sealed clear plastic bag on top of the cart.</p> |

Non-curbside household waste For updated information on items such as these and many more, please visit www.RecyclingA-Z.com

| | WHY ISN'T IT COLLECTED? | WHAT CAN I DO WITH IT? | OTHER THINGS TO KNOW |
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|  <p>Obsolete electronics</p> | <p>Many components of electronics can be recycled, but not transported properly by the recycling trucks.</p> | <p>Unwanted televisions, monitors, computers, laptops and e-readers can be recycled through the E-Cycle Washington program at authorized collection sites.</p> | <p>See www.ecyclewashington.org or call 800-732-9253 for a list of local drop-off sites. Electronics other than those listed may be accepted for a fee.</p> |
|  <p>Reusable electronics</p> | <p>Effective January 1, 2010, computers, monitors and TVs CANNOT be disposed of in the garbage. There are many drop off sites that accept electronics for reuse or recycling.</p> | <p>Reusable electronics can also be donated to the non-profit Empower Up (see Resources on the back cover) program for reuse and/or recycling.</p> | <p>Empower Up prefers working equipment that is no more than 5 years old. However, they will accept non-functioning and obsolete equipment except for televisions and computer monitors.</p> |
|  <p>Bulky items <i>(furniture, mattresses, construction debris, etc.)</i></p> | <p>Most bulky items consist of a combination of different materials that make them difficult to recycle.</p> | <p>If the item is still usable, consider giving it away using a website such as freecycle, Craigslist and/or 2good2toss. If the item is soiled or unusable, Waste Connections can haul the item for a fee.</p> | <p>You can also drop off bulky items at your local transfer station for a fee (see Resources on the back cover for more information).</p> |
|  <p>Plastic bags</p> | <p>Plastic bags greatly reduce the efficiency of traditional recycling by clogging machinery used to sort materials. See page 3 for more information.</p> | <p>Most grocery stores collect plastic bags for recycling. Even better, take your own reusable tote bags to the store with you to reduce your consumption of plastic bags.</p> | <p>Plastic bags do not belong in recycling receptacles. If you need to store your recycling in your home, collect it in a reusable container (like a tub, can or cardboard box) instead of plastic bags.</p> |
|  <p>Block foam</p> | <p>Block foam is different from other plastics and is difficult to recycle as it requires a special piece of equipment, called a densifier.</p> | <p>On RecyclingA-Z.com, look under "block foam" for the local collection site and other recycling options.</p> | <p>Foam packing peanuts can often be returned to local mail services for reuse.</p> |

Non-curbside Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) For more information, please see the resources section on the back page of this newsletter.

| | WHAT MAKES IT HHW? | WHAT CAN I DO WITH IT? | OTHER THINGS TO KNOW |
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|  <p>Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)</p> | <p>CFLs and traditional fluorescent tubes contain a small amount of mercury.</p> | <p>HHW is collected at the following locations. The hours indicated are free collection times. Otherwise, there may be a fee.</p> | <p>CFLs are also collected at Clark Public Utilities, IKEA, Lowe's and Home Depot.</p> |
|  <p>Vehicle batteries</p> | <p>Vehicle batteries are wet cell batteries, which contain about 21 pounds of lead and one gallon of sulfuric acid.</p> | <p>Central Transfer and Recycling Center, (360) 256-8482 11034 NE 117th Ave, Vancouver Saturday & Sunday, 8am to 4pm</p> <p>West Van Materials Recovery Center, (360) 737-1727 6601 NW Old Lower River Rd, Vancouver Friday & Saturday, 8am to 4pm</p> | <p>Interstate Batteries, Les Schwab Tire Centers and Service Battery also collect vehicle batteries.</p> |
|  <p>Medications</p> | <p>In the past, you may have been instructed to flush your unwanted medications. New research shows that medications are persisting in our waterways and therefore safer disposal methods have been put into place.</p> | <p>Washougal Transfer Station, (360) 835-2500 4020 S Grant St, Washougal Third Saturday 8am to 4pm</p> <p>Satellite collection events: Call Clark County Department of Environmental Services, (360) 397-2121, x4352 for more information</p> | <p>Controlled substances can only be collected by law enforcement agencies. Non-controlled substances are collected at some local participating pharmacies. Please visit Medications at RecyclingA-Z.com for more information.</p> |
|  <p>Other HHW <i>(paint, paint thinner, herbicides, pesticides, nail polish, etc.)</i></p> | <p>Garbage and recycling trucks are not allowed to transport this type of waste.</p> | <p>NOTE: Only medications that are non-controlled substances can be taken to these collection sites. Controlled medications must be taken to participating sheriff or police offices.</p> | <p>Consider making your next paint purchase recycled! Metro Paint is high quality recycled paint that can be purchased from their facility and at all Miller Paint stores in our area.</p> |