

Beyond the Bin

RECYCLING GUIDE



SKAGIT PLASTIC REDUCTION & RECYCLING COALITION

*Protecting shorelines and oceans
by reducing plastic waste in Skagit County*

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Refuse – Reduce – Repurpose – Recycle

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RECYCLE IT RIGHT!

How fortunate we are to live in a time of such abundance and connectivity!

Yet, we are drowning in a waste stream of modern life—plastics, dead batteries, cell phones, outgrown clothing.

Take heart! Numerous practical and creative resources enable us to slow the river of waste spilling over in garages and landfills and posing serious hazards to marine life. Consumer solutions lie in **consciously managing our waste**. Recycling is a last resort. Instead,

- **Refuse** single-use materials or items whose only next stop is the garbage;
- **Reduce** your use of toxic materials and those with a limited lifespan;
- **Repurpose** items creatively; find ways to re-use those that outlive their original purpose;
- **Recycle** as a last resort. Recycling usually returns a material to its original chemical components or crushes it for refashioning into new products.

START HERE—READ THIS

- **Part I Items** — List of materials and/or items accepted for recycling by various outlets.
- **Part II Outlets** — Addresses, hours, and useful details for retailer, municipalities, upcycler, online resource, etc., or recyclers.
- **Part III Municipal**, County & Curbside service providers
- When in doubt, call ahead:
 - Further resources exist online, but information is not always up to date.
 - Recycling of products and materials is often, but not always, free.
 - Accepted items vary from one outlet to another.
 - Recycling standards and guidelines vary over time and between outlets. Follow the most current requirements designated by curbside pickup services, drop-off recycling stations, and retail outlets.
 - Help keep this guide up to date. Email updates or additional information to skagitplastics@skagitbeaches.org.

Part I

RECYCLABLE ITEMS

For outlet location, hours, and contact info, followed by helpful online resources and a glossary of terms, see Parts II -IV

ANTIFREEZE

Skagit County

Household Hazardous Waste Facility (5 gal/mo)

APPLIANCES

*Includes options for large appliances
(dishwashers, refrigerators, furnaces, etc.)*

Anacortes

City of Anacortes (Residential Clean Up Days)

Bellingham

NW Recycling

Puget Sound Energy

SSC (Sanitary Service Company)

Burlington

Affordable Appliance

Best Buy

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

Mt Vernon

Goodwill

Lautenbach Recycling

Skagit Building Salvage

Skagit Habitat Store

Online

Craigslist

Freecycle Network

Letgo

Sedro-Woolley

Rita Street Appliance Recycling

Skagit County

Puget Sound Energy (refrigerators & freezers)

Skagit County recycling sites

Waste Management (curbside; fee)

AUTOMOBILES

Anacortes

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Bellingham

NW Recycling

Monroe

Cascade Hauling and Recycling

Mt Vernon

Skagit Habitat Store

Skagit Valley College

Online/Mail-in

CarDonationWizard.com

Craigslist

Freecycle Network

AVOID “WISHFUL” RECYCLING

A clean stream of materials is essential to recycling success. Place only listed, accepted items in recycling bins. “Contaminated” batches that contain non-recyclable items are directed, instead, to the landfill, preventing thousands of tons of recyclables from ever seeing a second life.

Understanding Battery Types

Household batteries are separated into two main types—rechargeable and non-rechargeable. Within each category there are non-toxic recyclable batteries and others that are toxic and must be disposed of as hazardous waste (outlets shown to the right will segregate your recycled batteries as appropriate). To recycle your batteries, separate and bag batteries according to chart at right.

Safety: Batteries are a leading cause of garbage facility fires. Store and handle batteries for recycling safely. As a precaution against sparking, tape the terminals on both ends of all batteries being recycled and store them in a plastic or cardboard box.

Rechargeable batteries: All must be recycled; some contain hazardous materials.

- Small sealed lead-acid (SSLA/Pb) gel batteries.
- Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries
- Nickel-Cadmium (NiCad) batteries
- Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) batteries

Non-rechargeable batteries: Single-use batteries listed below are non-toxic and recyclable. Mercury batteries in various formats, however, are toxic and must be disposed of as hazardous waste.

- Alkaline (AA, D-cell, 9v, etc.)
- Lithium (CR) primary batteries
- Zinc-carbon (ZnC) batteries

Button-cell batteries: These include both rechargeable and non-rechargeable chemistries; all must be recycled.

- Lithium-ion (Li-ion) batteries
- Mercury batteries (toxic)
- Silver oxide (SR) batteries
- Zinc-air batteries

Automotive batteries include

- Lead-acid
- Hybrid vehicle batteries (for recycling info, contact your hybrid car dealer or visit <https://greenbeanbattery.com>)
- Valve-regulated lead-acid (VRLA)

Further info: See <https://www.batterysolutions.com/news/dispose-old-batteries-right-way/> or “All About Batteries” at <https://skagitbeaches.org/our-work/plastic-reduction.html>.

Battery Recycling

Outlets	Recharge-able	Single-Use	Button-cell	Automotive Lead-acid & VRLA only
Anacortes				
Ace Hardware	x	x	x	Small engine
City of Anacortes: Maintenance & Operations Dept, D Ave	x		x	
Les Schwab Tires				x
O'Reilly Auto Parts				x
Piston Service				x
Burlington				
AutoZone				x
Best Buy	x		x	
Home Depot	x		x	
Les Schwab				x
Skagit River Steel & Recycling				x
Concrete				
Skagit County Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station	x		x	
Mt Vernon				
AutoZone				x
Skagit County Clear Lake Recycling & Compactor Site	x		x	
Les Schwab				x
Lowe's	x		x	
O'Reilly Auto Parts				x
Pacific Power Batteries	x	x	x	x
Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Facility	x		x	x
Walmart: kiosk at entry & automotive dept.	x		x	x
Sedro-Woolley				
Car Quest				x
Skagit County Clear Lake Recycling & Compactor Site	x		x	
Les Schwab				x
O'Reilly Auto Parts				x
Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr	x	x	x	x

BICYCLES

Anacortes

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Bellingham

The Hub Community Bike Shop
(bikes & parts)

SSC (Sanitary Service Company)

Mt Vernon

Goodwill

Online

Craigslist

Freecycle Network

BOOKS

Anacortes

Anacortes Public Library

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Pelican Bay Books

Soroptimist Thrift Shop

La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Soroptimist)

Mt Vernon

Easton Books

Goodwill

Online/Mail-in

BetterWorldBooks

GreenTextbooks.org

Other

Northwest Center

Various thrift shops; call to check

BULBS/LIGHTING

Fluorescent bulbs, called CFLs, and fluorescent tubes contain mercury and may not be thrown in trash. Properly recycle; Christmas lights contain copper, glass & plastic; they should be recycled.

Anacortes

Ace Hardware (CFLs & tubes only)

Bellingham

Puget Sound Energy (small quantities
incandescents & CFLs)

Burlington

Chuckanut Lighting (CFLs & tubes)

Ekrem Hardware (CFLs & tubes)

Home Depot (CFL bulbs only)

Mt Vernon

Kaptein's Ace Hardware (CFLs & tubes)

Lowes (CFLs & tubes)

Office Depot (CFLs & tubes)

Skagit County Transfer & Recycling Station -
Hazardous Waste (CFLs & tubes)

Skagit Habitat Store

Online/Mail-in

Christmas Light Source Recycling (string lights)

Holiday LEDs Recycling (string lights)

LightRecycle Washington

TerraCycle

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr (CFLs & tubes,
high-intensity HID's)

CELL PHONES

Cell phones and accessories are made from valuable resources, such as precious metals, copper, and plastics, all of which require energy to extract and manufacture; they are reusable and recyclable.

Burlington

Best Buy

City Mac (Apple)

Home Depot

Mt Vernon

Office Depot

Skagit Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

Walmart (located by grocery entrance)

Oak Harbor

Office Max

Online/Mail-in

Buy Back World
Call2Recycle
Earth911

CLOTHING/SHOES/ TEXTILES

Anacortes

Goodwill Collection Truck
(Hwy 20 at NW Sharpe's Corner)
Red Door Thrift Shop
Soroptimist Thrift Shop

Bellingham

B-Bay Running (any brand athletic shoes)
Ragfinery
Shred-It (Sound Shredding & Recycling)

Burlington

Nike Clearance Store

La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Soroptimist)

Mt Vernon

Goodwill

Online/Mail-in

The Bra Recyclers
Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program
Poshmark
Yerdle

Skagit County

ARC of Washington (call for pickup)
Northwest Center (call for pickup)
Various thrift shops

COMPUTERS (See Electronics)

CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION & LANDSCAPE MATERIALS

Plan construction projects with recycling in mind: identify materials & markets for recovery; use contractors experienced in Construction & Demolition (C&D) procedures; specify reuse and recycling

language in contract. Follow the Skagit Guide to Construction & Demolition Recycling (pdf). Call ahead to check which items outlets will accept.

Anacortes

Sunland Bark & Topsoil

Bellingham

The RE Store for Sustainable Communities

Burlington

Miles Sand & Gravel

King County

Industrial Materials Exchange

Mt Vernon

Lautenbach Recycling
Martin Marietta Aggregates
Pallet Services
Skagit Building Salvage
Skagit Habitat Store
Skagit Soils

Online/Mail-in

Craigslist
Freecycle Network

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr

CORKS

Anacortes

Compass Wines

Online/Mail-in

TerraCycle

CRAYONS/MARKERS/PENS

Low-income programs, hospitals, and shelters may have need for your unneeded crayons, markers, etc., or online resources offer opportunities for communities, schools, businesses, and individuals to recycle. Leave wrappers on crayons when possible.

Online/Mail-in

Crayola ColorCycle (markers & highlighters)

Crayon Collection (crayons)
The Crayon Initiative (crayons)
Crazy Crayons (crayons)
The Pen Guy (pens, crayons, dry erase, felt tip,
markers, mechanical pencils))

ELECTRONIC MEDIA *(cassette tapes, CDs, DVDs, jewel cases, hard drives)*

Online/Mail-in

Back Thru the Future
Earth911
Green Disk

ELECTRONICS/ COMPUTERS/PRINTERS/ MODEMS/CABLES

(See also Cell Phones)

- *According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans throw away 2-3 million tons of electronics a year! Computers, TVs, and other electronic equipment contain heavy metals and other hazardous materials that should not go into a landfill. Under Washington's E-Cycle law, recycling is free for televisions, computers, laptops, monitors, tablets, e-readers, and portable DVD players. Peripherals and the other electronics also can be dropped off at participating retailers and recycled at no charge.*
- *Broadband equipment (Comcast, Wavecable, etc.) is rented and must be returned to broadband service provider.*

Anacortes

Aktion Club of Anacortes
Goodwill Collection Truck (Hwy 20 at NW Sharpe's
Corner)

Bellingham

Safe & Easy Electronics Recycling

SSC (Sanitary Service Company)

Burlington

Best Buy
City Mac (Apple)

Mt Vernon

Goodwill
Office Depot
Pacific Power Batteries

Oak Harbor

Office Max

Online/Mail-in

Amazon Trade-In Program
Buy Back World
E-Cycle Washington
Gazelle
Green Disk
Letgo
NW Recycling
TerraCycle

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr

Other

Northwest Center
See also online options from Dell, Hewlett-Packard

EYEGLASSES

Anacortes

Lions Club

Burlington

Costco

Concrete

Lions Club

Online/Mail-in

Lions Club

FOOD DONATIONS

*For details, see Community Action of Skagit
County*

Alger

Alger Food Bank

Anacortes

Anacortes 100 Food Bank
Salvation Army
St. Vincent DePaul Food Bank

Burlington

Tri-Parish Food Bank

Mt Vernon

Neighbors in Need

Other Skagit County Outlets

Bread of Life Food Bank (Marblemount)
Community Covenant Food Bank (Clear Lake)
Concrete Food Bank
Fidalgo Island Gleaners
Hamilton Community Food Bank
Helping Hands Food Bank (Sedro-Woolley)
La Conner Sunrise Food Bank

FOOD & YARD WASTE

Bellingham

SSC (Sanitary Service Company)

Mt Vernon

Skagit Soils

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr

Skagit County

Waste Management

FURNITURE

Anacortes

Alley Cat Antiques
Alley Cat Vintage Décor
Anacortes Family Center (call ahead)
Anacortes Flea Market
City of Anacortes (residential Clean Up Days)
Kiwanis Thrift Shop (call for pickup)
Predecessors
Thrifty Kitty

Bellingham

RE Store for Sustainable Communities
(solid wood furniture, cabinets)

Mt Vernon

Goodwill
Skagit Habitat Store
Re-Feather Your Nest
Skagit Building Salvage

Other

Northwest Center (call for pickup)
Various antique & thrift shops (call ahead to check)

GLASS

Bellingham

SSC (Sanitary Service Company)

Burlington

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr

Skagit County

Skagit municipal recycling sites
(Mt Vernon, Sauk, Clear Lake)
Waste Management curbside pickup
(west of Hwy 9)

GLASSES (See Eyeglasses)

GREASE (used cooking oils)

Bellingham

PSC Environmental Services (unstaffed bin)

HAIR

Online/Mail-in

Locks of Love

HAZARDOUS WASTES

Chemicals, fertilizers, oil-based paints, shoe polish, full or partially full aerosol cans & many other substances are considered hazardous wastes; they must be disposed of at Skagit Recycling & Transfer Station on Ovenell Rd, Mt Vernon. See Part III/Municipal.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Anacortes

Alley Cat Antiques
Alley Cat Vintage & Décor
Anacortes Family Center (call ahead)
Anacortes Flea Market
City of Anacortes Residential Clean Up Days
Goodwill Collection Truck (Hwy 20 at NW Sharpe's Corner)
Kiwanis Thrift Shop
Predecessors (also jewelry)
Red Door Thrift Shop
Salvation Army
Skagit Habitat Store
Sorooptimist Thrift Shop
Thriftly Kitty
Transition Fidalgo & Friends – Fix-It Days

Bellingham

RE Store for Sustainable Communities

La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Sorooptimist)

Mt Vernon

Bargains Galore
Goodwill
Humane Society Thrift Shop
Re-Feather Your Nest
Skagit Building Salvage

Online

Craigslist
Letgo
Poshmark

Other

ARC of Washington
Northwest Center
Various thrift shops (call ahead to confirm acceptable items)

INKS & TONERS

Burlington

Best Buy

Mt Vernon

Office Depot

Oak Harbor

Office Max

Online/Mail-in

Earth911

JUNK REMOVAL/ PROPERTY CLEANUP

No hazardous wastes

Arlington

AD Junk Solutions

Bellingham

JDog Removal & Hauling
A Plus Cleanup

Mt Vernon

Clutter Cops

Oak Harbor

Clutter Cops

LIGHTS/LIGHTING (See Bulbs)

LUMBER & BUILDING

SALVAGE *(See Construction, Demolition & Landscape Materials)*

MATTRESSES

Anacortes

Anacortes Family Center (call ahead)

Mt Vernon

Skagit Habitat Store

Online

Craigslist
Letgo

MEDICATIONS/ PHARMACEUTICALS

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Health/medicinereturn.htm>

Risks: Never put medicines down the drain, they are not removed by water treatment plants and harm the environment. Unused, unwanted, expired medications pose potential risks of drug abuse and accidental poisoning. For information on proper medication disposal, visit <https://MED-project.org/locations/skagit>

Free disposal: Skagit County's new Secure Medicine Return program enables residents to safely dispose of unneeded medicines for free by

- a) placing them in secure drop box/kiosk;
- b) placing in mail-back envelopes available from county-wide mailer distribution locations;
- c) ordering free mail-back envelopes;
- d) disposing of at national take-back events in April for unneeded or expired drugs and over-the-counter meds.

Trash Disposal Regulations: Never put medicines down the drain. Either dispose of through Secure Medicine Return or place in trash as follows:

- Remove medicine from original container;
- mix with undesirable, absorbent substance, such as cat litter, oatmeal, or used coffee grounds;
- put mixture into disposable container with a lid, such as empty margarine tub, or a sealable bag;

- Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number, from empty medicine container by scratching off or covering with black permanent marker or duct tape.
- Place sealed container with drug mixture and empty drug container in trash.

Kiosk/Mailer Locations:

Anacortes

Skidmore Pharmacy at Island Hospital (formerly Family Pharmacy, kiosk)

Burlington

Burlington Police Dept (kiosk)

Concrete

Sea Mar Community Health Ctr Pharmacy (kiosk)
Skagit County Sauk Recycl. & Transf. Station (mailers)
Upper Skagit Library (mailers)

Hamilton

Town Hall (mailers)

La Conner

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community (kiosk)

Mt Vernon

Mt Vernon Fire Dept, Cleveland Ave & Stations 2 & 3 (mailers)
Sea Mar Community Health Ctr Pharmacy (kiosk)
Skagit County Public Health Dept (mailers)
Skagit County Public Works Dept (mailers)
Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station (mailers)
Skagit County Sheriff's Office (kiosk)
Skagit Valley Hospital Pharmacy (kiosk)

Online/Mail-in

MED-Project.org

Sedro-Woolley

Skagit County Clear Lake Recycling & Transfer Station (mailers)
Schaffner Pharmacy (kiosk)
Sedro-Woolley City Hall (mailers)

METAL/SCRAP METAL

(see Propane Tanks also)

Bellingham

NW Recycling

SSC (Sanitary Service Company)

Burlington

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

King County

The Recology Store (small propane cylinders)

Mt Vernon

Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station

Online/Mail-in

Lamb Awards Recycling Program (trophies, plaques, medals, sculptures)

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr

Skagit

Skagit County recycling sites

Waste Management curbside (consult guidelines)

MISCELLANEOUS

Regional

Industrial Materials Exchange (IMEX)

MOTOR OIL

Anacortes

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Piston Service

Mt Vernon

AutoZone

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Sedro-Woolley

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr

Skagit County

Skagit County recycling sites

PACKING MATERIALS

Requirements change; call to confirm accepted materials.

Anacortes

The Mail Box

Bellingham

Handle with Care Packaging Store

King County

Recology Stores (Styrofoam)

Styro Recycle Inc, Renton

The Big Guys, Woodinville

Mt Vernon

Postal & More

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Center

PAINT

Anacortes

Ace Hardware (latex; fee)

King County

GreenSheen Paint, Kent (latex)

The Recology Store

Mt Vernon

Kaptein's Ace Hardware (latex)

Skagit Habitat Store

Skagit County

Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Facility
(oil-based paints, solvents, thinners)

PAPER PRODUCTS

Bellingham

NW Recycling

Sound Shredding & Recycling

SSC (Sanitary Service Company)

Burlington

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

King County

The Recology Store (hardcover books)

Mt Vernon

Lautenbach Recycling (cardboard)
Office Depot (shredding)
Skagit Soils

Oak Harbor

Office Max (shredding)

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr

Skagit County

Skagit County recycling sites

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

Anacortes

Anacortes 100 Food Bank
Sorooptimist Thrift Shop
Salvation Army

La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Sorooptimist)

PHONES (See Cell Phones)

PLASTICS

Anacortes

Safeway (bags & film plastic)

Bellingham

SSC (Sanitary Service Company takes most types, see online guide or call)

Burlington

Skagit River Steel & Recycling (fishing net, large quantities of plastic film - call ahead)

King County

Shred-It (Sound Shredding & Recycling)

Mt Vernon

Skagit Master Gardeners (sq gal plastic pots)
Walmart (clean, dry film)

Skagit County

Bottles, jugs, jars, dairy tubs only
Skagit County recycling sites
Waste Management curbside

Online

Preserve Gimme 5

PORCELAIN (toilets, sinks, tile, etc)

Bellingham

RE Store for Sustainable Communities

Mt Vernon

Skagit Habitat Store
Skagit Salvage

Know Your Plastics

Plastic **grocery-type bags** are made from plastic film and may be recycled at most grocery stores.

Plastic film items may be recycled at specialty outlets if they are clean and dry: plastic shopping bags, grocery, food storage (zip top), and produce bags, rinsed garden amendments bags, plastic shipping envelopes, non-tearable cereal box liners, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, case wrap (e.g., case of water bottles), air pillows, bubble wrap, product overwrap (e.g., toilet paper), newspaper bags.

Not recyclable: degradable/compostable bags or film packaging, pre-washed salad mix bags, frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, chip bags, six-pack rings.

Read more at <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>.

PROPANE TANKS

Tanks must be empty. Requirements vary; phone for instructions.

Bellingham

SSC/Sanitary Service Co. (valves removed)

Burlington

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr

RUBBER

Burlington

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

SECONDHAND STORES

Anacortes

Anacortes Flea Market

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Red Door Thrift Shop

Soroptimist Thrift Shop

Burlington

First Stop Thrift Shop

La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Soroptimist)

Mt Vernon

Bargains Galore

Humane Society Thrift Shop

Re-Feather Your Nest

Value Village

Sedro-Woolley

The Walnut Tree Thrift Shop

Skagit County

Various thrift shops (call ahead)

SHARPS (needles, syringes)

Online

Sharps Disposal by Mail

TerraCycle

Skagit County

Look for disposal containers in various medical and business locations, usually in a bathroom.

SHOES (See Clothes/Shoes)

SPORTING GOODS

Marysville

Play It Again Sports

Online/Mail-in

Craigslist

Freecycle

Rebounces (tennis balls)

Skagit County

Check with local thrift stores

STYROFOAM

King County

The Big Guys, Woodinville

The Recology Store

Styro Recycle Inc-Renton, Kent

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr

TIRES

Anacortes

Les Schwab

Burlington

Les Schwab

Mt Vernon

Les Schwab

Skagit County Transfer & Recycling Station
(limit 4 tires, less than 36-in. diam)

Sedro-Woolley

Les Schwab

Sedro-Woolley City Recycling Ctr

TOOLS

Anacortes

Anacortes Flea Market

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Predecessors

Mt Vernon

Skagit Building Salvage

Skagit Habitat Store

Online/Mail-in

Craigslist

Part II

RECYCLING/RE-USE OUTLETS

AD Junk Solutions: Arlington; (425) 247-3436; (office) M-Sun 7a-7p; (pickup) M-Sun 8a-6p; contact@adhaulingsolutions.com

Construction debris

Estate emptying

Furniture & junk removal

Property cleanup

Trash

Vehicle, boat & RV removal

Ace Hardware: 1720 Q Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-3535; M-F 7a-8p; Sat & Sun 8a-6p.

<http://aceanacortes.com/>

Batteries (see Part I Battery Recycling)

Bulbs (fluorescent bulbs & tubes; lamp repair)

Latex paint (fee \$2.50 for up to 1 qt; \$5/gal)

Aktion Club of Anacortes: Cap Sante Marina, Port of Anacortes Net Lockers #32, Q Ave and Seafarers Way, Anacortes; (360) 840-5415. 2nd Sat every month 9a-12p. Large item pickup for \$20 donation. Free.

<http://anacortesaktion.org/e-cycle-your-old-electronic.html>

Computers

Computer monitors

E-readers (e.g., Kindles)

Laptops

Portable DVD players

Tablet computers

TVs

Alley Cat Antiques: 208 Commercial Ave, Anacortes (adjacent to Marine Hardware); (360) 293-8020; open 7 days 10a-5p. www.alleycatantique.com

Alley Cat Vintage & Décor: 1717 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; (360) 299-2850; <https://www.facebook.com/AlleyCatVintageDecor/>
Antiques
Collectibles
Estate sales

Why buy new

... when you can save money and reduce waste by repurposing something you already have. Or, buy the same item, gently used, at your local thrift store for a fraction of the cost? There's a growing community of folks doing just that. Plus, websites and apps, such as letgo.com, freecycle.org, craigslist.org, and poshmark.com can help you buy or sell items that might otherwise end up feeding the landfill.

We can all *rethink* what we really need, and most of us can honestly say we *have too much stuff*. Check out *The Story of Stuff* at <https://storyofstuff.org> to learn more about the challenges created by all that stuff we buy and throw away.

Amazon Trade-In Program:

Trade in working and broken Amazon devices.

<https://www.amazon.com/Amazon-Trade-In/b?ie=UTF8&node=9187220011>.

Electronics

Anacortes 100 Food Bank: 512 4th St, Anacortes; (360) 293-6445. Tu & F 10a-2p. Leave donations by small building to left and behind main house; cart checked daily.

Fresh produce

Personal care items

Pkg'd food and drinks (unopened)

Anacortes Family Center: 2702 Commercial Ave.; Anacortes; (360) 293-2993. Daily 9a-5p; www.anacortesfamily.org

Anacortes Flea Market: 7656 State Rte 20 (at Hwy 20 roundabout); (360) 899-4185; M-Sat 10a-6p, Sun 10a-5p. Thrift, consignment & discount store.
<https://anacortes-flea-market.business.site/>

Anacortes Public Library: 1220 10th St, Anacortes; (360) 293-1910; M-F 11a-7p, Sat & Sun 11a-4p; anacorteswa.gov/220/library.

Audio books

Books, magazines

Videos

A Plus Cleanup: Serving Whatcom and Skagit counties; (360) 599-1501 or (425) 343-8438; <https://apluscleanups.com/>

Garbage cleanup & dump runs

Residential junk removal & property cleanup

Apple: (See City Mac)

ARC of Washington: Donations support advocacy groups to educate people with intellectual and developmental disability

issues. Call or email for pickup of tax-deductible donations: (800) 826-4310.

<http://donatewa.org>.

Clothing

Household goods

Armstrong World Industries Ceiling Tile Program: Lancaster, PA 17604; (877) 276-7876. Pre-approved shipments only.

www.armstrongceilings.com/commercial/en-us/performance/sustainable-building-design/ceiling-recycling-program.html

Ceiling tiles

AutoZone: Mt Vernon: 720 E College Way; (360) 416-0137; **Burlington:** 150 S Burlington Blvd; (360) 755-1559. Both M-Sat 7:30a-10p, Sun 7:30a-8p. Tool loan program.

Automotive batteries (payment via merch card; \$10/battery; limit 5/day)

Motor oil (5 gal/day)

Back Thru the Future: 1 Park Dr, Ste 3, Franklin, NJ 07416; (973) 823-9752.
cdrecyclingforfree.com

CDs/DVDs

Hard drives

Jewel cases

Bargains Galore: 224 Chenoweth St, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-0908. Donations accepted M-F 9:30a-5:30p, Sat 9a-4:30p. Non-profit secondhand store supporting Mt Vernon Christian School; pickup & delivery services available.

Clothing

Miscellaneous

B-Bay Running: 1431 N State St, Bellingham; (360) 738-6900.
10a-6p M-Sat; 11a-5p Sun.
<https://bbayrunning.com/shoe-recycling/>

Athletic shoes (any brand; donated for re-use or recycled)

BetterWorldBooks.com/donate

See online for free shipping label for three or more books.

Best Buy: 1851 Marketplace Dr, Burlington; (360) 757-3414. M-Sat 10a-9p, Sun 10a-8p. Free drop-off recycling; refurbishing; trade-ins; hauling for fee (reduced with replacement product purchase and delivery). List of acceptable items at <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025&intl=nosplash>

Appliances

Batteries (rechargeable, Ni-Cad, button cell, cell phone; bag similar types together)

Cameras & camcorders

Electronics

Home appliances (stick vacuums, fans, hair dryers, etc.)

Ink & toner

Plastic bags

Wires, cords & cables

The Big Guys: 18815 139th Ave NE, Woodinville; (425) 820-8500. M-F 9a-4p. Free.

<https://www.thebigguys.com/doing-our-part>.

Styrofoam (clean, dry)

Transportation packaging

The Bra Recyclers: Gilbert, AZ 85297; (480) 988-2283; www.brarecycling.com/

Bras

Burlington Police Dept: 11 Cedar St #B, Burlington; 360-755-0921; www.burlingtonwa.gov.

Secure medication disposal kiosk (see Part I - Medications/Pharmaceuticals for details)

Buy Back World: Cash paid for wide range of electronics; also, sells refurbished devices.

<https://www.buybackworld.com/>

Cameras

Cell phones

Computers

Peripherals

Tablets

Smart watches

Call2Recycle: Extensive information on battery types, recycling laws & sources; ZIP code search tool to rechargeable battery recycling drop-off & shipping information; serves major Big Box stores such as The Home Depot, Lowe's, Staples.

www.call2recycle.org/.

Appliances

Batteries (Ni-Cad, button cell, cell phone, rechargeable)

Cell phones

Car Donation Wizard:

(877) 957-2277;

Facilitates charitable and nonprofit (and potentially tax deductible) vehicle donations. <https://www.cardonationwizard.com/state/46/car-donation-washington.html>

Most cars, trucks, boats & personal watercraft, RVs and motorhomes, trailers, motorcycles, off-road vehicles & more

Car Quest Auto Parts: 816 Murdock St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-0341; M-Fri 7:30a-5:30p; Sat 8a-5p

Auto batteries

Cascade Hauling & Recycling: Monroe; (425) 308-3019; Snohomish & King Counties. Fee. <https://www.cascadehauling.com/>

Buildings (small)
Hauling
Junk removal
Property cleanup
Vehicles

Christmas Light Source

Recycling Program:

Open year round; box and send; receive 10%-off coupon good for new light order; proceeds support Toys for Tots.

https://www.christmas-light-source.com/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program_c_210.html

String lights

Chuckanut Lighting: 938 Fountain St, Burlington; (888) 757-2195; M-Fri 9a-5:30p, Sat 10a-5p.

Fluorescent (all types; limit 10)

City Mac (Apple): 1771 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington; (360) 707-4282; M-Sat 10a-6p. Apple GiveBack <https://www.apple.com/shop/trade-in>. Drop off used Apple products at store or purchase prepaid shipping label for free recycling; many devices eligible for in-store credit through trade-in program. <https://citymac.com>

Cables	Keyboards
Cell phone	Mice
Computers	Printers
iPod	Scanners
Displays peripherals	Speakers
Hard drives	

Clutter Cops: 13213 Farm to Market Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 632-6169; text photo to (360) 632-6169. Hauling services serving Island

and Skagit Counties; flexible time periods and rush services offered. www.thecluttercops.com/ or admin@TheClutterCops.com

Appliances	Mattresses
Carpeting	Pianos
Construction waste	Scrap metal
E-waste	Tires
Furniture & cabinets	Wood products
Garbage & Yard waste	

Community Action of Skagit County;

30 Pacific Pl, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-7585; <http://skagitcrc.org/docs/foodbanks.pdf>

Compass Wines; 1405 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-6500
Corks

Costco: 1725 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington; (360) 757-5703; M-F 7a-8:30p M-F, Sat 9:30a-6p, Sun 10a-6p. Donation box on optical dept counter.

Eyeglasses (prescription, readers, sunglasses)

Craigslist: Skagit:

Online classified advertising for buy, sell, trade, free items & services. <https://skagit.craigslist.org>.

Crayola ColorCycle:

For participating K-12 schools. All brands plastic markers & highlighters, including dry erase. Free shipping. <https://www.crayola.com/colorcycle>.

Crayon Collection:

Facilitates upcycling of used crayons to Title I Schools. <https://www.crayoncollection.org/programs/crayon-recycling/>.

Crayons

The Crayon Initiative: Facilitates upcycling of used crayons to hospitals. Discounted

shipping. <https://thecrayoninitiative.org/>

Crayons

Crazy Crayons: Employs people with disabilities to recycle used crayons into new crayons. <https://crazycrayons.com/crayon-recycle-program/>.

Crayons

Earth 911: Information on what, how, and where to refurbish, upcycle, and recycle multiple materials. Confirm availability of recommended online outlets. See *“10 Things You Can Recycle Through the Mail”* at <https://earth911.com/>

<https://earth911.com/home-garden/mail-back-recycling-programs/>

Easton's Books: 701 S 1ST St, Mt Vernon; (360) 336-2066; M-Sat 10:30a-5:30p. www.eastonsbooks.com

Books (used, out-of-print, collectible)

E-Cycle Washington:

(800) RECYCLE (732-9253);

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Electronics>; also; www.ecyclewashington.org.

Electronics

Ekrem Hardware: 237 E Fairhaven Ave, Burlington; (360) 755-0040; 8a-5:30p. www.ekremhardware.doitbest.com

Bulbs: (all fluorescent CFL bulbs & tubes)

Environmental Protection Agency:

Find participating recyclers.

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle>

Fidalgo Island Gleaners: Assists homeowners with picking/donating/distributing fruit from trees that would otherwise go unpicked; information on fruit

tree care & maintenance.

<http://www.transitionfidalgo.org/figg/>

Fruit trees

Fred Meyer: 920 S Burlington Blvd, (360) 757-9100; 7a-11p daily.

Cell phones (potentially available late 2019)

The Freecycle Network: Non-profit organization facilitating local networks of people giving and receiving free items to keep usable materials out of landfills.

www.freecycle.com

Gazelle: Pays cash for electronics and sells refurbished devices. <https://www.gazelle.com/>.

Goodwill: Mt Vernon upcycling retail store: 242 E College Way; (360) 848-0646. Donations M-Sat 8a-7p; shopping daily 9a-9p. **Anacortes Donation Center:** 7645 State Rte 20 (Sharpe's Corner). Donation guidelines <http://seattlegoodwill.org/donate-goods/donation-guidelines>

Appliances (small)

Furniture

Clothing

Household goods

Electronics (incl. TVs & monitors; max. 5 pcs/family)

Toys

NO: large appliances ♦ mattresses

Green Disk: Issaquah; (800) 305-DISK; Fee-based Technotrash Pack IT Service. www.greendisk.com

CDs, DVDs, etc.

Electronics & accessories

GreenSheen Paint: 825 Central Ave S, Kent; (253) 856-1442. Paint only in its original container with readable label & secure lid; no-cost contractor option available. Paint is recycled into usable products; containers recycled.

<https://greensheepaint.com/page/paint-disposal-wa.php>.

Paint (latex, i.e., water-based, only)

Clear coatings (shellac, varnish)

House paints

Primers

Stains

Sealers

NO: oil-based paints ♦ aerosols (spray cans) ♦ solvents ♦ products intended for industrial or non-architectural use

GreenTextbooks.org: c/o Donations, 1871 East Wild Willow Ln, Sandy, UT 84093; info@greentextbooks.org. Reuse, sale & recycling (into other products) of academic textbooks in acceptable condition up to 20 years old, including annotated instructor editions, international editions, free or review copies, test banks, study guides & software. <https://www.greentextbooks.org/page/recycle-textbooks>.

DVDs, CDs

Textbooks

Habitat for Humanity RE Store

(See Skagit Habitat Store)

Hamilton, Town of: 584 Maple St, Hamilton; (360) 826-3027. (*See Outlets/MED-Project and Recyclable Items/Medications/Pharmaceuticals for full details.*)

Secure Medicine Return (mailers) – contact town office for hours of operation

Holiday LEDs Recycling: Open year round; box and ship lights (least expensive way). Receive coupon good for 15% off HolidayLEDs.com order. <https://www.holidayleds.com/christmas-light-recycling-program.aspx>.

String lights

The Home Depot: 2001 Marketplace Dr, Burlington, WA; (360) 757-1986; www.homedepot.com

Cell phones

CFLs (fluorescent bulbs; NO tubes)

Batteries (Rechargeable, button cell)

The Hub Community Bike Shop:

Bellingham 110 Ohio St, Bellingham; (360) 255-2072; W-Sat noon-6. Non-profit community bike shop. www.thebikehub.org.

Bikes & parts

Humane Society Thrift Shop:

525 E College Way #G, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-5991. Clean, usable items; call first regarding large items.

Industrial Materials Exchange (IMEX):

172 20th Ave, Seattle; (206) 296-4692. Free listing service assists households & businesses to sell or give away surplus materials & wastes. www.hazwastehelp.org/IMEX/index.aspx;

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling:

Bellingham; 1-844-GET-JDOG (1-844-438-5364). National jobs for veterans and military families business; recycles 60-80% of goods hauled; call for details or schedule online. Junk of all kinds, e.g., appliances, carpet, construction & yard debris e-waste, furniture, garbage mattresses, scrap metal, tires, TVs. <https://www.jdogjunkremoval.com/>

Kaptein's Ace Hardware: 1420 Riverside Dr, Mt Vernon; (360) 428-6977; M-Sat 7:30a-7p. <https://greensheepaint.com/page/paint-disposal-wa.php>)

CFLs (fluorescent—all bulbs & tubes)

Latex paint (nominal fee)

Kiwanis Thrift Shop: 420 "O" Ave, Anacortes, (360) 293-2921; Tu & F 10:30a-5:30p, Sat 10:30a-2p. Sponsored by Anacortes Noon Kiwanis; call for information and to schedule pickup.

Appliances (working)	Garage & yard items
Automobiles	Household goods
Bicycles	Records
DVDs	Sporting goods
Electronics (working)	Tools

Upholstered furniture (good condition)

Refrigerators or freezers (plugged in and tested)

NO: car seats ♦ clothing ♦ computers & peripherals ♦ encyclopedias & reference books ♦ TVs over 10 years old (check tag on back of TV) ♦ exercise equipment ♦ hide-a-beds ♦ mattresses ♦ microwave ovens (large or without digital clocks) ♦ refrigerators or freezers (untested) ♦ tires & wheels

Lamb Awards Recycling Program:

Westminster, MD 21157; (410) 876-1444; www.lambawards.com/recycle.html

Trophies, plaques, medals, sculptures

Lautenbach Recycling: 13084 Ball Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 757-4000; M-F 7a-6p, Sat 9a-3p. Residential & commercial sustainable waste solutions; recycling; self-haul & construction/demolition drop boxes.

Acceptable items: see drop boxes and self haul at: <https://lautenbachrecycling.com>

Appliances	Organic materials
Cardboard	Metal
Cooking oil (used)	Self-haul
Hauling	
Demolition debris (asphalt, drywall, mixed C&D, wood, roofing)	

Les Schwab: *Anacortes:* 2311 Commercial Ave, (360) 293-5121; *Burlington:* 903 S Burlington Blvd, (360) 757-0038; *Mt Vernon:*

1003 W Division St, (360) 424-8332; *Sedro-Woolley:* 204 W Moore St, (360) 855-1033. M-F 8a-6p; Sat 8a-5p.

Car batteries (free)

Tires (free if not on car or rim; otherwise, \$2 charge/car tire; \$3/light truck tire)

Letgo: Mobile and desktop app; www.us.letgo.com

LightRecycle Washington: Free-to-use collection network for mercury-containing lights, which are illegal to throw in regular garbage; up to 10 bulbs/day at no cost. www.lightrecycle.org; (800) 592-2972 x354.

For accepted products, see <https://www.lightrecycle.org/consumers/accepted-products/>

CFLs (tubes or any shape)

High Intensity Discharge Lights (HIDs)

Lions Clubs: Donation sites: *Anacortes:* US Post Office, 519 Commercial Ave; Senior Ctr, 1701 22nd St; Island Eye Physicians & Surgeons, 1213 24th St, Suite 300; Island Optometry, 1610 Commercial Ave; Optical Place, 1110 12th St. *Concrete:* Concrete Senior Center 45821 Railroad St. Search locations by zip code at <https://lionsnwlerc.org/drop-off-locations/>. *Or mail to* Lions In Sight Warehouse, 1404 Lemon St, Vallejo, CA 94590; (707) 648-2306. www.lionsinsight.org/

Eyeglasses

Hearing aids

Locks of Love Hair Donation Program:

West Palm Beach, FL 33405; (561) 833-7332. www.locksoflove.org/donate.html

Hair (min. 10-in long, in ponytail or braid)

Lowe's: 1717 Freeway Dr, Mount Vernon;
(360) 424-5838.

Appliances (w/ purchase of new appliance)
Batteries (Rechargeable, button cell)
Cell Phones
CFLs (fluorescent, all bulbs & tubes)
Plastic shopping bags
Wood pallets

The Mail Box: 1004 Commercial Ave,
Anacortes; (360) 293-0342.

M-F 8:30a-5:30p, Sat 10a-3p.

Call re other packing materials.

<http://www.darlasmailbox.com>

Peanuts

Martin Marietta Aggregates: 20411 E
Hickox Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-3441;
www.martinmarietta.com

Asphalt, concrete, pavement

MED-Project: Medical education and
disposal program for secure medicine
return via drop boxes (kiosks) and mailers
throughout the state; locations at [https://
med-project.org/locations/skagit/convenient-
locations/](https://med-project.org/locations/skagit/convenient-locations/)

Controlled substances
Over-the-counter home medicines
Pet medication (*NO* pet pesticide products, e.g.,
flea collars)
Prescription drugs (most)

On request: mailers for undamaged inhalers in
original containers; for pre-filled injector products;
and for use by home care and hospice service
providers for residents.

NO: used Epi-pens or empty injector products/
medical devices that contain no covered drug ♦
vitamins or supplements ♦ herbal-based remedies
♦ homeopathic drugs ♦ personal care products ♦
cosmetics ♦ mercury-containing thermometers ♦

*pet pesticide products ♦ Schedule I/illegal drugs (e.g.,
marijuana, LSD, heroin).*

Miles Sand & Gravel: 663 Pease Rd,
Burlington, WA; (360) 707-4157. M-F
7a-4:30p.

Asphalt, concrete, pavement

City of Mount Vernon:

Drug Take-Back Days in April and October;
accept all pill-form drugs (NO sharps or
inhalers); remove pills from containers and
place in paper bag.

Secure Medicine Return mailers

Main Fire Station: 910 Cleveland Ave

Fire Station Station #2: 1901 N Laventure Rd

Fire Station Station #3: 4701 E Division St

Skagit Co. Public Health Dept: 700 S Second St,
Rm 301

Skagit Co. Pub Works Dept: 1800 Continental Pl.

Secure Medicine Return kiosks

Sea Mar Community Health Ctr Pharmacy:

1400 N Laventure Rd

Skagit Co Sheriff's Off: 600 S Third St

Skagit Valley Hosp Pharmacy: 415 E Kinkaid St

*See Part I – Items/Plastics for container recycling
options.*

*For complete details, see Part II/Outlets/MED-Project
and Part I – Items/Medications/Pharmaceuticals.*

Nike Clearance Store: 300 Fashion Way,
Burlington; (360) 757-4431. Washington
State Univ. is a key Nike manufacturing
global energy and carbon team partner.
[https://sustainability.nike.com/supplier-
environmental-management](https://sustainability.nike.com/supplier-environmental-management).
www.nikegrind.com

Athletic shoes (any brand)

Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program: 3552 Ave of Commerce, Memphis, TN 38125; (800) 344-6453. en-gb-help.nike.com/app/answer/article/reuseashoe-faq/a_id/60721/country/eg

Athletic shoes

Northwest Center: 525 E. College Way, Mt Vernon; (206) 285-9140. Serves people with disabilities; partners with Value Village. Schedule pickup of your items, deposit in Big Blue Bins, or drop off. Find locations, scheduling info, full acceptable item list at www.bigbluetruck.org

Books	Housewares
Clothing, shoes, accessories	Sporting goods
Electronics	Tools
Furniture (small)	Toys

NO: large furniture or appliances

Northwest Recycling: 1419 C St, Bellingham; M-F 8a-4:30p, Sat 8a-1p; self-serve public drop-off on Astor St at D St (off W Holly). Pays for scrap metal; no retail sales; complete list at

www.nwrecycling.com/general-recycling

Appliances
Automobiles (junk cars, motors)
Batteries (alkaline, Ni-Cad, button cell, rechargeable)
Electronics
Metals (all, incl. appliances and other household metals)
Paper (mixed, newspaper, cardboard)
Scrap steel

NO: cell phones ♦ garbage ♦ paint ♦ rubber ♦ TVs/computer monitors ♦ window glass ♦ wood ♦ yard debris

Office Depot & Office Max:

Office Depot: 201-A East College Way, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-4979. M-F 8a-8p, Sat 9a-

8p, Sun 10a-6p.

Office Max: 775 NE Koetje St (Hwy 20 and E Koetje St), Oak Harbor; (360) 240-2177. M-F 8a-8p, Sat 9a-8p, Sun 10a-6p.

Batteries (rechargeable, tape both ends)
Binders (\$2 credit toward purchase of new binder with recycling of up to six old binders)
Bulbs
Cell phones
Electronics (see list below)
Ink & toner cartridges
PDAs
Shredding (in-store and pickup)

Electronics recycling boxes sold for \$5-\$15, depending on size; covers Office Depot/Office Max cost of shipping up to a full box directly to recycler.

https://www.officedepot.com/speciallinks/us/od/docs/promo/pages/docs/techrecyclingbroch_july.pdf.

Cell phones
Cords & cables
Desktop PCs
Digital cameras
DVD players
Fax machines
Laptop PCs
Monitors (CRT & LCD)
MP3 players
Printers/All-in-Ones
Peripherals: e.g., keyboards, mice, drives
Scanners
Televisions (small)
VCRs
Video Cameras

NO: appliances (e.g., toasters, kettles) ♦ cracked monitors ♦ electronics covered in liquids ♦ items containing radioactive materials ♦ chemically contaminated items ♦ leaking refrigerators or items containing Freon

O'Reilly Auto Parts: Anacortes: 2219 Commercial Ave; (360) 293-2164; **Mt Vernon:** 1715 Riverside Dr; (360) 424-6131; **Sedro-Woolley:** 504 Crossroads Square; (360) 854-9508. M-Sat 7:30a-9p, Sun 8a-8p.

Motor oil (5 gal/day max; not mixed with any other products)

Lead-acid batteries (automotive; receive gift card as pmt)

Pacific Power Batteries:

107 E Cedar St, Mt Vernon; (360) 419-3190; M-Th 8a-6p, Fri 7a-6p, Sat & Sun 9a-5p.

www.pacificpowerbatteries.com/recycling.cfm

Batteries (Alkaline, carbon-zinc, lead-acid, lithium ion, Ni-Cad, Ni-MH, automotive)

Computers (portable or laptop), computer monitors

DVD players (portable)

E-readers / e-books

Tablets

Televisions

NO: computer peripherals (e.g., keyboards, mice, printers)

Pallet Services: 12998 Farm to Market Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-8171.

www.palletservices.com

Pallets

Pelican Bay Books: 520 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-1852; M-Sat 9a-5:30p. Gives trade credit for 25% cover price of acceptable used books; appointment requested for more than a small box. pelicanbaybooks.com

Books

The Pen Guy: PO Box 994, Forestville, CA 95436; for UPS or FedEx send to The Pen Guy, 6484 Mirabel Road, #994, Forestville, CA. Pens used to create art. <https://penguart.com/recycle-pens-here/send-pens-by-mail/>

Ball point, dry erase, crayons, felt tip, markers, mechanical pencils & more.

Piston Service: 1020 12th St, Anacortes; (360) 293-2106; M-Sat 7a-5:30p.

<http://pistonservice.com/>

Automotive batteries (no payment)

Motor Oil

Play It Again Sports: 115 Marysville Mall Way, Marysville; (360) 653-9777. M-F 10a-8p; Sat 10a-7p, Sun 10a-6p; Call ahead, not all categories or gear bought at all locations. <https://www.playitagainsports.com/locations/marysville-wa>.

Sports & fitness gear (new & gently used)

Poshmark: Commercial marketplace to buy or sell brand name items. www.poshmark.com

Clothing and accessories (women's, men's, kids')

Household items

Postal & More: 1500-A East College Way, Mt Vernon; (360) 428-5848. M-F 9a-6p, Sat 9a-2p. www.postalandmore.com

Air cushions

Peanuts (bagged & clean)

Styrofoam sheets (flat)

Predecessors: 1005 10th St, Anacortes; text/mobile (316) 832-8878. Items purchased from estates, individuals, downsizing, storage units, etc., for monthly sales; packing and pickup.

<http://thepredecessors.com/>

Collections

Furniture

Jewelry

Tools

Household goods

Preserve Gimme 5: 823 State Route 13, Cortland, NY 13045-6574. Online and Whole Foods grocery store resource for hard-to-recycle items; pack items tightly, preferably in used carton, and mail by ground to above address. <https://www.preserve.eco/pages/how-to-recycle>.

#5 Plastics (containers/caps/prescription bottles; clean, rigid)

Toothbrushes (in sets of 6; receive \$6 Preserve.eco store credit)

PSC Environmental Services: 3505 Airport Dr, Bellingham; (206) 932-1600; M-Sun 9a-4p.

Used cooking oil, waste vegetable oil, yellow grease

Puget Sound Energy: 1329 N State St, Bellingham; (800) 562-1482. Businesses may request recycling collection box with pre-paid return shipping label from bulbrecycling@pse.com

<https://www.pse.com/rebates/business-incentives/commercial-lighting/host-a-bulb-recycling-collection-box>.

Appliances (For PSE customers only, free pickup and \$25 check for *working* freezers and refrigerators manufactured in 1992 or earlier; limit 3 appliances)

Appliances

Bulbs (small quantities incandescent and CFLs)

Ragfinery: 1421 N Forest St, Bellingham; (360) 738-6977. Tu-Sat 10a-5p. Reuse, upcycling & recycling. www.ragfinery.com

Accessories (belts, handbags, shoes)

Art supplies

Clothing

Pillow forms, Polyfil

Textiles (min. 1-ft square, curtains, unstained bedding, upholstery)

Sewing supplies

Yarn

Rebounces:

<https://www.tennisballrecycling.com/>

Tennis balls

The Recology Store: Bothell, Burien, Issaquah, Shoreline. For minimal fee, accepts hard-to-recycle items; locations & details at www.recology.com/store. Item drop-off guide https://41k4p01v6nzq13r4y42jb9xv-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Recology-Store-Drop-Off-Recycling-Guide_11032017.pdf

Appliances (small)

Batteries (household; separate by type; tape ends)

Bicycles & parts

Books (hardcover)

Cooking oils (used)

Computers & computer accessories

Electronics (small)

Fluorescent tubes & bulbs

Propane cylinders (small)

Styrofoam (clean & dry)

Textiles

The Red Door Thrift Shop: 1019 7th St, Anacortes; (360) 293-8027; donation hours M-F 11a-3p; Tu, Th, Fri 11a-5p. Sponsored by Christ Episcopal Church. <http://www.christchurchanacortes.org/the-red-door-thrift-shop.html>;

Clothes

Household items

Re-Feather Your Nest: 121 Freeway Dr, Suite A, Mt Vernon; (360) 755-3126. Buy, sell, consign.

<http://re-featheryournest.com/buy-sell/>

Accessories

Antiques

Furniture

Household items

The RE Store for Sustainable

Communities: 2309 Meridian St,
Bellingham; (360) 647-5921.

9a-5p M-Sat, Sun 10a-4p;

<http://re-store.org>

Cabinets

Household accessories (lighting, hardware, etc.)

Salvage services, reclamation,
deconstruction, green demolition

Solid wood furniture

Rita Street Appliance Recycling: 211 W
Woodworth St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-
2030, W-F 10a-5p. Sales of used appliances
and parts. Pickup for small fee: \$10 non-
refrigerated items, \$20 refrigerated items.

Appliances

Safe & Easy Electronics Recycling: 3863
Hannegan Rd #110, Bellingham (360)
715-3279; M-F 9a-6p, Sat 9a-6p; re-use,
refurbish, repair, destruction. Complete
listing at www.safeandeasyrecycling.com

Computers

Computer accessories

Electronics

NO: printers ♦ scanners ♦ fax machines

Salvation Army: 3001 "R" Ave, Suite 100,
Anacortes; M-Th 9-noon & 1-4p. M & W
mornings preferred for fresh produce drop
off for distribution at M and W food bank
1:10-3:45p.

Food

Household products

Personal products

Schaffner Pharmacy: 1990 Hospital Dr,
Suite 120, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 854-2760;
M-F 9a-6p; drug take-back program.
www.schaffnerpharmacy.com

Secure Medicine Return Drop box/kiosk
(see Part I— Items/Medications/
Pharmaceuticals for details)

NO: batteries ♦ cosmetics ♦ herbal remedies ♦ illicit
drugs ♦ medical devices ♦ personal care products
♦ pet pesticide products ♦ sharps ♦ supplements ♦
thermometers (mercury) ♦ vitamins

Sea Mar Community Health Center:

Concrete: 7438 South D Ave; (360) 853-8183;
M-W-Th-F 8a-5p, Tu 9a-6p. Also, **Mt Vernon:**
1400 N Laventure Rd; (360) 428-4075; M-F
8a-7p, Sat 8a-5p.

Secure Medicine kiosk

For details, see Part I — Items/Medicines and
Part II — Outlets/MED-Project

Sedro-Woolley Police Dept: 325 Metcalf
St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-0111; M-F 10a-
5p; www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us.

Secure Medicine Return mailers/kiosk (see Part
II — MED-Project & Part I — Medications/Pharma-
ceuticals for details)

Sharps Disposal by Mail System:

877-WASTE-MD (877-927-8363);
Sharps Compliance provides specially
designed containers for used sharps
(needles, razor blades, etc.), plus
government-approved, pre-paid exterior
shipping box, and instructions for use.

<http://www.sharpsinc.com/store/>

Shred-it (Sound Shredding & Recycling):
4020 Hammer Dr, Bellingham (425) 243-
5160. Drop-off or pickup; secure destruction.
www.shredit.com/

Binders

Casino chips

Credit cards

Documents

Hard drives

ID badges

Media

Medication containers

Uniforms

X-rays

Skagit Building Salvage: 17994 State Rte 536, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-3399; M-Sat 10a-5:30p, Sun 11a-4p. Upcycling and deconstruction services. Donate (for in-store credit) or sell.

<http://www.usedbuildingmaterials.com/>

- Appliances
- Architecturals, hardware, lighting
- Building materials & millwork
- Farm & garden materials
- Furniture
- Tools

Skagit County Master Gardeners:

Washington State Univ Skagit Co Extension, 11768 Westar Ln, Suite A, Burlington; (360) 428-4270; <https://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/mg/>
Gal plastic pots (square only)

Skagit County Public Health Dept: 700 S Second St, Rm 301, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1500; 8:30a-4:30p; <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Health/dept.htm>.

Secure Medicine mailers
*For details, see Part I – Items/Medicines and
Part II – Outlets/MED-Project*

Skagit County Public Works: 1800 Continental Pl, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1400; 8a-4:30p; <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorks/main.htm>

Secure Medicine kiosk
*For details, see Part I – Items/Medicines and
Part II – Outlets/MED-Project*

Skagit County Sheriff: 600 S Third St, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1911; M-F 8:30a-4:30p.

Secure Medicine mailers
*For details, see Part I – Items/Medicines and
Part II – Outlets/MED-Project*

Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services: 1521B Leigh Way, Mt Vernon; 24-hour hotline; (360) 336-9591. <https://www.skagitdvsas.org/contact/>

Cell phones

Skagit Habitat Store: 1022 Riverside Dr, Burlington; (360) 428-9402; Tu-Sat 10a-5:30p; call to schedule free pickup (donation appreciated). For acceptable items see Part II – Outlets/ Skagit County recycling sites. See list of acceptable and unacceptable items at <https://www.skagithabitat.com/store>.

- Appliances
- Building Materials
- Furniture
- Mattresses (like-new condition)
- Paint ((latex and oil-based: new, full, unopened, non-rusted paint, stain, removers, brushes, rollers, etc.)
- Tools
- Vehicles

Skagit River Steel & Recycling: 1265 S Anacortes St, Burlington; (360) 707-6096; M-F 8a-4:30p
<https://www.skagitriversteel.com>

- Appliances
- Batteries (automotive only)
- Fibers (all paper, cardboard, newspaper)
- Glass (food & beverage, all colors)
- Heavy equipment
- Iron
- Motors
- Non-Ferrous materials
- Plastics (large quantities film only)
- Scrap metal (all)
- Stainless steel
- Steel

Skagit Soils: 13260 Ball Rd, Mt Vernon;
(360) 424-0199; M-F 8a-4:30p, Sat 9a-2p.
Charge of 2.5 cents/lb, \$5 minimum.
www.skagitsoilsinc.com/recycling

Brick, small pcs concrete (must be separate from regular green waste)

Food waste (incl. filters & tea bags)

Green waste (dirt, rock, sod)

Kitchen paper towels

Pizza delivery boxes

Uncoated paper cups & plates

Uncoated paper take-out containers

Paper napkins

Waxed cardboard & paper

NO: *manufactured lumber ♦ compostable plastics (Bio-bags, compostable cups, plates or utensils)*

Skagit Valley College: 2504 East College Way, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-7600. Ron Schaffner, automotive dept chair, (360) 416-7612.

Auto donations accepted for college's Automotive Education Program

Skagit Valley Hospital Pharmacy: (Skagit Regional Health): 1415 E Kinkaid St, Mt Vernon; (360) 814-2362, M-F 9a-5:30p; drop box/kiosk located inside main entrance door.

Secure Medicine kiosk

For details, see Part I – Items/Medicines and Part II – Outlets/MED-Project

Skidmore Pharmacy (formerly Family Pharmacy): 1213 24th St, Ste 400 (Island Hospital), Anacortes; (360) 293-2124; M-F 9a-6p. <https://www.skidmorepharmacy.com>

Secure Medicine kiosk

For details, see Part I – Items/Medicines and Part II – Outlets/MED-Project

Soroptimist Thrift Shop: 1107 3rd St, Anacortes. Donations: Tue & Fri 7a-4p; shopping: Tu 1:30-8p; F 12-8p. Donation guidelines:

<http://soroptimistanacortes.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/62/2018/11/donations.pdf>

Accessories

Children's clothes & toys

Clothing

Household items

NO: *large appliances ♦ furniture ♦ TVs ♦ electronics ♦ car seats ♦ magazines ♦ textbooks ♦ & more*

SSC (Sanitary Service Company)

Bellingham: 1001 Roeder Ave, Bellingham. (360) 734-3490; M-F 8a-5p (closed 12-1p and most major holidays). Residential, self-service recycling for fee. Full list and instructions at http://www.ssc-inc.com/self_service.php#bellingham

Aerosol cans (empty, non-hazardous)

Aluminum cans & foil (clean)

Appliances

Batteries (automotive, sealed lead acid)

Bicycles (no charge)

Corrugated signs

Electronics/E-Waste

Glass bottles/jars (all colors)

Holiday lights

Lead (foil & fish weights)

License plates (no vanity or special plates)

Metals

Paper (cardboard, mixed, newspaper)

Plant/flower pots

Plastics (all types & colors, bags, rigid & film, tarps, silage bags, #1-#5 & #7; polystyrene #6 not accepted)

Propane tanks (empty, valves removed, and hole in tank)

Scrap metal

Shredding (computer discs/drives, film/xrays, paper)

Yard debris

NO: hazardous, toxic, radioactive, or dangerous wastes ♦ food scraps ♦ food-soiled papers ♦ sod, rocks ♦ trash

Styro Recycle: 23418 68th Ave S, (West Valley Hwy), Kent; (253) 838-9555; M-Sat 9a-5p. Materials must be clean, dry, free of all tape and labels; ID acceptable foam by #6 or EPS inside recycle symbol (material should break and snap with loose beads).

Bubble wrap (clear)

Peanuts (bagged/boxed separately)

Plastic wrapping (clear)

Styrofoam (Polystyrene & Polyethylene #6/EPS, takeout boxes, clear polyethylene, clean coolers)

Styrofoam sheets

NO: foil-covered foam ♦ hot tub covers ♦ Insta-pak foam (gray & white) ♦ pink or blue insulation foam (XPS) ♦ spray-in foam

Sunland Bark & Topsoil: 2469 Reservation Rd, Anacortes; (360) 293-7188. Fees for some materials; details on acceptable items and fees at <http://www.sunlandtopsoil.com/recycle-services.html>

Brush & tree trimming (fee)

Concrete

Dirt & Rock (dry; fee)

Stumps (fee)

Wood chips & firewood rounds (free if clean & usable)

No: horsetail plants!

Swinomish Tribal Police: 17557 Front St, La Conner; M-F 8:30a-4:30p; (360) 466-7237; Swinomish.nsn.gov

Secure Medicine return kiosk

For details, see Part I – Items/Medicines and Part II – Outlets/MED-Project

T & T Recovery/Lautenbach Recycling:
13084 Ball Rd, Mt. Vernon; (360) 757-4000.
www.lautenbachrecycling.com

Asphalt, concrete, pavement

CFL lighting

Land clearing & landscaping

Pallets

Paper & cardboard

Sheetrock

Wood scraps

Take It Back Network:

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/paint.aspx>

Latex paint

TerraCycle: Mail-in recycling service for hard-to-recycle waste, e.g., snack wrappers, toothpaste tubes, cigarette butts. Participants collect in home, school, and/or office, download free shipping labels, and return waste to be recycled. Recyclers earn TerraCycle points, redeemable for charitable gifts, TerraCycle products, or donation to school or non-profit of your choice.

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-US.com>

Ballasts

Batteries

Bulbs (florescent bulbs & tubes)

Corks

Electronics

Packaging

Sharps & medical waste

Thermostats (mercury-containing)

Thrifty Kitty: 720 Commercial Ave,
Anacortes; (360) 982-2380; M-Sat 11a-5p;
proceeds support the Cat's Meow.
[http:// www.meowanacortes.org/thrifty-kitty](http://www.meowanacortes.org/thrifty-kitty).

Household goods

Furnishings

Working small appliances

Transition Fidalgo & Friends:

Fix-It Days: Anacortes Farmers Market,
The Depot, 7th St & "R" Ave, Anacortes; last
Sat, June-Sept, 9a-2p. Volunteers repair
lamps, small appliances, household items,
toys, some electronics; also, watch battery
replacement and clothes mending.

<http://www.transitionfidalgo.org/projects/#Fix-It-Days>.

<http://www.transitionfidalgo.org/>

Upper Skagit Library: 45770 Main St,
Concrete; (360) 853-7939; Tu & W 10a-7p,
F 10a-5p, Sat 10a-3p;
<http://www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us/>

Secure Medicine mailers

For details, see Part I – Items/Medicines and

Part II – Outlets/MED-Project

Value Village: 525 E College Way, Mt
Vernon; (360)416-0104.

Used clothing & household items

Vintage Thrift Shop: (Sorooptimist): 301 E
Morris St, La Conner, (360) 466-4017. Tu-Sun
11a-5p. See Sorooptimist for acceptable
items. www.vintagelaconner.com/thrift-shop/

Used clothing & household items

Walmart: 2301 Freeway Dr, Mt Vernon;
(360) 428-7000; [https://www.walmart.com/](https://www.walmart.com/store/2596/mount-vernon-wa/details)
[store/2596/mount-vernon-wa/details](https://www.walmart.com/store/2596/mount-vernon-wa/details)

Batteries (automotive, button cell, rechargeable)

Cell phones (by grocery entrance)

Plastic grocery bags, film bags and packaging

The Walnut Tree Thrift Shop:

(Sorooptimist): 713 Puget St, Sedro Woolley;
(360) 855-2337; M, W, Th, F 12-5p.

www.facebook.com/WalnutTreeShop/wall

Clothing

Household items

Books

Toys

Seasonal decorations

Sewing supplies

Tools

Washington Wheels for Wishes: [http://](http://www.wheelsforwishes.org/Washington)

www.wheelsforwishes.org/Washington. Tax
deductible auto donations; a local Make-A-
Wish organization.

Automobiles

Yerdle: E-commerce platform; www.yerdle.com

Clothing (upscale recreational and designer)

Part III

Municipal, County, & Curbside Recycling Guidelines

Required Municipal Service

Anacortes – Burlington – Mt Vernon – Sedro-Woolley

The cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Mt Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley provide curbside recycling pickup service through contracts with Waste Management. Service is billed through each municipality along with other utility services. Contact the appropriate city office to establish service or for further information.

City of Anacortes

2201A 37th St, Anacortes, WA 98221;
(360) 293-1921

Solid Waste Dept – Weekly curbside Garbage, Recycling, Food/Yard waste collection information available at:
<https://www.cityofanacortes.org/474/Solid-Waste-Services>.

Recycling, food/yard waste guidelines at
<http://wmnorthwest.com/anacortes/index.html>

Special Haul Service (fee): For household garbage only. Call to schedule.

Large Item Recycling: Second Sat each month, May-Nov, 9a-1p (or call for appointment); 37th St & D Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-1921; City of Anacortes residents only; one trip limit. <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/853/Solid-Waste-Services>.

Residential Clean Up Days: Second Sat.

Apr & Sept; City Operations Facility, 37th St & D Ave; 9a-12p. City residents only, one trip.

Details and exclusions at:

<https://www.cityofanacortes.org/DocumentCenter/View/4535/Free-Clean-Up-Days-2019?bidId=>

Appliances

Furniture

Household garbage

Mattresses

Yard Waste

NO: construction or demolition waste ♦ hazardous waste ♦ large vehicle parts ♦ propane tanks ♦ tires ♦ TVs

Recycling at Public Events

Did you know that recycling options must be provided at every official gathering and every sports facility in communities where recycling services are available to businesses? For Skagit County Guidelines on planning zero waste events, visit <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Sustainability/ZeroWaste.htm>.

City of Burlington

833 South Spruce St, Burlington, WA 98233;
(360) 755-2377.

Finance Dept – Garbage, Recycling waste collection information available at

<http://burlingtonwa.gov/Index.aspx?NID=178>

Recycling guidelines at:

<http://wmnorthwest.com/burlington/recycling.html>

City of Mt Vernon

409 West Fir St, Mt Vernon, WA 98273;
(360) 336-6218.

Solid Waste Dept – Garbage, Recycling information available at:

<https://www.mountvernonwa.gov/413/Garbage-Solid-Waste>.

Recycling guidelines at:

<http://wmnorthwest.com/mtvernon/recycling.html>

Yard Waste Dropoff: 1010 Shop Ln; 9a-4p Wed, Sat & Sun; purchase required punch tickets at Mt Vernon Utilities Office or at site during hours of operation.

Spring Cleanup Day: traditionally in April; contact Utilities Office for details.

Sedro-Woolley City Curbside Pickup & Recycling Center

315 Sterling St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-0929

Solid Waste Dept: – Weekly curbside Trash, Recycling, and Food & Yard Waste pickup for city residents through Solid Waste & Recycling Division; guidelines at https://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/Departments/Solid%20Waste/Garbage_and_Recycling_Collection_Schedule.pdf

Recycling Center: 315 Sterling St; M-F 7a-2p, Sat following yard waste drop-off schedule.

www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/departments/solid_waste/recycling.php

Appliances (fee)

Batteries (household rechargeable batteries, no single-use alkaline)

Bulbs (fluorescent bulbs & tubes, high-intensity HID)

Construction debris (small loads only)

Electronics

Glass (all colors)

Metals (aluminum, metal, tin)

Motor oil

Paper (cardboard, mixed, newspaper)

Printer cartridges

Styrofoam (clean)

Tires (fee)

Fee for: appliances, tires, non-covered electronics; call ahead for prices.

NO: construction/demolition materials

Other Municipalities & Unincorporated Households West Of Hwy 9

Households in all Skagit County municipalities *not* served under city contracts

- *may dispose of recyclable materials at any Skagit County drop-off site;*
- *if west of Hwy 9, may establish an individual residential contract for curbside service through Waste Management (see page 32).*

NOTE: Follow recycling guidelines carefully. For items not accepted use this guide to find alternative outlets.

SKAGIT COUNTY RECYCLING RESOURCES

The following sites serve *all* households that wish to take trash and/or recycling to a transfer station or compactor site. Ensure recyclable materials are clean and dry; as needed, clean with a quick rinse; remove lids; labels okay; place loosely in bins (not bagged or boxed); materials soiled with food, dirt, or other materials not accepted. Recycling guidelines at

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/PublicWorksSolidWaste/Documents/recycleflyer.pdf>

Aluminum & tin cans (no lids unless attached to cans)

Antifreeze (up to 5 gal/mo.)

Appliances

Batteries (see recycling table p. 3)

Cardboard & mixed paper

Glass bottles & jars

Motor oil (up to 5 gal/mo.)

Plastic (bottles, jars, jugs, dairy tubs)

Scrap metal

Secure Medicine Return (MED-Project) mailers available

Tires (limit 4, less than 36-in. diam)

NO: construction/demolition ♦ large items

Clear Lake Recycling & Compactor Site

23202 Howey Rd, Clear Lake; (360) 856-5083; M, F, Sat, Sun 8a-6p; closed holidays.

household garbage and recycling only

NO: construction, demolition debris

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

1050 Sauk Landfill Rd/50795 State Route 20, Concrete; (360) 853-8810; Th-Sun 9a-5p; closed holidays.

NO: construction/demolition debris

Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station

14104 Ovenell Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1570; 8:30a-6p every day; closed holidays.
www.skagitcounty.net/recycle.

Construction & Demolition debris:

Accepted as garbage; size restrictions apply; see guidelines:

<https://skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/CDL.htm>.

Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

14104 Ovenell Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1580; M-F 10a-4p, 1st Sat of the month 10a-4p. *All households* must dispose of hazardous wastes at the Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Facility on Ovenell Rd (see Skagit County above); max 25 gal/mo.

Small businesses call regarding qualification as “small quantity generator” of hazardous waste. Guidelines at

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/hhw.htm>

Includes:

Antifreeze

Batteries (vehicle, button, Ni-Cd, rechargeable, lead-acid)

Fertilizers

Household hazardous waste (25 gal/month free)

Cleaners (various)

Fluorescent bulbs & tubes

Motor oil

Pesticides

NO: Explosives ♦ radioactive materials ♦ asbestos

Hazardous waste guidelines

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/hhw.htm>

Household hazardous waste is accepted free of charge, check above for a list of materials accepted; limit of 25 gallons household hazardous waste/month. Antifreeze, batteries, and motor oil accepted daily 8:30a-6p. Contact Hazardous Waste Facility regarding disposing other hazardous wastes.

Paint disposal

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/hhw.htm>

Latex paint cans with less than one inch of paint remaining can be dried out and disposed of in regular garbage; see above web page for instructions for preparing latex paint for disposal. Empty and dry *oil-based* paint cans also may be disposed of with regular garbage; liquid oil-based paint, however, must be treated as hazardous waste.

WASTE MANAGEMENT CURBSIDE SERVICE

(800) 592-9995; M-F 7a-7p, Sat 9a-1p. In addition to contracting with some Skagit County municipalities, Waste Management contracts with individual residential county households in unincorporated areas *west of Highway 9* to provide single-stream curbside recycling. Individual household service also is available in Alger, Birds View, Bow, Clear Lake, Conway, Guemes Island, Hamilton, La Conner, Marblemount, Rockport, Shelter Bay, and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. Information on available curbside services at <http://www.wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty/service.html>

Guidelines for recycling & yard/food waste at <http://www.wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty/>.

REDUCE YOUR USE OF CHEMICALS

RESEARCH THE PROBLEM

When faced with a problem that seems to require a hazardous chemical solution, take time to do a bit of research. Look for a solution that is non-toxic (no warning label) or is less toxic (caution label).

BUY LESS

When you do buy a hazardous product, buy just what you will use up in a reasonable length of time. If you have leftovers you can't use, share them with the neighbors.

AVOID AEROSOLS

Often the propellant is used up before the product is emptied out of the can. Completely empty aerosol cans may be recycled. Remove plastic lid and nozzle; if there is any product remaining in the can it must be treated as hazardous waste.

Part IV

Publications & Resources

BATTERIES

Battery Solutions: <https://www.batterysolutions.com/news/dispose-old-batteries-right-way/>

Energizer “How to Recycle Batteries”: <http://www.energizer.com/responsibility/battery-recycling/how-to-recycle-batteries>

ELECTRONICS

Deleting Your PC's Files: http://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/forum/windows_7-hardware/how-do-i-permanently-delete-files-from-my-hard/6c509c04-b2d7-4edd-a447-47f24ab59c51

Erasing Your Mac's Drive: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204904>

Facts Bearing on the Issue of Recycling Electronics (including individual printer mfg policies):
Anacortes Aktion Club: <http://anacortesaktion.org/2017-peripherals-update.pdf>

How to Wipe the Hard Drive of a Windows Computer: <http://anacortesaktion.org/2017-peripherals-update.pdf>

www.bestbuy.com/site/tech-tips/wipe-hard-drive/pcmcat748301880905.c?id=pcmcat748301880905

Recycling Electronic Waste Responsibly: Excuses Dwindle: https://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/01/technology/personaltech/recycling-electronic-waste-responsibly-excuses-dwindle.html?emc=edit_sl_20190225&nl=smarter-living&nid=4021892820190225&te=1

GENERAL RECYCLING

Anacortes Recycling Guide: <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/175/Waste-Management-Refuse-Recycling-and-Organics-Collection-Guide-PDF?bidId=>

Buynothingproject.org: Localized gift economy website; post items to give away, lend, or share among neighbors; request items to borrow or receive for free. <https://buynothingproject.org>

Environmental Protection Agency: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle>

China's Recycling Ban:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/China-s-recycling-ban>

The Future of Packaging, by TerraCycle CEO Tom Szaky: <https://www.amazon.com/Future-Packaging-Linear-Circular/dp/1523095504>

New Dream: <https://newdream.org/get-involved>. Organization supporting the shift to a society that pursues not just “more, but more of what matters—and less of what doesn’t.”

Pros and Cons of Comingled Recyclables: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Residential-recycling-services>

www.seattle.gov/utilities/services/where-does-it-go#/categories: a searchable database of information about how and where to recycle items with links to online services. Please note that garbage and recycling information applies to Seattle Public Utilities and may be different from Skagit County guidelines.

WA state Dept of Ecology: 1800RECYCLE. (732-9253) WA DOE statewide, searchable database of recycling outlets.

HOME & GARDEN

Guide to Construction & Demolition Recycling (Pdf): Skagit County Public Works.

Home Composting Tips:

<https://www.cityofanacortes.org/DocumentCenter/View/4536/Home-Composting-Tips-PDF?bidId=>

Household Hazardous Waste:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/hhw.htm>

How to Dry Latex Paints:

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/PublicWorksSolidWaste/Documents/Latex%20Paint%20Info%20Flyer.pdf>

Skagit County Master Composter/Recycling Program: 11768 Westar Lane, Suite A, Burlington; (360) 416-1575; Free spring and fall workshops. <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/compost.htm>

PAPER

Catalog Choice: Free service to opt-out of delivery of phonebooks, catalogs, other unwanted mail. www.catalogchoice.org:

OptoutPrescreen.com: Opt out of preapproved credit card and insurance offers.

PLASTICS

5gyresinstitute.org: Empowers action against the global health crisis of plastic pollution through science, art, education, and adventure.

Life Without Plastic: <http://lifewithoutplastic.com/>. Online store of plastic substitute products.

Also, a book, *Life Without Plastic: The Practical Step-by-Step Guide to Avoiding Plastic to Keep Your Family and the Planet Healthy*: <http://lifewithoutplastic.com/life-without-plastic-the-practical-step-by-step-guide-to-avoiding-plastic-to-keep-your-family-and-the-planet-healthy>.

Life Without Plastic Is Possible. It's Just Very Hard, by Steven Kurutz, NY Times, Feb 16, 2019: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/16/style/plastic-free-living.html?module=inline>

Plastic: A Toxic Love Story, Susan Freinkel: http://www.susanfreinkel.com/books_Plastic.html

Plastic Film Recycling: <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>

PlasticPollutionCoalition.org: Global alliance working toward a world free of plastic pollution.

Glossary

C&D/CDL Construction & Demolition Debris

CFL Compact Fluorescent Lamp

EPS Expanded Polystyrene

Li-ion Lithium-ion batteries

Ni-Cad (Ni-Cd) Nickel-Cadmium batteries

Ni-MH Nickel Metal-Hydride batteries

Pb-Ac Lead acid batteries

PDA Personal Digital Assistant (electronics to manage calendar, contacts, etc.)

RAD Responsible Appliance Disposal;

<https://www.epa.gov/rad> (GE Appliances, Home Depot, PSE, Sears)

SSLA/SLA Small sealed lead-acid batteries

NOTES

RECYCLE RIGHT!



FRIENDS
of Skagit
Beaches

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More about plastic waste reduction at

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