

# RECYCLING DONE RIGHT

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The RecycleRight app, available for smartphones and tablets, provides local garbage and recycling information at your fingertips!

Unsure about how to dispose of a specific item?  
Wondering when to set your carts out?  
Download the FREE **RecycleRight** app on Android and iPhone devices or visit **wcnorthwest.com** to:

- View, download and print your schedule
- Sign up for email, phone or in-app reminders and alerts
- Look up reuse, recycling and disposal options for specific items in the A-Z Directory
- Request curbside collection of appliances, bulky items, electronic waste and more



Recycling questions? Contact us: [recyclehelp@wcnx.org](mailto:recyclehelp@wcnx.org) or 360-892-5370

## Let's Recycle Right!

### Keep Plastic Bags and Wrap **OUT** of Recycle Carts

Recycle carts are regularly checked to make sure garbage isn't mixed in with clean recyclables. Plastic bags, stretchy film and plastic wrap frequently damage our recycling system. They get tangled up in machinery causing daily shutdowns for workers to cut them out by hand.

Please put these items in the trash or set them aside to find alternate recycling options using the **RecycleRight** app:



Air Pillows



Bubble Wrap



Bubble Mailers



Grocery Bags



Bagged Recycling



Produce Bags



Plastic Wrap



**WASTE CONNECTIONS**  
of WASHINGTON, INC.  
*Connect with the Future®*

We are Waste Connections, your local solid waste hauler. We strive for a cleaner, greener Clark County by promoting waste reduction and a variety of waste solutions.

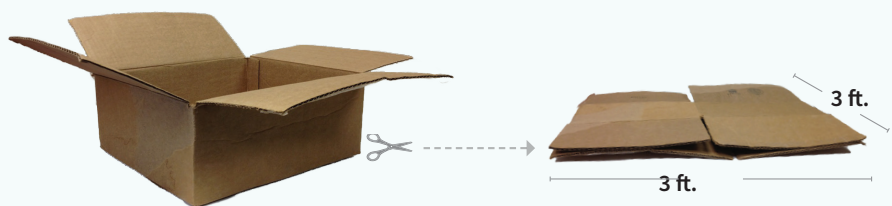
Based in Vancouver, we are proud to serve this community that we call home. We strive to better serve our community by celebrating the incredible diversity of all its peoples and our workforce. Find out more about this commitment at [wcnorthwest.com/diversity](http://wcnorthwest.com/diversity).



# Apartments and Condos

Follow these tips to help keep your shared space tidier and safer.  
Learn more at [wcnorthwest.com/apartments](http://wcnorthwest.com/apartments)

Cut or fold large cardboard boxes.



Handy tip: Collect recyclables in a **tote bag**, empty it into the recycle cart and repeat!



**Don't bag your recycling in plastic bags!** Recycling must be loose in the recycle container.



## Glass Recycling

Only recycle **bottles and jars that once held food or a liquid**.



**Glass must be loose in the glass recycle cart.** No plastic bags, paper drink carriers or paper bags.

**NO:** lightbulbs, candles, broken glass, canning jars, drinking glasses, ceramics, windows, mirrors, tabletop glass, aquarium glass or bottles with fruit slices.

Messages from our community partners:

## CREATIVE *Cooking* ONCE A WEEK



**COOK IT, STORE IT, SHARE IT**  
*Just don't waste it*

**SHOP YOUR SHELVES  
TO MAKE A CREATIVE DISH!**

- 1 CHOOSE A BASE** Pasta, eggs, tortillas, bread, soup... it's all about that base to spin your meal into a hearty dish.
- 2 ADD IN VEGGIES OR FRUIT** Snag those limp carrots and frozen lump of peas, or blend up bruised apples and squash into a fall-inspired soup.
- 3 PICK A PROTEIN** Don't forget the beans, meat, fish, tofu, or other plant-based items about to expire!
- 4 MIX IN SPICES OR SAUCE** Try a dash of herbs, spritz of lemon, or create a sauce out of condiments and olive oil to bring a dish together.

Stir fry, bake, air fry, boil or roast to cook thoroughly and enjoy!

### MAKE ONE 'USE-UP DAY' MEAL AND REDUCE WASTED FOOD BY 33%!

Tossing out food is not only like throwing money in the trash, but rotting food sent to the landfill creates methane, a potent greenhouse gas.

**DON'T LET *Good Food* GO BAD!**

*More inspiration* [supercook.com](http://supercook.com) | [clarkgreenneighbors.org](http://clarkgreenneighbors.org)

Clark County solid waste planning and programs are a cooperative effort of Clark County, Battle Ground, Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Vancouver, Washougal and Yacolt. This advertisement has been funded in part by the Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance program from the Washington State Department of Ecology.



The Columbia Springs Repair Clark County program brings together skilled volunteers to lend their time and talent to repair broken household items for FREE!

[RepairClarkCounty.org](http://RepairClarkCounty.org)

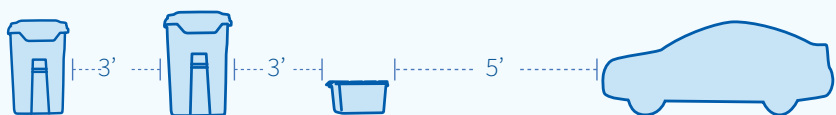




# 2022-23 Reference Guide

## Service Day Reminders

- Set out all containers at the curb by 6:30 AM, unless otherwise advised
- Place containers 3 feet apart and 5 feet from obstacles (i.e., cars, trees, basketball hoops) for truck access



## Recycling Done Right

- Recyclables should be empty, clean and dry
- Place items loose in the cart, do not bag
- No glass or objects that are sharp or heavy
- When in doubt, leave it out!

RECYCLE CART			GLASS BIN
PLASTIC	PAPER	METAL	GLASS
 Bottles	 Paper	 Aluminum, Steel, Tin Cans	 Jars
 Jugs	 Cardboard      Cartons	 Aerosol Cans	 Bottles
 Tubs	 Paperboard	 Aluminum Trays	 <b>NO</b> Cookware, Dishware, Plate Glass
 <b>NO</b> Hoses, Stretchy Plastic, Chemicals, Plastic Clamshells	 <b>NO</b> To-Go Containers, Food-Soiled Paper, Paper Towels	 <b>NO</b> Propane Tanks, Auto Parts, Sharp Items	

## Motor Oil, Antifreeze and Batteries

We accept motor oil, antifreeze and household batteries at the curb on your recycle service day.\*  
Find drop-off locations using **RecycleRight** app or at [wcnorthwest.com](http://wcnorthwest.com)

### Motor Oil and Antifreeze



- Pour motor oil or antifreeze into a clear, 1-gallon plastic jug with a screw-top lid.
- Label jug contents with ‘motor oil’ or ‘antifreeze.’
- Place on the ground next to the recycle cart.
- **NO:** Mixing motor oil or antifreeze with each other or any other liquid, material, etc.
- **NO:** Pouring into other containers. Drivers will only pick up when stored in a 1-gallon plastic jug with a screw-top lid.



### Household Batteries




- Tape the ends and put household batteries in a sealed, clear plastic bag.
- Place on top of your recycle cart.
- **YES:** Alkaline and rechargeable AA, AAA, C, D, button cell, 9 volt and other similar sized batteries
- **NO:** lithium-ion batteries (i.e., batteries from cell phones, laptops, tablets, power tools)




**FIRE RISK:** Lithium-ion batteries can explode when heated or damaged. These types of batteries easily spark a fire in a truck or at the transfer station. Take to a drop-off location to dispose of properly.

\* These services are not available for businesses. If you live in an apartment or condo, contact your property manager for instructions.

# Transfer Stations



View live transfer station cams to check the traffic at [ColumbiaResourceCompany.com](http://ColumbiaResourceCompany.com)



Drop off garbage, recycling, yard debris, household hazardous waste (HHW) and more!

- 1

**West Vancouver Materials Recovery Center**  
6601 NW Old Lower River Rd      360-737-1727  
Mon – Fri 6 AM to 6 PM      Sat 8 AM to 4 PM  
HHW: Fri & Sat 8 AM to 4 PM
- 2

**Central Transfer & Recycling Center**  
11034 NE 117th Ave      360-256-8482  
Mon – Fri 6 AM to 6 PM      Sat & Sun 8 AM to 4 PM  
HHW: Fri - Sun 8 AM to 4 PM
- 3


**Washougal Transfer Station**  
4020 S Grant St      360-835-2500  
Wed & Fri 7 AM to 5 PM      Sat 8 AM to 4 PM  
HHW: First & Third Saturdays 8 AM to 4 PM

## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)



**FREE.** Bring HHW to a transfer station during designated HHW hours (noted above) for proper disposal.

To identify HHW, look for words on the product label such as *caution*, *warning*, *danger*, *explosive*, *flammable*, *toxic* or *poison*. HHW should NEVER be thrown in the trash or poured down the drain because it can pose threats to public health and the environment.



## Safe Medication Disposal

**FREE.** Dispose of expired, unwanted or unused medicine safely and conveniently. Drop-off sites include Safeway, Albertsons, QFC and other pharmacies.

- Look up locations in the **RecycleRight** app or visit [wcnorthwest.com](http://wcnorthwest.com)
- For information about accepted medications and the mail-in program, visit [doh.wa.gov/safemedicationreturn](http://doh.wa.gov/safemedicationreturn)



## Responsible Paint Recycling and Disposal

**FREE.** Ensure cans or buckets of leftover paint are reused or properly disposed of:

- Donate unopened paint to the Habitat For Humanity Store – learn more at [ehfh.org/donate-goods](http://ehfh.org/donate-goods)
- Recycle paint by dropping off at local stores – look up locations in the **RecycleRight** app or visit [wcnorthwest.com](http://wcnorthwest.com)

# Service Guidelines



## Extras

Not enough space in your container? Set out extras, and find out more at [wcnorthwest.com/extras](http://wcnorthwest.com/extras)

- Garbage**

Put in a 32-gallon can or in a securely fastened garbage bag. Charges apply.
- Recycling**

Put in a 32-gallon can, cardboard box or paper bag. No charge.
- NO:**

Extra recycling in plastic bags or set out in the rain.

- Yard Debris Organics**

Put in 32-gallon can, kraft bag or in a tied bundle. Charges apply.
- NO:**

Yard debris in plastic bags or extra food scraps.



## Bulky Item Pickup at Home


Schedule\* a bulky item pickup for items too large for your containers. Avoid a trip to the transfer station, and you may save time and money!

Contact us by phone, email or live chat to schedule. Find rates at [wcnorthwest.com/residential-rates](http://wcnorthwest.com/residential-rates)



*\*If you live in an apartment or condo, please contact your property manager for instructions.*

- Live in the City of Vancouver? Customers can schedule **FREE** pickups for:
- 1 appliance: refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer
  - Up to 5 bulky items: mattress, sofa, chair, table, dresser and other furniture



## Holiday Service

There is no service on Thanksgiving. If your service day is on Thursday or Friday of this holiday week, your service will be delayed by one day. Thursday customers will be serviced on Friday, and Friday customers will be serviced on Saturday.

Sign up for service alerts through the **FREE RecycleRight** app or [wcnorthwest.com](http://wcnorthwest.com).

If you receive your bill from the City of Camas, check for any service changes at [cityofcamas.us/garbage-service](http://cityofcamas.us/garbage-service)



## Postponed/Canceled Service

If road closures or unsafe conditions cause your service to be postponed or canceled you will be notified by an automated phone call. If service is canceled, we will reschedule or pick up a double load on your next service day. Here’s what you can do to prepare:


- Make sure that we have your current phone number. Please contact us to make any updates to your account.
- Sign up for service alerts through the **RecycleRight** app or [wcnorthwest.com](http://wcnorthwest.com)


*Please note: Our automated phone message cannot reach you if your phone number is on the National Do Not Call Registry.*

# Contact Information

Questions? Comments? Concerns? Contact Waste Connections to discuss local garbage, recycling, yard debris, organics and any service issues.

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[wcnorthwest.com](http://wcnorthwest.com)
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[customerservice2010@wcnx.org](mailto:customerservice2010@wcnx.org)
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360-892-5370
- Find us on Facebook and Instagram: [@wasteconnections](https://www.facebook.com/wasteconnections)











## Yard Debris

Yard debris service is available to residents throughout most of unincorporated Clark County. By separating out yard debris instead of putting it in the garbage, you are reducing what we landfill and helping to create nutrient-rich compost. You may even save money by reducing your garbage cart size or pickups.

Contact us to set up service or learn more about the optional program at [wcnorthwest.com/yard-debris](http://wcnorthwest.com/yard-debris)

- Accepted:**
-  Garden trimmings
  -  Grass clippings
  -  Vines, branches\*
  -  Leaves, weeds
  -  Pumpkins
  -  Flowers



\*Branches up to 4 inches diameter and 5 feet length



**Not Accepted  
in Yard Debris  
and Organics:**



Plastic Bags



Paper, Compostable  
Products



Dirt, Sod, Rocks



Pet Waste



Treated Wood,  
Painted Lumber



## Organics

**INCLUDE THE FOOD: Yard Debris + Food Scraps**











Customers ***within the city limits of Vancouver and Ridgefield*** can sign up for Organics service collected at the curb every other week.

Contact us to set up service or learn more about the optional program at [wcnorthwest.com/organics](http://wcnorthwest.com/organics)

**Accepted:**

Yard debris (above) PLUS cooked or uncooked, whole or partial pieces of:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
|  Meat   |  Fruits and Vegetables |
|  Bones  |  Coffee grounds        |
|  Cheese |  Tea bags              |
|  Bread  |  Eggshells             |



Fall leaves can block stormwater drains and cause localized flooding.

**Please help:** Never rake or blow leaves in the street. Prevent pooling in storm drains by placing fallen leaves in your backyard compost, yard debris or organics cart.

No cart? No problem! Clip this coupon for FREE leaf disposal at one of four convenient Clark County locations.

## FREE Leaf Disposal Coupon

Vancouver & Clark County Residents Only

Prevent street flooding. Do NOT blow or rake leaves into the street.

Valid: October 1 - December 31, 2022

**DISPOSAL DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:**

**H & H Wood Recyclers**  
8401 NE 117th Ave  
Vancouver, WA  
360-892-2805

**McFarlane's Bark**  
8806 NE 117th Ave  
Vancouver, WA  
360-892-6125

**West Van Materials  
Recovery Center**  
6601 NW Old Lower River Rd  
Vancouver, WA | 360-737-1727

**Triangle Resources**  
612 SE Union St  
Camas, WA  
360-834-7253



Present this coupon at a participating drop-off location for up to 5 cubic yards of LEAVES ONLY - no bags. No trimmings, yard debris or mixed loads.

Sponsored by:



**Complete the following information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_



City of Vancouver residents: Funding for this program is provided through your garbage rates. Clark County residents: Funding for this program is provided through Clark County Public Works.



# Recycling Guidelines



## ENGLISH

Follow these simple guidelines to recycle right:

- Items should be empty, clean and dry.
- Place items loose in the cart. Do not bag items.
- No sharp or heavy objects.

## ESPAÑOL

Siga estas sencillas instrucciones para reciclar correctamente:

- Los artículos deben estar vacíos, limpios y secos.
- Coloque los artículos sueltos en el carrito, no los embolse.
- Sin artículos afilados o pesados.

## РУССКИЙ ЯЗЫК

Для эффективной переработки отходов следуйте этим простым инструкциям:

- Предметы должны быть пустыми внутри, чистыми и сухими.
- Кладите предметы в корзину, не упаковывая их.
- Нельзя класть острые или тяжелые предметы.

## RECYCLERIGHT TOOL AVAILABLE



- The RecycleRight tool and app is now available in multiple languages.
- La herramienta y aplicación RecycleRight ahora está disponible en Español
- Инструмент и приложение RecycleRight теперь доступны на следующих языках: Русский
- Công cụ và ứng dụng RecycleRight hiện có sẵn bằng Tiếng Việt
- 이제 RecycleRight 툴과 앱을 다음의 언어로도 사용 가능합니다한국어
- RecycleRight 工具及應用程式現提供以下語言版本中文

## TIẾNG VIỆT

Tuân thủ các hướng dẫn đơn giản này để tái chế đúng cách:

- Các đồ vật cần phải rỗng, sạch và khô.
- Đặt các đồ vật tách rời nhau vào thùng, không để chúng vào túi.
- Không vứt đồ vật sắc nhọn hoặc nặng.

## 한국인

올바른 재활을 위해서 다음의 간단한 지침을 따르십시오 :

- 물건은 비어 있고 깨끗하며 건조해야 합니다 .
- 카트에 물건을 느슨하게 놓습니다 . 물건을 가방에 넣지 마십시오 .
- 날카롭거나 무거운 물건이 없어야 합니다 .

## 中国人

请遵照下列指示正确完成回收 :

- 所有物品必须清空, 清洁干净并擦干水分。
- 将物品散放在推车中。请勿堆叠。
- 请勿放入尖锐物品和重物。

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