

## Food and Yard Waste

### Drop-Off Locations

#### Yard Waste

##### Mount Vernon (Residents Only)

Purchase punch cards for \$5, \$10, or \$20

\$1 per punch, loads up to 60 lbs

City Shop, 409 W. Fir Street, 360-336-6218

Mar-Oct: W- F 11 am – 5:30 pm; Sat, Sun

9 am - 4 pm; Nov-Feb: W, Sat, Sun 9 am – 4 pm

Grass, leaves, fruits, vegetables, brush, & branches

that are no more than 7 inches in diameter

##### Sedro-Woolley

##### (Residents & Urban Growth Areas)

315 Sterling St, 360-855-0929

\$12.00 per yard

March-Sept: Mon and Sat, 8 am - 4 pm

Oct - first weekend in Nov: Sat, 8 am - 4 pm

2nd week in Nov - Feb: no drop-off.

Grass clippings & light brush. \*Pumpkins: first 2

weeks/November; bare Christmas trees first 3

weeks/January.

[www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/SolidWaste](http://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/SolidWaste)

#### Yard & Food Waste

##### Skagit Soils

13260 Ball Road, Mount Vernon

Mid-March through October:

M-F, 7:30 am - 5 pm; Sat, 8 am - 4 pm

November to mid-March:

M-F, 7:30 am - 5 pm; Sat, 9 am - 2 pm

360-424-0199

## Commercial Recycling

Multiple vendors offer pickup of recyclables generated by businesses. Contact them for details:

- **Waste Management**  
360-757-4068 or [www.wmnorthwest.com](http://www.wmnorthwest.com)
- **Skagit River Steel & Recycling**  
360-757-6096 or [www.skagitriversteel.com](http://www.skagitriversteel.com)
- **Tri-County Recycling Inc,** 360-707-0439

## Curbside Pick-Up

Waste Management provides food & yard waste pick-up in Anacortes, Burlington, La Conner, Mount Vernon, Shelter Bay, and Sedro-Woolley. To find out if your location qualifies, call 360-757-4068 or visit [www.wmnorthwest.com](http://www.wmnorthwest.com). All yard waste from curbside bins is hauled to Skagit Soils for composting.

### What goes into your curbside food & yard waste bin?

- Brush under 4 inches in diameter & no more than 4 inches long
- Grass, pruning, weeds & leaves
- Pasta, grains & bread
- Meat, bones, fish & shellfish
- Eggshells, dairy, nuts & shells
- Fruit & vegetable scraps
- Coffee grounds, filters & tea bags
- Waxed cardboard & food soiled paper (pizza boxes & paper towels)
- Shredded paper, layered with yard trimmings

## Home Composting

The Skagit County Solid Waste Division offers classes on methods of waste reduction, home composting & vermicomposting. Improve your soil, save money and the environment! Visit

[www.skagitcounty.net/recycle](http://www.skagitcounty.net/recycle) to see the schedule.

### Master Composter/Recycler Volunteer Program

An eight-week intensive course taught by Skagit County in the springtime. Includes guest speakers & field trips. Contact Callie Martin at 360-419-7683 or email [calliem@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:calliem@co.skagit.wa.us) for more information.

## Zero-Waste Events

Skagit County's Sustainability Initiative encourages recycling and composting at public and private events. Certify your next event with our program. Borrow free waste stations, get technical assistance, and use the Zero-Waste Events logo for your promotional materials. Email or visit the webpage [zwe@co.skagit.wa.us](mailto:zwe@co.skagit.wa.us) or [www.skagitcounty.net/zwe](http://www.skagitcounty.net/zwe)

## Skagit County Recycling & Garbage Sites

### Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station

14104 Ovenell Road, Mount Vernon

Open every day (closed holidays\*)

8:30 am - 6 pm, 360-424-3873

- General waste \$89/ton + 3.6% tax (\$10 min)
- Recycling free

### Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Turn right upon entering Transfer Station

M-F & first Sat of each month (closed holidays\*)

10 am - 4 pm, 360-424-9532

- No fees for households
- Batteries, antifreeze & motor oil accepted daily from 8:30 am - 6 pm

### Clear Lake Compactor Site

23159 Howey Road, Clear Lake

M, W, F, Sat, Sun (closed holidays\*)

8 am - 6 pm, 360-856-5083

- Household garbage ONLY, \$6 per 32 gallons
- Recycling free
- Also CLOSED on: President's Day, MLK, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day & the day after Thanksgiving

### Sauk Transfer Station

50795 State Route 20, Concrete

Th, F, Sat, Sun (closed holidays\*)

9 am - 5 pm, 360-853-8810

- General waste \$89/ton + 3.6% tax (\$10 min)
- Recycling free

### Holidays\*

All transfer sites are closed on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Easter Sunday
- Fourth of July
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

# Guide to Recycling and Solid Waste Disposal



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Skagit County Public Works  
Solid Waste Division  
360-424-7817

Recycling Hotline 360-419-7683  
[www.skagitcounty.net/recycle](http://www.skagitcounty.net/recycle)

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## Residential Drop-Off Recycling

### Drop-Off Locations

#### Skagit County

See back panel for Skagit County recycling & garbage drop-off sites.

#### City Recycling Facility

315 Sterling Street, Sedro-Woolley  
M-Sat 8 am-4 pm, 360-855-1884  
[www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/SolidWaste](http://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/SolidWaste)

### What Can I Recycle Drop-Off?

Please **sort** your recyclables into these categories:

#### Aluminum Cans

- Clean and empty

#### Tin/Steel Cans

- Rinse clean & remove labels
- Leave lids attached

#### Glass Bottles and Jars

- Rinse clean & remove lids & caps
- Separate by color (green, brown, clear)

#### Plastic Bottles & Jugs

- No bakery trays, tubs, or cups
- Rinse clean & remove lids & caps

#### Clean Cardboard (Corrugated Only)

- Empty contents
- Remove boxing tape & liners

#### Clean Newspapers & Magazines

- Dry & clean
- Collect in brown paper bags
- Phone Books

#### Clean Mixed Paper

- Advertising mail, envelopes, school papers, paper bags, paper egg cartons, etc.
- Non-corrugated boxes, including cereal, soda and beer, etc.
- Remove plastic liners & flatten boxes

#### Scrap Metal

- Pull off all non-metal material

## Residential Curbside Recycling

### Curbside Pick-Up

Cities of Anacortes, Mount Vernon, Burlington, and Sedro-Woolley provide curbside recycling to residents. Contact each city for information.

Live outside city limits? Contract with Waste Management pickup independently.

Call 360-757-4068 or visit [www.wmnorthwest.com](http://www.wmnorthwest.com).

### What Can I Recycle Curbside?

#### Clean Paper & Paper Food Containers

Cardboard, newspaper & inserts, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, paperback books, mail (window envelopes OK), paper bags, microwave & frozen food boxes, clean paper cups, milk & juice cartons, juice boxes.

#### Clean Plastic & Glass

Plastic bottles, jars & jugs (food, detergent, shampoo, vitamins). Rinsed out glass bottles & jars (all colors & sizes). Labels OK. No lids.

#### Clean Metal

Aluminum & tin cans. Scrap metal (limit 35 lbs and less than two cubic feet).

### Not Accepted for Recycling

The wrong type of material can contaminate an entire bale of recyclables.

- Plastic bags (reuse or recycle at grocery store)
- Plastic take-out containers & clamshells
- Styrofoam containers & packaging peanuts
- Shredded paper (OK in yard waste bin)
- Paper towels (OK in yard waste bin)
- Needles, syringes, or prescription vials

### I Want to Recycle More!

Can't find a good place for that hard to recycle item? Visit [Earth911.com](http://Earth911.com) to find recycling center listings, and events near you.

[www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com)

## Electronics Recycling

### E-Cycle Washington

Washington's E-Cycle law makes recycling free for computers, monitors, and televisions. Mice, printers, copiers, and scanners may be accepted for a fee. There are four E-Cycle drop-offs sites in Skagit County:



#### Anacortes Kiwanis Aktion Club

Behind the Old Fire Station at 1011 on 12th and Commercial Avenue, Anacortes.  
Second Saturday of the month from 10 am - 2 pm.  
[www.anacortesaktion.org](http://www.anacortesaktion.org)

#### Goodwill Store

102 Valley Mall Way, Mount Vernon  
M-Sat 8 am - 7 pm & Sun 9 am - 5 pm  
360-848-0646

#### City Recycling Facility

315 Sterling Street, Sedro-Woolley  
Monday, 8 am - 4 pm, 360-855-1884  
Call for special drop-off arrangements

### Appliances

Donate working appliances to local thrift stores or service clubs. Take nonfunctional appliances to:

#### Affordable Appliance

210 N Oak Street, Burlington  
M-Sat 8 am - 5:00 pm  
360-755-9012 or 360-540-5825  
[www.affordableappliancecycle.com](http://www.affordableappliancecycle.com)

#### Skagit River Steel & Recycling

1265 South Anacortes Street, Burlington  
M-F 8 am - 4:30 pm, 360-757-6096  
[www.skagitriversteel.com](http://www.skagitriversteel.com)

#### Rita Street Appliance Recycling

211 W Woodworth Street, Sedro-Woolley  
360-855-2030

### Cell Phones

- Donate working phones to Skagit Domestic Violence Services, 360-336-9591
- For non-working phones visit [www.recyclemycellphone.org](http://www.recyclemycellphone.org)

## Household Hazardous Waste

### Don't Put it in the Trash!

You'll know it's hazardous waste when the label says, "Caution," "Warning," or "Danger."

### Motor Oil & Antifreeze

Five gal./week of motor oil and antifreeze accepted at all Skagit County disposal sites during business hours, & at the following O'Reilly Auto Supply locations, open every day as well as evenings:

- 1715 Riverside Drive, Mount Vernon
- 1350 Burlington Boulevard, Burlington
- 504 Crossroads Square, Sedro-Woolley

Generate larger quantities? Contact our Small Quantity Generator Program at 360-424-9532.

### Paint, Chemicals, and Other HHW

Up to 25 gallons accepted per month for free at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

HHW Containers:

- Did it hold hazardous waste? Is it dry and empty? Don't recycle it. Put it in the regular trash.
- More than 1/2-inch of waste in the bottom? Take it to the Skagit HHW Facility.

### Fluorescent Light Bulbs

The Skagit HHW Facility accepts fluorescent lights, including tubes and compact bulbs (CFLs), which contain toxic mercury. Keep bulbs intact and packaged to avoid breakage. A list of other drop off sites can be found at [www.skagitcounty.net/recycle](http://www.skagitcounty.net/recycle)

### Batteries

The Skagit HHW Facility accepts the following batteries:

- Rechargeable: NiCd, lead-acid, lithium-ion
- Lithium: including all button cell batteries
- No alkalines accepted; put in the regular trash

### Pharmaceuticals

**Don't flush them!** Put them (pill or liquid) in a sealable plastic bag with kitty litter or coffee grounds, then in the trash. Walgreens Pharmacy now sells pill disposal pouches. Place your leftover pills in a pouch and return them to the pharmacy for safe disposal.