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Recycling event expands to collect ‘anything with a plug,’ and no fees

The City of Federal Way’s semi-annual recycling event has been expanded to include any home-based* electrical item. Essentially, anything with a plug. Bring your old microwave, broken vacuum cleaner, burnt-out blender or hopelessly jammed printer to the Twin Lakes Park & Ride (21st Avenue Southwest and Southwest 344th Street) between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sept. 18.

There are no fees for the electronics drop-off.

“I am very pleased we’ve expanded the event’s recyclable items to include ‘anything with a plug’ at no charge.” said Jeanette Brizendine, event coordinator and Recycling Project Manager for the City. The City found a new vendor to recycle the household electrical items, and at a lower cost which means no extra fees for residents. In the past there’s been a cost for items such as refrigerators and freezers.

Donate working items to Goodwill at recycling event

If items are in working condition, please donate them for reuse rather than recycling. Hate to make a separate stop? There’s no need! Goodwill provides an attended donation station during the event.

Recyclable items accepted at the event:

- dry mattresses and box springs,
- Styrofoam blocks,
- large appliances (washers, dryers, stoves) as scrap metal,
- loose scrap metal and metal parts,
- scrap unpainted, untreated lumber,
- bulky yard debris (brush and branches only – no leaves or grass),
- used tires,
- motor oil,
- gas and other fuels,
- spent batteries,
- bicycles and bicycle parts (via a charity that gives bikes to needy kids) and
- Holiday light strands and scrap wire.

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Some restrictions apply: this event is intended for residential quantities, and vendors at the event reserve the right to reject any wastes or items that do not meet requirements.

All items will be accepted free of charge for residents at this event. Funding for this event is covered by the City of Federal Way with grants from King County Solid Waste Division, Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, and Washington State Department of Ecology.

Can't make the event? Check out King County's calendar at your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste for dates and locations of other recycling collection events or www.kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith for everyday recycling options for a variety of materials.

Please visit www.cityoffederalway.com/recycling for a complete list of items accepted at the event and other recycling information, or call Jeanette Brizendine, City of Federal Way Recycling Project Manager, at 253.835.2771.

**Items from commercial businesses are not accepted.*