

Single Cart Recycling Guide



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, Hoodspport 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 held 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 recycling 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. Eells Hill Road, Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 427-5271

Sandhill Transfer
2001 NE Sandhill Road, Belfair, WA 98528
(360) 275-6462

Hoodspport Transfer
260 N. Hoodspport Park Road, Hoodspport, WA 98548
(360) 877-9525

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

Welcome to a new way to recycle!

Thank you for participating in Mason County's new single sort recycling service. Mason County passed a minimum curbside recycling ordinance to divert more recyclables from the waste stream and provide curbside recycle service to all Mason County residents.



Instead of sorting recyclables into three separate containers or transporting them to drop off boxes, you will now use a lightweight 96-gallon covered, wheeled, weatherproof cart. The cart conveniently holds all recyclables except glass, which is accepted at Mason County's transfer stations in Shelton, Belfair, Hoodspport and Union. (See inside for more information.)

In this brochure you'll find tips about preparing recyclables, how to use the cart, changes in materials accepted at the curb, and recycling alternatives.

So give the cart a try! You'll reduce the amount of waste that goes to the landfill. You may even save money by reducing the size of your garbage can or the frequency of your garbage collection service.

Recycling made easy

- The cart is easy to move.
- All recyclables go in one cart. (Sorry, no glass.)
- Newspaper, mixed paper and cardboard stay dry and won't blow down the street.
- Gain back garage space by storing the cart outside.
- The cart holds more recyclables, and can adapt to new items in the future.
- Recycling instructions are permanently imprinted on the cart lid.
- The robotic arm on new recycling trucks mean fewer injuries and accidents for workers.
- The cart can handle the additional cardboard and other recyclables you may have during the holidays.
- You don't have to set out the cart each recycling day if the cart is not full.



Please follow recycling preparation instructions on your cart and inside this brochure.

Recycle right!

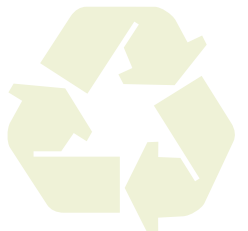
Contaminants can cause entire truckloads of recyclables to end up as garbage. Your help is needed to keep recycling clean. Please follow preparation instructions on your cart.

- Recyclables should be clean and empty. Rinse containers with water and leave no food residue.
- Labels may stay on.
- Do not bag items (except shredded paper – place in paper bags).
- No plastic caps, jar caps, and dairy tub lids. (Tin can lids may be recycled.)
- Do not put garbage or food waste in the cart.

Questions?

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(877) 722-0223
www.masoncountygabarge.com

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Recycling non-curbside items

- Clothing and other household items may be donated to thrift stores or nonprofit organizations.
- Used motor oil can be recycled at all Mason County transfer stations.
- Plastic bags (shopping, frozen food, bread and dry cleaning type) may be taken to most grocery stores – they have collection bins near the front doors. You can recycle any type of plastic that you can easily poke your finger through, regardless of where the bag originated.
- Latex (water-based) paint cans are allowed in the garbage if you dry the paint first by stirring in sawdust or kitty litter.
- Certain types of paint, pesticides and other household hazardous materials should be taken to the Shelton Transfer Station at 501 W. Eells Hill Road. North Mason residents, please contact Mason County Utilities and Waste Management for household hazardous options in the North end, (360) 427-5271.
- Working electronics can be sold or given away on www.2good2toss.com. Televisions, monitors, laptops and TVs can be recycled free through Washington State's E-Cycle program. Visit www.ecyclewashington.org for collection locations, or call the Department of Ecology at 1-800-RECYCLE.
- Building supplies and materials may be given to the Habitat for Humanity Restore at 205 W. Cota Street in Shelton, (360) 426-2198.
- Appliances and scrap metal can be recycled at Wilson Recycling, 2278 E. Brockdale Road in Shelton, (360) 462-4444.
- Furniture may be donated to organizations that help families in need through various churches, nonprofits and thrift stores.
- Visit the website www.2good2toss.com to post and browse for items that still have life left in them.

Mason County Utilities and Waste Management provides information on all of the above options. Call (360) 427-5271 or visit www.co.mason.wa.us/utilities_waste/index.php.



Online exchange gives stuff new life

Visit 2good2toss.com to post and browse for items that still have life left in them. Appliances, furniture, electronics, carpet, windows and more are exchanged through the site. Listings are free, and all items must be sold for \$99 or less.

- Post pictures with your listings.
- Updated daily – 36 different categories.
- Notification when certain items are listed.
- Over 100 listings – just in Mason County.
- Access listings from other counties in Washington.

2good2toss is sponsored by Mason County, the City of Shelton, 13 other Washington counties, and the Department of Ecology.



Description of service levels and additional cart information

The new curbside recycling system is designed to make recycling easier for Mason County residents and to encourage more people to recycle. Under the new system, residents no longer need to separate recyclables into three different bins or transport recyclables to drop off boxes; instead, they will put all recyclables EXCEPT glass into a single 96-gallon bin. (See other side for glass recycling options.)

The new program will be operated by a Mason County Garbage, a private hauling company that provides residential garbage service to residents of Mason County who live outside of the City of Shelton limits. (The City of Shelton offers garbage and recycling service for its residents.)

What to expect

Your new recycle bin will be picked up every other week on the same collection days as garbage days in your area. A calendar that highlights your pickup week will be delivered with your new recycle bin, along with this brochure.

What to expect

We encourage you to try the new recycling container long enough to become familiar with its benefits. The new system is designed to promote a higher rate of participation and ultimately reduce the amount of garbage produced. Most residents find that they actually recycle much more than they did with the multi-bin system.

Some residents may find that the standard 96-gallon container doesn't work for their specific situation and may need help finding a level of service that better meets their needs. If you are unable to use the standard recycling container or have questions, please contact Mason County Garbage customer service by phone, e-mail or voice mail.

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If you request an alternative to the standard 96-gallon bin, the first exchange will be made at no charge. An exchange fee will apply for any additional exchanges made thereafter. Monthly collection rates are the same for all recycling containers, regardless of the size.

Mason County and Mason County Garbage share a common dedication to helping the public reduce, reuse and recycle.

What goes in my new recycling cart?

Yes

Empty, clean, and discard lids

Plastic containers

PREPARATION
empty - quick rinse - no lids

recycle plastics by shape
ignore numbers



Paper and cardboard

PREPARATION
clean - dry - quick rinse for milk and juice cartons



Aluminum and tin cans

PREPARATION
empty - quick rinse - no loose lids - do not crush



No

DO NOT recycle at curbside

