RECYCLING REMINDERS

What to include in your curbside recycling cart

plastic containers
- plastic bottles
- milk jugs
- plastic tubs
- plastic jars
- buckets
- plant pots

PREPARATION
- empty • quick rinse • no lids

recycle plastics by shape
ignore numbers

plastic bottles milk jugs plastic tubs plastic jars buckets plant pots

paper and cardboard
- milk and juice cartons
- paper or frozen food boxes
- cardboard
- paper bags
- shredded paper
- newspaper
- phone books
- mail, magazines, mixed paper and catalogs

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

aluminum and tin cans
- aluminum cans
- metal cans

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

NO GLASS
NO PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP
NO DANGEROUS MATERIALS
Questions?

Mason County Garbage & Recycling
PO Box 787 • 81 E Wilbur’s Way • Shelton, WA 98584
360-426-8729 • 360-275-4590 • 1-877-722-0223
www.masoncountygarbage.com

Good to Know

Milk and Juice Cartons
You can recycle milk and juice cartons. Please give them a quick rinse. Plastic spouts are fine, but toss the lid in the trash.
Aseptic packaging is NOT accepted. This means shelf-stable items like juice boxes, soy milk, soups and stocks.

Shredded Paper
Put shredded paper in a paper bag and roll down the top before putting in your recycle cart.

Glass
Glass is not collected curbside in Mason County. Glass has very little market value and makes up a small percentage of our waste stream. Throw glass in the trash or take it to drop-off sites for recycling.
Find a site near you at www.masoncountyrecycles.com

Contamination
Food residue is a contaminant that ruins the recyclability of materials. If you can’t empty and rinse a container please don’t put it in your recycle cart.

Safety
Needles, sharps, ammunition and other dangerous materials turn up at sorting facilities every day. These are all safety hazards for employees and should never be put in recycling carts.

Recycling Resources

Electronics Recycling
www.ecyclewashington.org
1-800-RECYCLE

Household Hazardous Waste
www.co.mason.wa.us/utilities_waste/solid_waste/

Mason County residents may bring household hazardous waste items like batteries, oil-based paint, fluorescent light bulbs and motor oil to:

Mason County Transfer Stations
Contact for materials accepted and hours of operations:
Belfair: 360-275-6462
Hoodsport: 360-877-9525
Shelton: 360-427-5271
Union: 360-898-3037

Plastics

Recycle Plastics By Shape
Numbers on the bottom don’t tell you if an item is recyclable. That’s why we ask you to look at the shape. The types of plastic we collect have the best chance of being recycled into new products.
We accept:
• Plastic bottles
• Plastic jars, tubs and buckets

Plastic Items NOT Accepted:
• Lids
  Throw lids in the trash. Plastic lids and caps are too small to be sorted properly and don’t get recycled.
• Bags and Wrap
  Grocery bags and plastic wrap get tangled in machinery at sorting facilities. Throw plastic wrap in the trash. Reuse plastic bags or take back to participating grocery stores for recycling.
• Crinkly and Lightweight Plastic
  Items like plastic drink cups, clamshell packaging for produce, and packaging around toys and electronics are not recyclable because they flatten during collection and processing and get sorted incorrectly as paper. Throw these items in the trash.

What to do on recycling day
• Cart should be at the curb by 6 am
• All items must fit in cart with the lid closed
• Lid opening toward street—handle toward house
• See diagram below for cart distances
• Remove empty cart from curb as soon as possible

Cart Placement Instructions
3-5 FEET CLEARANCE ON ALL SIDES OF RECYCLING CART
18 feet clearance above recycling cart

Place cart at curb or within 3 feet from road with front of cart facing street or alley

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