

recycling & garbage guide

North Olympic Peninsula



Tips on Reducing, Recycling & Properly Disposing of Your Trash

Reducing waste conserves natural resources and reduces the need for more landfill space. Reducing waste is also an important strategy to slow the effect of global warming and climate change. Greenhouse gases are produced in the manufacture, transportation, and disposal of materials. By rethinking how we use and dispose of the products we buy everyday we all can be part of the climate solution NOW.

Garbage from Clallam County is transported to landfills in eastern Washington and Oregon. Recycling is shipped to the Tacoma area and processed for domestic and international markets. Yard waste is recycled locally.

Reduce

We all pay for waste removal, whether it is buried in the ground or recycled. Therefore our first goal is to reduce the amount of waste generated.

Avoid single use (disposable) products. Use china and silverware instead of disposable plates and flatware. Use a thermos or reusable bottle for water instead of disposable water bottles. Choose products with less packaging when you shop.

Buy recycled content products and packaging. This supports the recycling industry and eases the burden on the environment.

Reuse

The next goal is to reuse. In Clallam County there are many opportunities to reuse items—through garage sales, swap meets, resale stores, etc. Look under the following headings in the **Dex Yellow Pages** for businesses that accept materials for reuse:

- Thrift Stores
- Clothes-Consignment
- Building Materials-Used

Visit 2good2toss.com, an online materials exchange unique to Washington State. Clallam County residents can post items on the site at no charge. Anyone can view items. All items are \$99 or less.

Recycle

The third step is recycling. There is still a financial and environmental cost to recycling because materials need to be collected, transported and sorted before they get to the markets. In rural areas such as Clallam County, recycling is even more expensive because of the distance to markets. As a result, some items (e.g. plastics) that are collected for recycling in urban areas are not collected here. See page 18 for what can be recycled.



(360) 417-4874

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WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED!



Mixed Paper



**Glass Bottles and Jars:
brown, clear
& green**



Cardboard



**Plastic Bottles and Jugs,
Aluminum & Tin cans**

You Can Also Recycle

- Yard Debris
- **Non-Ferrous Metals:** aluminum, lead, copper, brass, stainless steel, insulated wire, and radiators
- **Ferrous Metals:** including steel (may also include appliances)
- Used Motor Oil
- Antifreeze from motor vehicles

See chart on page 19 for locations

For more options see: www.cityofpa.us

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Directory



For ideas on how to recycle more items, see this directory at www.cityofpa.us

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how to recycle and properly dispose of your trash

Sign-up for Curbside Service

Clallam County – Unincorporated Areas

Eastern Clallam County is served by Murrey’s Olympic Disposal. If you participate in the recycling program, you may be able to save money if you use a smaller garbage container or request less frequent collection.

West Waste services western Clallam County. Curbside recycling is available to business customers only.

Murrey’s and West Waste both provide garbage and recycling service to businesses in the county. The rates are based on the container size and number of pick-ups per week.

City of Port Angeles

Residential- The City collects the garbage and Waste Connections Inc. collects the recycling and yard waste. Residents can choose weekly or every-other-week for garbage service. There is no additional charge for recycling; yard waste service is an additional charge. Recycling is collected in one 96-gallon container with all the recyclables mixed together, with the exception of glass. Glass is collected separately at drop boxes at Swains General Store, Albertsons, and Port Angeles Plaza East. Yard waste is not allowed in City garbage containers. Residents may subscribe to yard waste collection, compost in their backyards, or take to the Compost Facility at the Regional Transfer Station (see page 20).

Commercial- The City collects the garbage and contracts with Waste Connections for cardboard recycling at no extra charge to businesses, including apartment buildings. Additional recycling of plastic bottles, aluminum and tin cans, and mixed paper is available and a collection fee is charged.

City of Forks

Curbside pick-up of waste is available from West Waste. Recycling collection is available to business customers only. Collection is not mandatory and residents may self-haul to the West Waste Transfer Station, where drop-off containers are located.

City of Sequim

Residents may choose 20-, 32-, 64-, or 96-gallon containers for weekly collection of garbage. New in 2010: A 96-gallon cart is provided for mixed recyclables and a 96-gallon cart is available for yard waste. For more information about the new program call the Public Works Department at (360) 683-4908.

Self Haul

(X) = Fees apply

Self Haul Site	Hours	Garbage	Tin/Steel Cans	Aluminum	Glass	Plastics	Mixed Paper	Cardboard	Yard Debris	Metals	Motor Oil	Antifreeze	Tires	Other Information
Regional Transfer Station 3501 W. 18th St., Port Angeles (360) 417-4875	Mon-Sat 9am-5pm	(X)	X	X	X	X	X	X	(X)	(X)	X	X	(X)	Appliances accepted for a fee. Auto batteries accepted at no charge.
Blue Mountain Transfer Station 1469 Blue Mountain Rd., between Sequim and Port Angeles (360) 417-4875	Mon, Wed, Sat 9am-5pm	(X)	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		No auto batteries No bulky items
West Waste Transfer Facility 272 La Push Rd., Forks (360) 374-9544	Thu, Fri, Sat 9am-5pm	(X)		X			X	X		(X)	X		(X)	Appliances and vehicle batteries accepted for a fee
Murrey’s Olympic Disposal Buy-back 2548 W. 19th St., Port Angeles (360) 452-7278	Tues-Fri 9am-3pm			X										Will pay for aluminum
City of Sequim (residents only) 162 W. Hemlock St., Sequim (360) 683-4908	Mon-Fri 7:30am-3:30pm										X			Auto batteries accepted at no charge.

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more options

Backyard Composting

Residents are encouraged to compost grass, leaves, and plant clippings in their backyard. Food scraps (fruit and vegetables only) can also be composted. Composting reduces the amount of garbage and yard waste that needs to be collected. Finished compost can be used as a soil amendment around your flowers and shrubs. Public workshops are presented throughout the year by "Master Composters", trained volunteers with a passion for composting. For a free booklet "Home Composting Made Easy" contact recycling@cityofpa.us or call (360) 417-4874.

Dispose of Yard Waste Properly

Yard waste includes leaves, old flowers, grass clippings, and small branches. You can turn it into compost in your backyard or take to the Compost Facility at the Regional Transfer Station in Port Angeles (see chart on page 19), where it is made into Garden Glory Compost. In 2008 Clallam County residents and businesses hauled almost 1,000 tons of yard debris to this facility. A fee is charged for disposal.

Burning yard debris is a true waste of this resource and also adds pollutants to the air. Dumping yard debris in the woods smothers native plants and can accelerate erosion.

To Get Involved

The City of Port Angeles works with Clallam County and the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) to develop programs and policies concerning solid waste handling and disposal. The committee is made up of citizens, public interest groups, businesses, the waste management industry, and local elected officials. They meet the third Thursday of every other month in Port Angeles. For more information about SWAC, call (360) 417-2389.



Large Bulky Items

Box springs, mattresses, furniture, etc. may be disposed of at the Regional Transfer Station only. They cannot be collected curbside or at the Blue Mountain Transfer Station. Try to sell or donate instead of disposing. Log on to www.2good2toss.com.

Construction, Demolition, and Land Clearing Debris (CDL)

The Regional Transfer Station/Landfill and West Waste Transfer Station accept CDL at garbage rates. For local recycling or reuse options, call (360) 417-4874.

Burning

Burning of garbage and recyclables is illegal in Clallam County. Burning of yard debris is allowed only in the unincorporated areas, and a county permit is required.

Haulers

City of Port Angeles Solid Waste Division

1703 South B St.
P.O. Box 1150, Port Angeles, WA 98362
Collection:
garbagecollections@cityofpa.us
(360) 417-4876
Waste Reduction/Recycling:
recycling@cityofpa.us
(360) 417-4874

Murrey's Olympic Disposal/Waste Connections/DM Disposal

2058 Edgewood Dr.,
Port Angeles, WA 98363
(360) 452-7278

West Waste and Recycling

272 La Push Rd., Forks, WA 98331
(360) 374-5020



Home composting is easy!

For more information, visit www.cityofpa.us.

household hazardous materials

Avoid Hazardous Products in Your Home

Hazardous materials contain chemicals that burn, corrode, poison, or explode. They can cause harm to humans, pets, wildlife, and the environment, and they are expensive to buy and to dispose of safely. A hazardous material has at least one of the following properties: TOXIC, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, or REACTIVE. Read the product label.

Do you really need them?

Here are some steps you can take to reduce hazardous products in your home:

Find safer cleaning products whenever possible

You can make your own from common household products (see below). Or ask your retailer for alternative “green” cleaners. They work!

Reduce or eliminate pesticide/herbicide use

Use non-chemical pest controls first and plant pest resistant species; avoid “weed and feed” products.

Buy the correct amount

Use a paint calculator to find out how much you need for your project. Remember it is easier to go back for more than to dispose of the leftover paint.



Common household hazardous materials — for disposal see next page.

Hazardous Product

Safer Alternative

Aerosol spray	Use non-aerosol, pump type sprays.
Ant control	Mix borax, sugar, and water on a cotton ball.
Aphid killer	Spray thoroughly with water. Repeat three times weekly.
Bathroom cleaner	Mix baking soda and castile soap. Scrub.
Bug spray	Place screens on windows and doors.
Chemical fertilizers	Use compost or coffee grounds, bone meal, and wood ashes.
Copper cleaner	Scrub with vinegar and salt. Rinse well.
Deodorizers/Air fresheners	Simmer cinnamon and cloves.
Drain openers	Baking soda and vinegar, followed by boiling water. Or, use a plumber’s snake.
Flea repellent	Use a flea comb. Bathe pet weekly. Feed pets brewer’s yeast, vitamin B, or garlic cloves.
Floor cleaner	Vinegar and water.
Furniture polish	For unvarnished surfaces, mix lemon juice and vegetable oil.
Glass and window cleaners	Vinegar and water.
Laundry detergent	Use washing soda or a non-phosphate concentrate.
Oil or solvent based paint	Water based or latex paints.
Oven cleaners	Washing soda.
Rat and mouse poison	Snap or live traps.
Rug and upholstery cleaners	Club soda.
Scouring powders	Baking soda or borax. Rinse thoroughly.
Slug/snail bait	Pan with beer or slug hotel.
Toilet bowl cleaner	Baking soda and castile soap.
Weed killer	Pull by hand.



For information about natural yard care, look at the brochure at <http://www.cityofpa.us/PDFs/SolidWaste/LawnCare.pdf> or call (360) 417-2347 or (360) 417-4874 and request a copy.

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hazardous waste

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Antifreeze: FREE disposal at the Regional Transfer Station and Blue Mountain Transfer Station. Antifreeze is processed for reuse.

Batteries, Auto: FREE disposal at the Regional Transfer Station and many local auto shops.

Batteries, Household: (alkaline AA, C, D, etc.) No longer contain hazardous waste—dispose with household garbage or at the Regional Transfer Station.

Batteries, Rechargeable and Button: Return to your retailer. The metals in batteries are reclaimed to make new products go to www.rbc.org for local recycling locations.



Computers: If still in working condition, post on www.2good2toss.com. Recycling is provided free of charge to households, small businesses, school districts, small governments, and charities at authorized collection sites. As of October 2009, the sites participating in the E-Cycle program are Goodwill in Port Angeles at 603 South Lincoln Street, and EcycleNW in Sequim at 272 693 Highway 101. Please check 1800recycle.wa.us or call 1-800 RECYCLE [732-9253] for a current list of sites.

Latex Paint: Latex paint can be solidified and disposed in the garbage; it is not accepted at the Moderate Risk Waste Facility. Open the can and allow the paint to dry out or add kitty litter until it solidifies. Once the paint is solid, you can put it in your garbage can. Empty paint cans also go in your household garbage or to the Regional Transfer Station. Unopened containers of latex paint are accepted at Habitat for Humanity of Clallam County ReStore; call (360) 417-7543 for more information. Paint can also be placed as an available item on www.2good2toss.com.

Motor Oil: FREE disposal for residential users at the Regional Transfer Station, Blue Mountain Transfer Station, and West Waste (Forks) Transfer Station, City of Sequim, and many local auto shops. Motor oil is refined for reuse or burned for fuel.

ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SHOULD BE STORED IN ITS ORIGINAL CONTAINER and disposed of at the Moderate Risk Waste Facility at the Regional Transfer Station.

Empty containers of household hazardous materials always go in the garbage—do not put out for recycling.

Moderate Risk Waste Facility

Residents can take their hazardous waste to the Moderate Risk Waste Facility located on the site of the Regional Transfer Station (City of Port Angeles landfill site). The facility is open 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Please call (360) 417-4875 for information. Typical wastes accepted include fuels, solvents, pesticides, antifreeze, used oil, corrosives, oxidizers, and oil-based paints.



Browse the reuse area and take home plant fertilizers, paints, paint thinners, and other chemicals from previous customers. Items in the reuse area are FREE.

This collection service is **free** to all Clallam County and city residents. For information on hazardous waste disposal options for businesses, please call (360) 417-2347.

For More Disposal and Recycling Options

Clallam County
Division of Environmental Health
www.clallam.net
(360) 417-2258



City of Port Angeles
Division of Solid Waste
www.cityofpa.us
(360) 417-4874



The Moderate Risk Waste Facility is open two days a week.

For more information, visit www.cityofpa.us.