



2025

City of Covington

Residential Recycling, Garbage
& Food and Yard Waste Guide (R2Y1)

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Sustainability in Action

Recycling/Reciclaje

Make sure your recyclables are empty, clean and dry.
Asegúrese de que sus materiales reciclables estén vacíos, limpios y secos.

Paper



Newspaper, inserts, magazines, catalogs and phone books



Advertising mail, envelopes, mixed paper



Paperback books



Cereal and dry food boxes (remove liner), clean paper cups



Non-foil wrapping paper



Flattened cardboard (3' x 3' x 3' or smaller)



Cartons, frozen food boxes and juice boxes

Plastic



Clean plastic food containers, cups and dairy tubs



Bottles, jugs and tubs (water, milk, juice and soda)



Pill bottles (non-prescription)

Glass



Bottles and jars (empty and rinse; labels OK)

Metal



Scrap metal (2' x 2' x 2' or smaller)



Clean aluminum and metal cans (empty, clean and dry)

Cart Color: Blue | Available Cart Sizes: 32-Gallon, 64-Gallon, 96-Gallon



Do not bag recyclables



No food or liquid



No shredded paper



No plastic bags, film or wrappers
Visit Nextrex.com for drop-off locations



Max. 60 lbs.

Food & Yard Waste/ *Desechos de Comida y Jardín*

Yard waste, food scraps and food-soiled paper.
Desechos de jardín, restos de comida y papel con manchas de comida.



Holiday trees and greens,
4' x 2' bundle limits, max of 3"
diameter; no flocking/decorations

Easy food scrap composting

- Cedar Grove-approved compostable bags only
- Keep kitchen container on the counter
- Add food scraps and food-soiled paper
- When full, empty into your yard waste cart



Grass clippings, weeds,
leaves, tree branches,
twigs and roots



House Plants
(no pots)



Dairy products
(cheese, yogurt, etc.)



Coffee filters and grounds,
tea bags and tea leaves



Meat, fish, poultry
and bones



Fruit and vegetable
scraps, leftovers and
pumpkins



Bread, pasta
and grains



Eggshells and
nutshells



Uncoated paper plates, cups,
food wrap and bags



Paper grocery bags,
egg and berry cartons



Greasy pizza boxes, paper
towels and napkins

Cart Color: Green | Available Cart Sizes: 13-Gallon, 32-Gallon, 64-Gallon, 96-Gallon

- ✓ Cedar Grove-approved compostable bags are OK
- ✓ Extra yard debris may be placed in paper lawn bags or sturdy containers labeled "yard waste". Extras more than 288 gallons may be charged fees in 32-gallon increments. To schedule a free annual cart cleaning, call **206.682.9735**



No rocks, dirt,
bark or pet waste



No plastic bags,
film or wrappers



No
shredded paper



Max. 60 lbs.

Garbage/Basura

Bag all garbage. Close cart lid. *Embolsa toda la basura. Cierre la tapa del carro.*

Paper



Food-soiled frozen food boxes, wax- and plastic-coated cardboard



Dirty paper, shredded paper, facial tissue and disposable diapers (put in bag and tie shut)



Ribbons and foil wrapping paper



Hardback books (recycle pages)

Plastic



Plastic hangers



Empty motor oil and antifreeze containers



Candy wrappers and chip bags



Polystyrene bakery and meat trays, take-out containers (reuse packing materials)



Caps and lids



Empty prescription vials



Plastic plates and utensils



Recycle clean polystyrene foam for free at Styro Recycle (23418 68th Ave. S., Kent, WA, 98032, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Glass



Mirrors, window glass, ceramic dishes, incandescent and halogen bulbs (no fluorescent tubes/bulbs)



Metal

**Tip: Donate hangers to a local charity, or return them to your dry cleaner to be used again*



Oil containers, dried-out paint containers, aerosol spray cans



Caps, rings and lids



Metal hangers* and sharp or greasy metal

Miscellaneous



Vacuum cleaner bags



Cigarette butts and ashes (put in bag and tie shut)



CDs and CD cases



Double-bagged pet waste and litter

Do not place pet waste and cat litter in the yard waste cart

Available Cart Sizes: 13-Gallon, 32-Gallon, 64-Gallon, 96-Gallon

- ✓ Bag all trash. Fees apply for extra trash
- ✓ Keep lids closed tight. Fees apply for unclosed lids
- ✓ Extras may be collected in securely tied plastic bags and clearly labeled as "trash" (max. 60 lbs.) Fees apply for each extra 32-gallon unit of garbage



No loose sharps



No hot coals



No hazardous waste



Max. 60 lbs.

Hazardous Waste

Do not put in recycling, organics or garbage carts.

Oil-Based Paint & Solvents



Find drop-off sites at
PaintCare.org

Batteries



Fuel



Cleaners



Weed/Bug Killer



Auto Fluids



Thermostats & Thermometers With Mercury



Safely dispose of hazardous waste items at no cost. Visit hazwastehelp.org for more information.

- Auburn Wastemobile | 1101 Outlet Collection Way, Auburn
- Factoria Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Site | 13800 SE 32nd St., Bellevue
- South Seattle Household Hazardous Waste Facility | 8100 2nd Ave. S, Seattle

Expired/Unwanted Medicine



Find drop-off sites at
MedTakeBackWashington.org

Medical Sharps

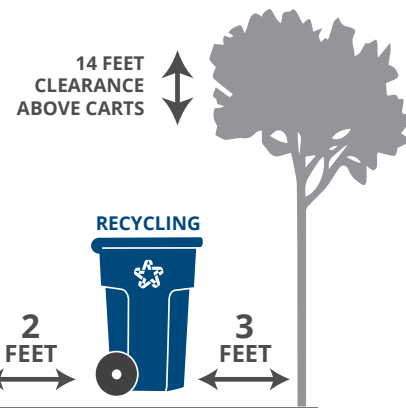
Drop off at:

- Bow Lake Recycling & Transfer Station (18800 Orillia Road S., Tukwila)
- Factoria Recycling & Transfer Station (13800 SE 32nd St., Bellevue)



Cart Placement

Put carts out by 7 a.m. Do not block cars, mailboxes, sidewalks or roadways. Carts must be 2' apart and at least 3' from cars, bushes, mailboxes, etc. with at least 14' of overhead clearance. Place carts as close to the curb as possible, no further than 5' from the curb. Set carts out with the handle towards the house. Remove carts as soon as possible after collection.



Weather Delays

If weather conditions prevent the safe collection of your carts, they will be collected on Saturday. Food and yard waste will be collected on your next service day.

Special Item Recycling

Do not put in recycling, organics or garbage carts.

FREE: Call **253.872.4632** to schedule a curbside pickup.

Small Appliances



Rigid Plastics



Batteries



FEE-BASED: Call **253.872.4632** to schedule a curbside pickup.

Mattresses



Large Appliances



Broken Furniture



DROP-OFF ONLY: Visit the websites below for drop-off locations

Fluorescent Tubes and Bulbs

Lightrecycle.org



Polystyrene Foam

Styrorecycle.com



For other hard-to-dispose items, visit
"King County What Do I Do With?"

Info.kingcounty.gov/Services/recycling-garbage/solid-waste/what-do-i-do-with/

2025 Calendar (Set Out Carts by 7 a.m.)

Set carts out with handles facing the house. Do not block cars, mailboxes, sidewalks or driveways. Remove carts as soon as possible after collection.

Holidays - No service on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. If collection falls mid-week, the collection day will shift one day the rest of the week (i.e., Tuesday collection will occur Wednesday).

Recycling - During blue weeks, place your recycling cart curbside next to your garbage cart.

Food and Yard Waste - During green weeks, place your food and yard waste cart curbside next to your garbage cart.

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Bad Weather: If collection cannot be safely provided, any missed service will be collected on your next regularly scheduled collection day for that service. For example, garbage will be collected one week after the missed collection day. Recycling will be collected two weeks after the missed collection day.

Extra Recycling: Box, bundle or place in brown paper bags, label "recycling", and place next to your recycling cart. Please do not place recycling in plastic bags. No extra fee.

Extra Yard Debris/Food Waste: You may receive up to 9 lifts (288 gallons) per collection period before added fees are applied. Label "yard waste" and place next to cart. Food scraps only accepted in cart. Do not use plastic bags. You may use brown paper bags (available at hardware stores), 32-gallon cans with handles and lid (50 lb. limit), or bundles (4' x 2' limit) tied with twine.

Extra Garbage: Place securely tied plastic bags labeled "garbage" (max. 50 lb. weight limit) next to the cart or 32-gallon lidded can. Extra fees will apply for additional units and for primary carts without closed lids.

Payments: Pay your bill by phone by calling **877.692.9729**, online at **RepublicServices.com/municipality/covington-wa**, mail to the address listed on your invoice: Republic Services, P.O. Box 78829, Phoenix, AZ 85062, or pay on the Republic Services app.

Missed Collection: Report a missed collection by calling **253.872.4632** within 24 hours or through the Republic Services app.