

Recycling Review

RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR FEDERAL WAY MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTS

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Did you know?

98% of multi-family complexes in Federal Way have recycling service on-site.

If you don't know where your recycling containers are, ask your property manager. See recycling guidelines in this newsletter for a list of what types of items are accepted.

Residents that do not have convenient access to recycling should encourage their property manager to sign up through Waste Management. Unlimited recycling is provided to any complex with garbage service for no added charge.



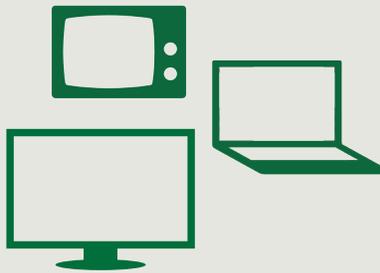
CLOSEST FREE RECYCLING DROP-OFF:

Waste Management Operations
701 2nd St NW
Auburn, WA 98001

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Free electronics recycling



Gone are the days of paying to recycle your old TV. Residents can recycle their old TVs, computers, monitors and laptops for free thanks to E-Cycle Washington. Three spots in Federal Way accept these items for free – working or not:

 **PC Recycle**
29100 Pacific Hwy S
Federal Way
253-839-9377

 **Goodwill**
32521 Pacific Hwy S
Federal Way
253-946-0447

 **Deseret Industries**
2200 South 320th St #1A
Federal Way
253-839-9045



Other electronics such as printers, keyboards and cell phones are not covered under this program. However, free recycling is available at:

 **A Plus Recycling**
116 Clay St NW #B1
Auburn
253-737-4441

Become a Recycling Ambassador



Want to go on a recycling tour? Want to be the first to know about new recycling options? Maybe you would like to help your neighbors learn how to a better job at recycling. Become a **Recycling Ambassador**! This fun and exciting program features workshops like “Recycling Boot Camp,” tours, recycling materials, and will give you an ‘inside view’ of the wonderful world of recycling.

SIGN UP TODAY:

Email recyclenw@wm.com
800-592-9995

Benefits of a Recycling Ambassador

- Learn newest information first
- Tours of recycling, composting & landfill facilities
- Get tote bags and recycling materials for your complex
- Direct assistance from Waste Management and the City of Federal Way
- Provide suggestions to improve the current recycling program
- Help the environment by sending less material to the landfill



IT'S EASY! Recycle More in Three Steps

1. Sign Up.

Anyone from a multi-family complex in Federal Way can apply to become a recycling ambassador – property manager, onsite manager or an enthusiastic resident. Email your name, your apartment complex name, address, and your daytime phone number to recyclenw@wm.com – be sure to put “Recycling Ambassador” in the subject line. Or, call Waste Management at 800-592-9995 to request an application.

2. Attend Workshops.

Waste Management and the City of Federal Way will hold quarterly workshops and will arrange tours and special events throughout the year. You can choose to attend one or all sessions. You can also schedule a one-on-one visit with a recycling expert to customize a plan for your complex.

3. Share the Information.

You will be provided with recycling tote bags, recycling guides and other information to give to all your neighbors. You will also receive posters to hang near all the containers on the property.

SAVE THE DATE:

Monday, March 25, 6-9pm
City Hall Chambers • 33325 8th Ave S, Federal Way

One less bag challenge

Make taking out the trash less of a chore – take King County’s One Less Bag Challenge. Make a pledge online and learn new ways to reduce your garbage by one bag a month by recycling, reusing and wasting less stuff.

Visit: www.kingcounty.gov/recyclemore



Coffee Cups - Disposable vs. Durable



Almost 15 billion cups of coffee are purchased in disposable coffee cups each year in the US. Placed end-to-end, these cups would wrap around Earth 55 times and weigh 900 million pounds. Here are some ideas to do your part to avoid land filling:

Recycle ★ GOOD! Most coffee cups are “poly-coated” with a thin layer of plastic which means they cannot be composted, but can be recycled. Please remember to rinse before recycling them.

Reuse ★★ BETTER!! If you save your coffee cups and use them each just one more time before recycling, you have essentially cut your cup usage in half. Way to go!

Reduce ★★★ BEST!!! Durable coffee cups are the best – you just have to remember to use them. For example, if you get coffee on your way to work, wash your cup and place near your keys, ready for the next morning.



Kids and chemicals don't mix

Kids are naturally curious and can be especially vulnerable to toxins.

“Even the best parent can’t supervise a child every minute. Easy-to-do prevention can make your home a safe place to learn and grow.”

Dr. Beth Ebel, Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center.

Tip #1

STORE AND USE HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS AWAY FROM FOOD

Some products look like food. Children can easily confuse edible products that are in look-a-like containers. And a young child naturally wants to try to taste what they find.



Tip #2

MAKE GREEN CLEANERS

Household cleaners are the third most common reason for accidental poisoning of children. Reduce your child’s exposure by making your own “green” cleaners. Look online at: www.lhwmp.org or call 888-TOXIC-ED for easy and inexpensive recipes that work.



Tip #3

SAFELY DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS – AT NO CHARGE

Drop off unwanted hazardous products such as old cleaners, pesticides, batteries and fluorescent tubes at the Auburn SuperMall wastemobile at no charge.

Auburn SuperMall Wastemobile

1101 SuperMall Way
(between Nordstrom Rack and Sports Authority)
Open Saturday & Sunday,
10am to 5 pm

Visit <http://www.lhwmp.org/home/HHW/homehazards.aspx> for more tips and information.

How Garbage Costs You

Residents of multi-family complexes ultimately pay for the increasing cost of garbage disposal, whether directly (separate charge for utilities) or indirectly (included with rent/dues). There are a couple things that one can do to help control increasing garbage costs.



- 1. Recycle.** The cost for garbage service varies upon the container size and collection frequency. However, there is no cost for recycling in Federal Way for complexes that have garbage service. The more recycling there is, the less garbage, which saves money. Just remember to only recycle the correct materials because the entire thing may be thrown away if too much garbage is mixed in.
- 2. Don't Share Garbage Service.** No matter how tempting it is to offer your complex's dumpster to your family and friends, don't do it! To keep costs down, most complexes have just enough garbage service to handle the garbage from residents only. When other people put their garbage into your dumpster, that limited space gets used up. It becomes a hassle for other residents who find their dumpster full and the property manager will have to pay for more garbage service.
- 3. Report Illegal Dumping.** Any time garbage from outside your apartment complex gets dumped into your dumpsters, it is considered theft which can actually be punished as a crime. Residents are encouraged to report illegal dumping to their property manager or call 911. Document license plate numbers, vehicle make/model, and a description of the people involved.

If you have bulky items left during move-in or move-out, talk with your property manager to determine how best to handle them. Remember items in good shape can be donated to second hand stores.

Which plastics go in recycling?

Circle the 6 plastic items that can be recycled in your curbside recycling cart. **Hint:** Ignore the numbers and recycle plastics by shape (bottles, jugs, tubs and cups).

See bottom of page for answers. The first one is done for you!



Give grease a chance!

Recycle used cooking oil for free! General Biodiesel provides a collection tank located in the parking area at French Lake Dog Park (31531 1st Ave S) and turns it into local, sustainable fuel.



Here are some tips for recycling used cooking oil:

- * **Never pour oil down drain or place liquid oil in garbage, recycling or yard waste.**
- * **Transport cool cooking oil in plastic jugs with twist-on lids. Use jugs that allow easy pouring into the collection tank. Please pour slowly to avoid splatter.**
- * **Please rinse and recycle your empty jugs at home (sorry, no container disposal on-site).**

Federal Way Multifamily Recycling Guidelines



Clean Paper and Cardboard

Flattened cardboard, newspapers, inserts, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, paperback books, mail (*window envelopes ok*), paper bags, food boxes.



Paper Food Containers

Clean paper cups, milk & juice cartons, juice boxes, frozen food boxes (*rinse out, no caps*).



Plastic Containers

Plastic cups, bottles, jugs and tubs (*clean and no lids*). **Plastic bags are not accepted.**

Ignore the numbers; recycle plastics by shape!



Glass Bottles and Jars

Bottles & jars (*all colors and sizes*)
(*No caps or lids, labels ok*)



Aluminum, Tin Cans, and Clean Scrap Metal

Aluminum & tin cans, empty aerosol cans, scrap metal & small metal appliances (*limit 2x2x2 ft, 35 lbs*). Please rinse and empty cans.



The Following Items Are Not Accepted:

Non Accepted Paper

- Food-soiled paper towels, napkins and non-coated paper plates (*ok in food/yard cart*)
- Shredded paper (*ok layered in food/yard cart*)

Non Accepted Plastic

- Plastic bags or film (*reuse or recycle at grocery stores*)
- Plastic plates, utensils
- Prescription vials
- Styrofoam containers, packaging

Non Accepted Glass

- Ceramics, dishes, drinking glasses

Non Accepted Metal

- Aluminium foil, foil trays
- Sharp metal or greasy items

Other Non Accepted Items

- Clothing, shoes (*donate instead*)
- Diapers
- Garbage
- Hoses
- Light bulbs, windows, mirrors
- Needles, syringes
- Toxic containers (*paint, oil, antifreeze, pesticides, etc.*)

Please contact your property manager or HOA if your recycling containers are often full. Unlimited recycling is included with garbage service.



If in Doubt, Check it Out at wmnorthwest.com

What do I do with...?



Have you ever wondered if there was recycling options for mattresses, microwaves or medication? There is! There are two recycling databases where you can find local recycling information for a variety of materials.

King County "What Do I Do With...?"

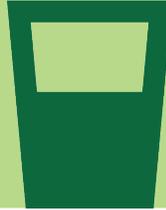
206-296-4466

kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith

Washington State Recycling Database

1-800-RECYCLE (732.9253)

1800recycle.wa.gov



Stay in the loop

Don't miss out on notices for recycling events, document shredding, contests, workshops, and other information and events. Visit cityoffederalway.com/notifyme and select "Recycling Events and Information."



100% postconsumer recycled content

City of Federal Way Recycling
cityoffederalway.com/recycling
253-835-2771



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720 4th Ave., Suite 400, Kirkland, WA 98033
1-800-592-9995 (M-F, 7AM to 5PM)
Online 24 hrs: wmnorthwest.com/fedway
Información en Español
한국어 정보
Информация, доступная на русском языке

