

## Food and Yard Waste

### Home Composting

The Skagit County Solid Waste Division holds classes quarterly on methods of waste reduction and home composting. To learn about how you can improve your garden soil, save money & the environment visit [www.skagitcounty.net/recycle](http://www.skagitcounty.net/recycle), call 336-9400 or email [calliem@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:calliem@co.skagit.wa.us).

### Curbside Pick-Up

Waste Management provides yard waste pick-up within the city limits of Anacortes, La Conner, Mount Vernon, Burlington and Sedro-Woolley. To find out if your location qualifies, call 360-757-8245 or visit [www.wmnorthwest.com](http://www.wmnorthwest.com).

### What goes into your curbside yard waste bin?

Aside from grass clippings & light brush...

- Pasta & grains
- Meat & bones
- Fish & shellfish
- Eggs & dairy
- Fruit & vegetables
- Coffee grounds & tea bags
- Pizza boxes
- Waxed cardboard
- Uncoated paper cups & take-out containers

All WM yard waste bins are hauled to Skagit Soils for composting.

### Drop-Off Locations

#### Yard Waste

##### Burlington (Residents Only)

City Shop, 951 S. Section Street, 360-755-0531  
Wed 2 pm - 6 pm, Sat 10 am - 4 pm  
Grass, leaves, weeds, fruits & vegetables, brush & branches with no more than a 4" diameter.

##### Mount Vernon (Residents Only)

City Shop, 409 W. Fir Street, 360-336-6218  
March – Oct: W-F 11 am - 5:30 pm; Sat, Sun 9-4  
Nov – Feb: W, Sat, Sun 9 am - 4 pm  
Grass, leaves, weeds, fruits, vegetables, brush, and branches with no more than a 8" diameter.

##### Sedro-Woolley (Residents Only)

314 Sterling St, 360-855-0929  
April-Sept: M, Sat 8 am - 4 pm  
Oct: Sat. 8 am - 4 pm  
No drop-off Nov- Feb  
Grass clippings & light brush only

##### Sunland Bark & Top Soils

12469 Reservation Road, Anacortes  
M-F, 8:00 am -5:00 pm  
360-293-7188

#### Yard and Food Waste

##### Skagit Soils

13260 Ball Road, Mount Vernon  
Mid-March to mid-November:  
M-F, 7:30 am - 5 pm, Sat 8 am - 4 pm  
Mid-November to mid-March:  
M-F, 8 am - 4 pm, Sat 9 am - 3 pm  
360-424-0199  
[www.skagitsoilsinc.com](http://www.skagitsoilsinc.com)

## Recycling & Garbage Sites

### Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station

14104 Ovenell Road, Mount Vernon  
Open every day (closed holidays\*)  
8:30 am - 6:00 pm, 360-424-3873

- General waste \$83/ton
- Recycling free

#### Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Turn right upon entering Transfer Station  
M-F & first Sat. of each month (closed holidays\*)  
10 am - 4 pm, 360-424-9532

- No fees

### Sauk Transfer Station

50796 State Route 20, Concrete  
Th, F, Sat, Sun (closed holidays\*)  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm, 360-853-8810

- General waste \$83/ton
- Recycling free

### Clear Lake Compactor Site

23159 Howey Road, Clear Lake  
M, W, F, Sat, Sun (closed holidays\*)  
8:00 am to 6:00 pm, 360-856-5083

- Household garbage ONLY, \$12 per 32 gallons
- Recycling free

### \* Holidays

All transfer sites are closed on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Easter Sunday
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

# Guide to Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal



## 2010

Skagit County Public Works  
Solid Waste Division  
360-336-9400

[www.skagitcounty.net/recycle](http://www.skagitcounty.net/recycle)

## Household Recycling

### Curbside Pick-Up

If you live within city limits, your city provides curbside recycling. Contact your city's Public Works Department for more information.

To find out what each city's curbside bin accepts visit [www.skagitcounty.net/recycle](http://www.skagitcounty.net/recycle) and click on the link next to your city of residence.

### Drop-Off Locations

The following recyclables are accepted at all Skagit County recycling and garbage sites.

#### Aluminum Cans

- Empty

#### Tin/Steel Cans

- Rinse & remove labels

#### Glass Bottles and Jars

- Remove lids & rinse clean
- Separate by color (green, brown, clear)

#### Plastic Milk Jugs

- Remove lids & rinse clean

#### Plastic Pop & Water Bottles

- Remove lids & rinse clean

#### Cardboard (corrugated only)

- Empty contents
- Remove boxing tape & liners

#### Newspapers & Magazines

- Dry & clean
- Collect in brown paper bags

#### Mixed Paper

- Advertising mail, envelopes, cereal boxes, soda and beer boxes, paper egg cartons, school papers, paper bags, etc.
- Remove plastic liners
- Flatten boxes

#### Scrap Metal

- Pull off all non-metal materials

## Electronics Recycling

### E-Cycle Washington

Recycling is free for the following products under Washington's E-Cycle law:

- Computers (desktops, towers, laptops)
- Computer monitors
- Televisions
- Peripherals such as mice, printers, copiers, and scanners may be accepted for a small fee



There are four E-Cycle Washington recycling drop-off locations in Skagit County:

#### Anacortes Kiwanis Aktion Club

1014 26<sup>th</sup> Street (old Zap Lube), Anacortes  
2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month, 10 am - 2 pm  
[www.anacortesaktion.org](http://www.anacortesaktion.org)

#### Goodwill Store

102 Valley Mall Way, Mount Vernon  
M-Sat. 8 am - 7 pm & Sun. 9 am - 5 pm  
360-848-0646

#### Salvation Army Thrift Store

110 E. College Way, Mount Vernon  
M-Sat. 10 am - 8 pm 360-424-6441

#### City Recycling Facility

314 Sterling St., Sedro-Woolley  
Monday, 8 am - 4 pm 360-855-1884

### Appliances

Donate your working appliances to local thrift stores or service clubs. Take nonfunctional appliances to any Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station or Skagit River Steel in Burlington.

### Cell Phones

- For non-working phones, print a pre-paid mailing label at: [www.recyclemycellphone.org](http://www.recyclemycellphone.org)
- Donate working phones to Skagit Domestic Violence Services, 360-336-9591

## Household Hazardous Waste

### Don't Put it in the Trash!

You'll know it's hazardous waste when the label says, "Caution," "Warning," or "Danger."

### Paint, Chemicals, and Other HHW

Residents may dispose of up to 25 gallons of all household hazardous waste per month for free (except motor oil and antifreeze, which are allowed up to five gallons per day) at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at the Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station.

### Batteries

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility accepts the following batteries from 8:30 am - 6:00 pm:

- Rechargeable: NiCd, lead-acid, lithium-ion
- Lithium: including all button cell batteries

### Motor Oil & Antifreeze

Five gallons/day of motor oil and antifreeze are accepted at all Skagit County disposal sites during business hours, and at the following Schuck's Auto Supply locations, open evenings and Sundays:

- 1715 Riverside Drive, Mount Vernon
- 1350 Burlington Boulevard, Burlington
- 504 Crossroads Square, Sedro-Woolley

If you generate larger quantities, please contact our Small Quantity Generator Program at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

### Not Accepted

#### Alkaline Batteries

Dispose of these batteries in your trash can; do not bring them to the HHW Facility.

### When Not to Recycle...

If a container has held any type of hazardous waste, it is not recyclable. When **dry & empty** it must be disposed of in the regular trash. If more than 1/2 inch of waste exists in the container, take it to the Skagit HHW Facility.

## More About Plastics Recycling

Plastics come in a variety of colors and chemical formulations, all with different recycling needs.

### Keys & Codes

The code number on the bottom does not mean the plastic can be recycled. It is simply a way to identify the resin, or plastic, type.



### Mixed Up

Even a small amount of the wrong type of plastic can ruin an entire container or bale of recyclable plastic. Example: Most clear bottles are made of a ♻️1 plastic, but some are made of ♻️3 plastics. A single ♻️3 item can ruin an entire bale of ♻️1 recycling.

### The Dirt on Recycling

Remember to keep dirty containers OUT of your recycling bin. One partially-eaten pizza or leftover hamburger in a bale of plastic can spoil the whole load!

### Yikes!

It takes more than 1.5 million barrels of oil to produce a year's supply of water bottles. That's enough oil to fuel 100,000 cars for a year. Try reusable metal bottles and canvas shopping bags.

### Recycle More

Want to recycle a plastic that is not accepted at the Skagit County sites, or in your curbside bin? Contact:

Lois Young, Recycling Services  
Skagit River Steel and Recycling  
1265 So. Anacortes St., Burlington  
360-757-6096 or [loisy@skagitriversteel.com](mailto:loisy@skagitriversteel.com)

Occasionally, a slight fee is charged for the recycling of special plastics. Certain plastics are not accepted when the market for those plastic resins is small or non-existent.