What to do on recycle day

- Carts should be at the curb by 6 a.m. on recycle day.
- The lid opening must face the street.
- Place cart at the curbside or within 3 feet of the traveled portion of the road.
- The cart should be at least 3 feet away from basketball hoops, trees, mailboxes and other containers. Place the cart 5 feet away from vehicles.
- Allow 18 feet of space above the cart so the automated robotic arm on the collection truck has room to grasp the cart and operate most effectively.
- Do not block mailboxes.
- Please remove the empty cart from the curb as soon as possible.
- Do not overfill container – the lid must be fully closed on collection day.
- Items must flow freely from the container during dumping.

All items must fit in cart

- All items (except glass) must be in the cart to be collected. The automated trucks have a mechanical arm that picks up the cart, so items left outside the cart will not be collected. (Note: Glass is not collected through the curbside program. Please read inside for details.)
- Extra recyclables may be taken to blue box stations throughout the county. For locations, click on the "Solid Waste & Recycling Information" link of www.co.mason.wa.us/utilities_waste or call Mason County Utilities and Waste Management at (360) 427-5271. Glass is accepted at four of those sites: the Mason County transfer stations at Shelton, Belfair, Hoodsport and Union.
- To maximize space, you may need to flatten cardboard boxes and large plastic bottles.

Frozen food boxes may now be recycled in your new cart

Here's more good news: Frozen food boxes may now be recycled. Other paper cartons continue to be recyclable, including paper milk-style cartons found in the refrigerated section of the grocery store. These cartons come in various sizes for liquids such as milk, cream and orange juice.

Paper juice boxes can also be recycled. (Foil juice bags cannot be recycled.)

A place for plastics

Remember to use your new bin for all the regular plastic items you're accustomed to recycling. Here are some tips:

Plastic bottles and jugs. Be sure to "check the neck." An acceptable plastic bottle or jug must have an opening that's smaller than the base. NO CAPS OR LIDS. Caps and lids are made from a different type of plastic and are not recyclable at the curb.

No plastic bags. These are not currently recyclable at the curb. Many grocery and retail stores have plastic bag recycling containers near their front doors. Just drop off the bags when you shop.

No containers that hold toxic materials. Bottles and jugs for items such as automotive fluids, pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers are not accepted. If the container says WARNING, CAUTION or DANGER, do not place it in the recyclig container.

No styrofoam of any kind.

Options for glass recycling

When glass shards mix with paper and other recyclables, they can damage processing equipment, lower the value of the recycled paper, increase processing costs, and endanger workers at the sorting stations.

Mason County Utilities and Waste Management offers glass recycling at the county's four transfer stations:

Shelton Transfer
501 W. Sells Hill Road, Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 427-5271

Sandhill Transfer
2001 NE Sandhill Road, Belfair, WA 98528
(360) 275-6662

Hoodsport Transfer
260 N. Hoodsport Park Road, Hoodsport, WA 98548
(360) 877-5525

Union Transfer
1391 E. McReavy Road, Union, WA 98592
(360) 898-3037