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Beyond the Bin

RECYCLING GUIDE



Skagit Plastic Reduction & Recycling Coalition

*Protecting shorelines and marine waters
by reducing plastic waste in Skagit County*

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Refuse – Reduce – Repurpose – Recycle

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Recycle It Right!

Are you drowning in the waste stream of modern life? Whether faced with the byproducts of COVID-19-induced closet cleaning or a desire to declutter and live with less, we're all faced with the challenge of managing the excesses of our lives.

Beyond the Bin provides the resources and motivation to take charge!

Develop the habits below to preserve limited resources, curb expanding landfills, slow marine pollution, reduce clutter-induced stress . . . and live more simply.

Manage your resources to avoid waste. Here's how:

- **Refuse** single-use materials and items destined for the garbage.
- **Reduce** your use of toxic materials and those with a limited lifespan.
- **Repurpose** items creatively, finding new ways to re-use things that outlive their original purpose.
- **Recirculate** unneeded, usable items by donating, selling, or gifting them. Shop for gently used items instead of buying new.
- **Re-imagine** a world that makes the best use of our limited resources.
- **Recycle**—as a last resort, returning materials to their original chemical components for future re-use or refashioning into new products.

How to Use this Guide

Part I - Recyclable Items – Find convenient outlets for those unwanted items in this alphabetized list of items and materials. Keep track of your favorites on the Notes page at the end of this guide.

Part II - Recycling/Re-use Outlets – Find here the addresses, hours, contact info, and useful details for the retailers and outlets listed in Part I.

Part III - Municipal, County & Curbside Recycling Resources – Here are details for drop-off and curbside pickup recycling services.

When in doubt, call ahead, details *can change over time*.

Part I

RECYCLABLE ITEMS

See Parts II-IV for specific outlet locations, hours, and contact info, followed by helpful online resources and a glossary of terms.

ANTIFREEZE

Clear Lake

Recycling & Compactor Site

Concrete

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

Skagit County

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

ANTIQUES

(See THRIFT/SECONDHAND/ANTIQUESHOPS)

But, why bother?

Here's why—recycling the plastic we use is a critical piece of the solution to the hazards of ocean plastics. Recycling reduces global warming through reduced resource extraction and production; it also saves you money, conserves valuable landfill space, and leaves you feeling like you're part of the solution to a world-wide problem. And, it's simply the right thing to do. Now, the new *Beyond the Bin Recycling Guide* makes it easy, too!

APPLIANCES (large & small)

Dishwashers, refrigerators, furnaces, etc.; hairdryers, toasters, stick vacuums, etc. See Part II for each outlet's acceptable items.

Anacortes

City of Anacortes Residential Clean Up Days (fee)
Kiwanis Thrift Shop (working)
Red Door Thrift Shop (small, working)
Soroptimist Thrift Shop (small, working)
St Mary's Church (small, working)
Thrifty Kitty (small, working)
Transition Fidalgo & Friends Fix-It Days (repairs)

Bellingham

Puget Sound Energy
Ragfinery (working)
Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

Burlington

Best Buy
Skagit Appliance Recycling
Skagit River Steel & Recycling

King County

The Recology Store (small)

Mt Vernon

Appliance & More Connection (working)
Goodwill (small, working)
Lautenbach Recycling
Lowe's
Skagit Building Salvage
Skagit Habitat Store (working)

Online/Mail-In

Call2Recycle
Craigslist (working)
Earth911

Facebook (Search “Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade”)

Nextdoor

OfferUp

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center (fee)

Rita Street Appliance Recycling

Skagit County

Clutter Cops

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling

Puget Sound Energy (refrigerators & freezers)

Skagit County & municipal recycling sites (Mt Vernon, Sauk, Clear Lake)

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Snohomish County

Arlington Recycle Warehouse

AUTOS/VEHICLES/BOATS

Anacortes

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Bellingham

Northwest Recycling

Monroe

Cascade Hauling & Recycling

Mt Vernon

McMillan Bros Auction

Skagit Habitat Store

Skagit Valley College

Autos, etc., continued on page 4

Understanding Battery Types

Household batteries fall into two main types—**rechargeable** (or secondary) batteries and **non-rechargeable** (or primary) batteries. Within *both* categories, some are non-toxic and recyclable; others are toxic and must be disposed of as hazardous waste. A battery’s chemical content is marked on the battery itself. For recycling, separate batteries by chart types.

Safety: Batteries are a leading cause of garbage facility fires. Safely store and handle batteries for recycling. All lithium batteries must be taped on both ends as a precaution against sparking, then stored in a plastic bag or cardboard box for recycling.

Rechargeable batteries (Secondary) *contain hazardous metals and should be recycled.* These include: Small, sealed lead-acid (SSLA/SLA) gel • Lithium-ion (Li-ion) (tape terminals) • Nickel-Cadmium (Ni-Cad/Ni-Cd) • Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) • Nickel-Zinc (Ni-ZN).

Single-use non-rechargeable household batteries (Primary) are non-toxic and recyclable: Alkaline (AA, D-cell, 9v, etc.) • (LR) & zinc-carbon (ZnC) • Lithium (CR) primary (tape ends) • Silver oxide (SR) • Zinc-air.

Button cell batteries (watches, hearing aids, remotes, etc.) *must be recycled.* Mercury button cells, however, are toxic and must be disposed of as *hazardous waste.*

Automotive batteries include Lead-acid • Valve-regulated lead-acid (VLRA).

Hybrid vehicle batteries: For recycling info, contact your hybrid car dealer or visit <https://greenbeanbattery.com>

Further info: <https://www.batterysolutions.com/news/dispose-old-batteries-right-way/>
“All About Batteries” at <https://skagitbeaches.org/our-work/plastic-reduction.html>

Skagit County Battery Recycling

Outlets	Rechargeable	Single-Use	Button cell*	Automotive Lead-acid & VRLA only
Anacortes				
Ace Hardware	x	x	x	small engine
City of Anacortes: Maintenance & Operations Dept	x			
Les Schwab Tires				x
O'Reilly Auto Parts				x
Piston Service				x
Sebo's Henery Hardware				x
Burlington				
AutoZone				x
Best Buy	x	x	x	
Home Depot	x		x	
Les Schwab				x
Skagit River Steel & Recycling				x
Concrete				
Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station	x		x	x
Mt Vernon				
AutoZone				x
Clear Lake Recycling & Compactor Site	x		x	x
Les Schwab				x
Lowe's	x		x	
Office Depot	x			
O'Reilly Auto Parts				x
Pacific Power Batteries	x	x	x	x
Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Facility	x		x	x
Walmart (kiosks at entry & automotive dept.)	x		x	x
Sedro-Woolley				
Car Quest Auto Parts				x
Les Schwab				x
O'Reilly Auto Parts				x
Sedro-Woolley Recycling Ctr	x		x	x
Skagit County				
Ridwell	x	x	x	
Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Facility	x		x	x

* Button cells that contain mercury must be disposed of as hazardous waste.
Do not drop off at these locations.

Autos, etc., *continued from page 2*

Online

CarDonationWizard.com (also, other vehicles, watercraft)

Craigslist

Earth911

Facebook (Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade")

OfferUp

Washington Wheels for Wishes

Snohomish

AD Hauling Solutions

BICYCLES

Anacortes

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Bellingham

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

The Hub Community Bike Shop (bikes & parts)

King County

The Recology Store

Mt Vernon

Goodwill

Online

Craigslist

Facebook (Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade")

Nextdoor

OfferUp

Skagit County

Ridwell

BOOKS

See, also, Thrift/Secondhand/Antique Shops; call to check.

Anacortes

Anacortes Public Library FriendShop

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Pelican Bay Books

Red Door Thrift Shop

Soroptimist Thrift Shop

St. Mary's Church

Bellingham

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

King County

The Recology Store

La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Soroptimist)

Mt Vernon

Easton's Books

Goodwill

Online/Mail-in

Better World Books

BooksRun

BookScouter

Discover Books

Earth911

Other

Northwest Center

Sedro-Woolley

Walnut Tree Thrift Store

Skagit County

Ridwell

BULBS/LAMPS/LIGHTING

Fluorescent bulbs, called CFLs, and fluorescent tubes contain mercury and may not be thrown in trash; properly recycle. Christmas lights, which contain copper, glass, and plastic, can and should be recycled.

Anacortes

Ace Hardware (CFL bulbs & tubes only)

Transition Fidalgo & Friends Fix-It Days (repairs)

Bellingham

RE Store for Sustainable Communities (working lights)

Sanitary Service Company (SSC) (string lights)

Burlington

Chuckanut Lighting (CFL bulbs & tubes; minor repairs)

Ekrem Hardware (CFL bulbs & tubes)

Home Depot (CFL bulbs only)

King County

The Recology Store

Mt Vernon

Kaptein's Ace Hardware (CFL bulbs & tubes)

Lautenbach Recycling (CFL bulbs)

Lowe's (CFL bulbs & tubes)

Office Depot (CFL bulbs & tubes)

Skagit Building Salvage

Skagit County Transfer & Recycling Station -

Hazardous Waste (CFL bulbs & tubes)

Skagit Habitat Store (working lights)

Online/Mail-in

Christmas Light Source Recycling (string lights)

Earth911

Holiday LEDs Recycling (string lights)

LightRecycle Washington

TerraCycle

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center (CFL bulbs & tubes, high-intensity HID's)

Skagit County

Puget Sound Energy (small quantities incandescents & CFL's)

Ridwell

CAMERA/PHOTO EQUIPMENT

(See, also, PHOTO/CAMERA EQUIPMENT)

CARSEATS (See sidebar)

Burlington

Target (spring and fall carseat recycling events)

Walmart (Sept event)

CELL PHONES

Reuse or recycle cell phones and accessories. They contain valuable resources, including precious metals and plastics that require energy to extract and manufacture.

Bellingham

City Mac (Apple)

Burlington

Best Buy

Home Depot

Target

Take the Carseat Challenge

Less than six years old? Sell or donate your carseat to extend its usable life. Beyond six years (find expiration or manufacture date on underside of seat), carseats are considered too old to be safe. To recycle, check online and/or with the retailer from whom the carseat was purchased (Target and Walmart hold Fall carseat recycling events). Or, search for an online video to help you dismantle your carseat to clean, replace, or recycle components.

Mt Vernon

Lowe's

Office Depot

Skagit Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services

Walmart (deposit by grocery entrance)

Online/Mail-in

Buy Back World

Call2Recycle

Craigslist

Earth911

CLOTHING/SHOES/TEXTILES

(See, also, THRIFT/SECONDHAND/ANTIQUE SHOPS)

Anacortes

Anacortes First Baptist Church Clothes Closet

Northwest Center (blue collection bins)

Red Door Thrift Shop.

Soroptimist Thrift Shop

St Mary's Church

Transition Fidalgo & Friends Fix-It Days (repairs)

Bellingham

- B-Bay Running (any athletic shoes)
- Ragfinery (clothing, sewing supplies)

Concrete

- Community Action of Skagit County - East County Resource Center
- Concrete Community Closet

King County

- The Recology Store

La Conner

- Vintage Thrift Shop (Soroptimist)

Mt Vernon

- Bargains Galore
- Community Action of Skagit County
- Encore Shoppe
- Goodwill
- Mt Vernon Shoe Repair
- Re-Feather Your Nest
- Skagit Gleaners

Online/Mail-in

- Bombas (socks)
- The Bra Recyclers
- Ebay
- Facebook (*Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade"*)
- OfferUp
- Patagonia
- Poshmark
- REI.com/used
- Smartwool (socks)
- ThreadUp

Sedro-Woolley

- Walnut Tree Thrift Store (clothing, sewing supplies)

Skagit County

- Northwest Center (pickup available)
- Ridwell

COMPUTERS (*See Electronics*)

CONSTRUCTION, DEMOLITION & LANDSCAPE MATERIALS

Plan construction projects with recycling in mind: Identify

materials & markets for recovery (calgary.com/home-component-recycling-guide.php). • Use contractors experienced in Construction & Demolition (C&D) procedures. • Specify reuse and recycling language in contract. • Follow Skagit Guide to Construction & Demolition Recycling (pdf). • Call ahead to check for acceptable items: (360) 424-7817.

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/PublicWorksSolid-Waste/Documents/CandD%20info.pdf>

Anacortes

- City Residential Clean Up Days (yard waste)
- Sunland Bark & Topsoil
- Waste Management (curbside food/yard waste pickup)

Bellingham

- RE Store for Sustainable Communities

Burlington

- Miles Sand & Gravel
- Waste Management (curbside yard /food waste pickup)

King County

- Industrial Materials Exchange

Mt Vernon

- AC Pallets (wood pallets)
- City of Mt Vernon Yard Waste Dropoff
- Clutter Cops
- Lautenbach Recycling
- Lowe's (wood pallets)
- Martin Marietta Aggregates
- Skagit Building Salvage
- Skagit Habitat Store
- Skagit Soils
- Wells Nursery (plastic pots)

Online/Mail-in

- Armstrong World Industries Ceiling Tile Program
- Craigslist
- Facebook (*Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade"*)

Skagit County

- Clutter Cops
- JDog Junk Removal & Hauling
- Waste Management (curbside yard/food waste pickup)

Snohomish

AD Hauling Solutions

COOKING OILS (used)

King County

The Recology Store

Mt Vernon

Lautenbach Recycling

CORKS

Online/Mail-in

TerraCycle

Skagit County

Ridwell

CRAYONS/MARKERS/PENS

In addition to online outlets below, local low-income programs, hospitals, and shelters may utilize your unneeded crayons, markers, etc.; online resources offer opportunities for communities, schools, businesses, and individuals to recycle. Leave wrappers on crayons when possible.

Online/Mail-in

Crayon Collection (crayons)

The Crayon Initiative (crayons)

Crazy Crayons (crayons)

ELECTRONIC MEDIA

Cassette tapes, CDs, DVDs, jewel cases, hard drives

Anacortes

Kiwanis Thrift Shop (DVDs)

Online/Mail-in

Back Thru the Future

Craigslist

Eaglesaver

Ebay

Green Disk

ELECTRONICS/COMPUTERS/ PRINTERS/MODEMS/CABLES

(See, also, CELL PHONES)

- *According to the Environmental Protection Agency, Americans throw away 2-3 million tons of electronics a year! Computers, TVs, and other electronics contain*

heavy metals and hazardous materials that should not go into a landfill. Under the Washington state E-Cycle law, recycling is free for TVs, computers, laptops, monitors, tablets, e-readers, and portable DVD players. Drop off peripherals and other electronics at participating retailers for recycling at no charge.

- *Broadband equipment (Comcast, Wavecable, etc.) is rented and must be returned to broadband service provider.*

Anacortes

Aktion Club of Anacortes

Kiwanis Thrift Shop (working)

Bellingham

City Mac (Apple)

Safe & Easy Electronics Recycling

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

Burlington

Best Buy

Target

King County

The Recology Store

Mt Vernon

Clutter Cops

Goodwill

Office Depot

Pacific Power Batteries

Online/Mail-in

(See, also, online options from Dell, Hewlett-Packard)

Amazon Trade-In Program

Buy Back World

Craigslist

E-Cycle Washington

Facebook (Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade")

Gazelle

Green Disk

OfferUp

Northwest Recycling

TerraCycle

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center

Skagit County

Clutter Cops

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling

Ridwell

EYEGLASSES

See page 18 for complete listing of drop-off locations and accepted items.

Online/Mail-in

Earth911

Lions Club

Skagit County

Lions Club

Ridwell

FILTERS (air & water)

Online/Mail-in

Aquagear (water)

Brita (water)

TerraCycle (air & water filters)

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

To recycle, examine canister label for product manufacturer's name, typically in large red or black letters. Check manufacturer's website for recycling instructions and how to handle a unit with an active recall. (For extinguishers made prior to 1960, contact your local fire department.) For fire extinguishers that can be refilled, call your local fire department for information.

For disposal or recycling, extinguishers first must be emptied. Take to your local fire department or follow prescribed safety directions in link below, assuring pressure gauge needle has fallen below zero. Next, unscrew plastic top and trigger, segregating steel, plastic, or other materials for recycling at appropriate outlets listed in this guide. <https://www.wikihow.com/recycle-a-fire-extinguisher>

Skagit County

Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Fire departments (call for information)

FOOD DONATIONS

(See, also, FOOD & YARD WASTE)

Community Action of Skagit County;
for latest Food Bank details, see

<https://www.communityactionskagit.org/food-banks/>

Alger

Alger Food Bank

Anacortes

Anacortes Food Distribution

Anacortes Family Center (non-perishable)

A Simple Gesture – (non-perishables)

Fidalgo Island Gleaners

Salvation Army

St Vincent de Paul Food Bank

Burlington

Tri-Parish Food Bank

Clear Lake

Community Covenant Food Bank

Concrete

Concrete Food Bank

Hamilton

Hamilton Community Food Bank

La Conner

La Conner Sunrise Food Bank

Lyman

Shepherd's Heart Care Center

Marblemount

Helping Hands Food Bank of Marblemount

Mt Vernon

Community Action of Skagit County

Skagit Gleaners

Sedro-Woolley

Helping Hands Food Bank

Skagit County

Clutter Cops

Lions Club

FOOD & YARD WASTE

Skagit County waste facilities and Waste Management accept yard/food waste for composting (see Guidelines page 45).

Anacortes

City of Anacortes Residential Cleanup Days
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Bellingham

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

Burlington

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Clear Lake

Recycling & Compactor Site

Concrete

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

La Conner

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Mt Vernon

City of Mt Vernon Yard Waste Facility

Clutter Cops

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Online

TerraCycle (coffee pods)

Sedro-Woolley

City Curbside Pickup

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center

Skagit County

Skagit Soils

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

FURNITURE

(*See, also, THRIFT/SECONDHAND/ANTIQUÉ SHOPS*)

Anacortes

Alley Cat Antiques

Alley Cat Vintage Décor

Anacortes Family Center (call ahead)

City of Anacortes Residential Clean Up Days

Kiwanis Thrift Shop (pickup available)

Predecessors

St Mary's Church

Thrifty Kitty

Bellingham

RE Store for Sustainable Communities

Mt Vernon

Clutter Cops

Goodwill

Re-Feather Your Nest

Skagit Building Salvage

Skagit Habitat Store

Online

Clutter Cops

Facebook (*Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade"*)

OfferUp

Sedro-Woolley

Restless & Refurbished

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center

Skagit County

Skagit County & municipal recycling sites
(Mt Vernon, Sauk, Clear Lake)

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

GLASS

Anacortes

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Bellingham

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

Burlington

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Clear Lake

Recycling & Compactor Site

Concrete

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

Mt Vernon

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Sedro-Woolley

City Curbside Pickup

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center

Skagit County

Skagit County & municipal recycling sites
(Mt Vernon, Sauk, Clear Lake)

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

GLASSES (See EYEGLASSES)

HAIR/PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

Anacortes

Anacortes 100 Food Bank

Anacortes Family Center
Salvation Army
St Vincent de Paul

Online/Mail-in

Locks of Love

Skagit County

Food Banks (see Food Donations)

HAZARDOUS WASTES

Chemicals, fertilizers, oil-based paints, shoe polish, full or partially full aerosol cans, products with "Warning" or "Caution" labels, and many other substances are considered "hazardous wastes"; all must be disposed of at Skagit Recycling & Transfer Station, Ovenell Rd, Mt Vernon. See Part III/County & Municipal.

Online/Mail-In

TerraCycle (mercury-containing thermostats)

Skagit County

Skagit Co. Household Hazardous Waste Facility

HEARING AIDS

Hearing Aid Project

HOSES *Due to their mix of materials and entangling shape, garden and other hoses must be disposed of in trash; metal parts, however, may be cut off and recycled as scrap metal. Find creative re-use ideas at: <https://recyclingpartnership.org/communitiesforrecycling/old-garden-hose-tip-dont-recycle/>*

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

(See, also, THRIFT/SECONDHAND/ANTIQUÉ SHOPS)

Alger

Alger Food Bank

Anacortes

Alley Cat Antiques
Alley Cat Vintage & Décor
Anacortes Family Center (call ahead)
City of Anacortes Residential Clean Up Days
Kiwanis Thrift Shop
Northwest Center
Predecessors
Red Door Thrift Shop

Salvation Army (cleaning products)
Sorooptimist Thrift Shop
St Mary's Church
Thrifty Kitty
Transition Fidalgo & Friends Fix-It Days

Bellingham

RE Store for Sustainable Communities

Clear Lake

Northwest Center

La Conner

Northwest Center
Vintage Thrift Shop (Sorooptimist)

Mt Vernon

Bargains Galore
Community Action of Skagit County
Goodwill
Humane Society Thrift Shop
Northwest Center
Re-Feather Your Nest
Skagit Building Salvage
Skagit Gleaners
Skagit Habitat Store

Online

Craigslist Skagit
Ebay
OfferUp
Poshmark

Other

Food Banks (See FOOD DONATIONS)

Sedro-Woolley

Northwest Center
Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center
Restless & Refurbished
Walnut Tree Thrift Store

Skagit County

Clutter Cops
JDog Junk Removal & Hauling
Ridwell

INKS & TONERS

Anacortes

Bayshore Office Products

Burlington

Best Buy

Target

Mt Vernon

Office Depot

JEWELRY

(See, *also*, THRIFT/SECONDHAND/ANTIQUÉ SHOPS)

Anacortes

Predecessors

Soroptimist Thrift Shop

Mt Vernon

McMillan Bros Auction

Red Door Antique Mall

Online

Craigslist Skagit

Ebay

OfferUp

JUNK REMOVAL & PROPERTY CLEANUP

No hazardous wastes

Arlington

AD Hauling Solutions

Bellingham

A Plus Cleanups

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

Burlington

JDog Removal & Hauling

Toss It Junk Removal

Skagit County

Clutter Cops

LIGHTS/LAMPS/LIGHTING (See BULBS)

LUMBER & BUILDING SALVAGE

(See CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION & LANDSCAPE MATERIALS)

Why Buy New . . .

when you can save money and reduce waste by repurposing something you already have or buy the item, gently used, at your local thrift store—and, for a fraction of the cost? A growing community of folks is doing just that. Plus, websites and apps, such as OfferUp, Freecycle, Craigslist, and Poshmark, help you buy and sell items that might otherwise end up in the landfill.

We all can rethink what we really need, and, likely, honestly say we have too much stuff! Check out *The Story of Stuff* (<http://storyofstuff.org>) to learn about the challenges created by all the stuff we buy and throw away.

MATTRESSES

Anacortes

Anacortes Family Center (call ahead)

City of Anacortes Residential Clean Up Days

Mt Vernon

Skagit Habitat Store

Online

Craigslist

OfferUp

Skagit County

Clutter Cops

JDog Junk Removal

Snohomish County

Arlington Recycle Warehouse

MEDICATION & PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Health/medicinereturn.htm>

Risks: *Never put medicines down the drain,* as they're not removed by water treatment plants and harm the environment. Unused, unwanted, and expired medications pose potential risks for drug abuse and accidental poisoning. Proper medication disposal guidelines at <https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/healthy-home/safe-medication-return>

Free disposal: Follow Skagit County's new Secure Medicine Return program to safely dispose of unneeded prescription and over-the-counter medicines for free by

- a) placing them in a secure drop box, referred to as a "kiosk";
- b) placing in mail-back envelopes available at locations county-wide;
- c) ordering free mail-back envelopes;
- d) packaging, as below, and disposing of at local take-back events.

Trash Disposal Regulations: Preferably, follow above kiosk and mailer disposal guidelines (locations below); if necessary to place in trash,

- remove meds from original container;
- mix with undesirable, absorbent substance, such as cat litter, oatmeal, or used coffee grounds;
- place mixture in lidded, disposable container, e.g., empty margarine tub or sealable bag;
- conceal or remove all personal information, including Rx number, from original

container (scratch off or cover with permanent marker or duct tape);

- place sealed drug mixture container *and* empty original container in trash.

Kiosk & Mailer Locations:

Latest kiosk and mailer information at <https://med-project.org/locations/washington/>

Anacortes

- Anacortes Police Dept (kiosk)
- Anacortes Senior Activity Center (mailers)
- Skidmore Pharmacy (at Island Hospital, kiosk)

Burlington

- Burlington Police Dept (kiosk)
- Burlington Senior Center (mailers)

Clear Lake

- Recycling & Compactor Site (mailers)

Concrete

- Concrete Senior Center (mailers)
- East County Community Resource Center (mailers)
- Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station (mailers)
- Sea Mar Community Health Center Pharmacy (kiosk)
- Upper Skagit Library (mailers)

Hamilton

- Town City Hall (mailers)

La Conner

- La Conner Regional Library (mailers)
- Swinomish Tribal Police Station (kiosk)

Lyman

- Lyman Town Hall (mailers)

Mt Vernon

- Mt Vernon Fire Dept: Stations 1, 2 & 3 (mailers)
- Mt Vernon Library (mailers)
- Mt Vernon Police Dept (kiosk)
- Mt Vernon Senior Center (mailers)
- Sea Mar Community Health Center Pharmacy (kiosk)
- Skagit Co. Public Health Dept (mailers)
- Skagit Co. Public Works Dept (mailers)

Skagit Co. Recycling & Transfer Sta. (mailers)
Skagit Co. Sheriff's Office (kiosk)
Skagit Valley Hospital Pharmacy (kiosk)

Online/Mail-in

MED-Project.org
Sharps Disposal by Mail System

Sedro-Woolley

Central Skagit Library (mailers)
Hwy 20 Hometown Pharmacy (kiosk)
Schaffner Pharmacy (kiosk)
Sedro-Woolley City Hall (mailers)
Sedro-Woolley Police Dept (kiosk)
Sedro-Woolley Senior Center (mailers)

METAL/SCRAP METAL

(See, also, PROPANE TANKS)

Anacortes

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Bellingham

Northwest Recycling
Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

Burlington

Skagit Appliance Recycling
Skagit River Steel & Recycling
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Clear Lake

Recycling & Compactor Site

Concrete

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

King County

The Recology Store (small propane cylinders)

Mt Vernon

Lautenbach Recycling
Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Online/Mail-in

Lamb Awards Recycling Program

Sedro-Woolley

City Curbside Pickup
Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center

Skagit County

Clutter Cops
JDog Junk Removal & Hauling
Ridwell
Skagit County & municipal recycling sites (Mt Vernon, Sauk, Clear Lake)
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

MISCELLANEOUS

Regional

Industrial Materials Exchange (IMEX)

MOTOR OIL

Anacortes

Cap Sante Marina (fee)
O'Reilly Auto Parts
Piston Service

Burlington

AutoZone

Clear Lake

Recycling & Compactor Site

Concrete

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

Mt Vernon

AutoZone
O'Reilly Auto Parts

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center
O'Reilly Auto Parts

Skagit County

Skagit County Transfer Station & municipal recycling sites (Mt Vernon, Sauk, Clear Lake)

MUSIC

Anacortes

Kiwanis Thrift Shop (records)

Burlington

Hugo Helmer Music (instruments and equipment)

Online

Craigslist
Ebay
Facebook (Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade")
OfferUp

PACKING MATERIALS

Requirements change; call to confirm accepted materials.

Anacortes

Compass Wine
The Mailbox

Bellingham

Handle with Care Packaging Store
Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

King County

The Recology Store (styrofoam)
Styro Recycle Inc, Kent

Mt Vernon

Postal & More

Online/Mail-In

TerraCycle

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center

PAINT

(See Part III, page 42, for free paint disposal instructions)

Anacortes

Ace Hardware (latex & oil-based paint, stains and varnish)

Bellingham

Ragfinery (art supplies)

Burlington

Rodda Paint (latex & oil-based paint, stains and varnish)

Mt Vernon

Skagit Habitat Store (usable paints & supplies)

Online

Terracycle (art supplies)

Skagit County

Skagit Co. Household Hazardous Waste Facility
(latex & oil-based paints, stains, varnish, solvents, thinners)

PAPER PRODUCTS

Bellingham

Northwest Recycling (cardboard only)
Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

Burlington

Skagit River Steel & Recycling
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Clear Lake

Recycling & Compactor Site

Concrete

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

King County

The Recology Store (hardcover books)

Mt Vernon

Lautenbach Recycling
Office Depot (shredding)
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Sedro-Woolley

City Curbside Pickup
Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center

Skagit County

Skagit County Transfer Station & municipal recycling sites (Mt Vernon, Sauk, Clear Lake)
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

Anacortes

Anacortes Food Distribution
Anacortes Family Center
A Simple Gesture
Soroptimist Thrift Shop
Salvation Army

Burlington

Tri-Parish Food Bank

Clear Lake

Community Covenant Food Bank

Concrete

Helping Hands Food Bank

Hamilton

Helping Hands Food Bank

La Conner

La Conner Sunrise Food Bank
Vintage Thrift Shop (Sorooptimist)

Marblemount

Helping Hands Food Bank

Mt Vernon

Community Action of Skagit County
Helping Hands Food Bank

Sedro-Woolley

Helping Hands Food Bank

PHONES (See Cell Phones)

PHOTO/CAMERA EQUIPMENT

Burlington

Best Buy

Mt Vernon

Office Depot (digital & video)

Online

Buy Back World
Craigslist
Ebay
Facebook (Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade")
OfferUp

PLASTICS

Most grocery stores accept plastic bags for recycling. See "Know Your Plastics," page 16.

Anacortes

Safeway (clean, dry bags & plastic film)
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Bellingham

Sanitary Service Company (SSC) (most film, hard & flexible plastics)

Burlington

Best Buy (clean, dry bags & plastic film)
Fred Meyer (clean, dry bags & plastic film)
Skagit River Steel & Recycling (fishing nets, industrial & commercial grades)
Target (clean, dry bags & plastic film)
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Clear Lake

Recycling & Compactor Site

Concrete

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

Mt Vernon

Lowe's (bags, plastic plant pots)
Skagit County Master Gardeners (plastic pots)
Walmart (clean, dry bags & plastic film)
WA Native Plant Society Display Garden
Waste Management (curbside pickup)
Wells Nursery (plastic pots)

Online

Brita
Preserve Toothbrush Takeback

Sedro-Woolley

City Curbside Pickup
Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center

Skagit County

Ridwell
Skagit County & municipal recycling sites (Mt Vernon, Sauk, Clear Lake)
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

PORCELAIN

Toilets, sinks, tile, etc.

Bellingham

RE Store for Sustainable Communities

Mt Vernon

Skagit Habitat Store (usable items)
Skagit Salvage

Online

Craigslist

PROPANE TANKS

Tanks must be empty; requirements vary; phone for instructions.

Bellingham

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

Burlington

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

King County

The Recology Store

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center

RUBBER

Burlington

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

SECONDHAND STORES

(See THRIFT/SECONDHAND/ANTIQUESHOPS)

Know Your Plastics

Plastic **grocery-type bags** are made of plastic film and may be recycled at most grocery stores.

Plastic film items may be recycled at specialty outlets if they are clean and dry: plastic shopping bags, grocery, food storage (zip top), and produce bags, rinsed garden amendments bags, plastic shipping envelopes, non-tearable cereal box liners, bread bags, dry cleaning bags, case wrap (e.g., water bottles), air pillows, bubble wrap, product overwrap (e.g., toilet paper), newspaper bags.

Not recyclable: bio-degradable/compostable bags or packaging, pre-washed salad mix bags, frozen food bags, candy bar wrappers, chip bags, six-pack rings.

Read more at <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>

SHARPS (needles, syringes)

Online

Sharps Disposal by Mail

TerraCycle

Skagit County

Look for sharps disposal containers in medical and business locations, usually in a restroom.

SHOES (See CLOTHING/SHOES)

SPORTING GOODS/FITNESS

(Check, also, THRIFT/SECONDHAND/ANTIQUESHOPS; call ahead)

Anacortes

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Marysville

Play It Again Sports

Online/Mail-in

Craigslist

Freecycle

OfferUp

Rebounces (tennis balls)

REI.com/used

Skagit County

Northwest Center

STYROFOAM

Anacortes

The Mailbox

Ridwell

King County

The Recology Store

Styro Recycle Inc, Kent

Mt Vernon

Postal & More

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center

Skagit County

Northwest Center

Ridwell

THRIFT/SECONDHAND/ANTIQUÉ SHOPS

Anacortes

Alley Cat Antiques
Alley Cat Vintage & Décor
Kiwaniis Thrift Shop
Marine Supply & Hardware(vintage marine floats, portholes, oars, lights)
Predecessors
Red Door Thrift Shop
Sorooptimist Thrift Shop
Thrifty Kitty

Burlington

Spruced Up Thrift Shop

La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Sorooptimist)

Mt Vernon

Bargains Galore
McMillan Bros Auction
Red Door Antique Mall
Re-Feather Your Nest
Skagit Gleaners & Gleaners Galleria
Skagit Humane Society Thrift Shop

Online

Craigslist

Sedro-Woolley

The Walnut Tree Thrift Shop

TIRES

Anacortes

Les Schwab

Burlington

Les Schwab

Mt Vernon

Clutter Cops
Les Schwab

Online

Craigslist
Facebook (Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade")

Skagit County

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling
Skagit Co. Transfer & Recycling Station

Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center
Les Schwab

TOOLS

Anacortes

Kiwaniis Thrift Shop
Predecessors

Burlington

Autozone (tool loan program)

Mt Vernon

Autozone (tool loan program)
McMillan Bros Auction
Skagit Building Salvage
Skagit Habitat Store

Online

Craigslist
Ebay
Facebook (Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade")
OfferUp

Sedro-Woolley

Walnut Tree Thrift Store

TOYS & GAMES

Yard sales, flea markets, and some thrift and secondhand shops also are venues to pass along or acquire toys, games, and puzzles.

Anacortes

Red Door Thrift Shop
Sorooptimist Thrift Shop
St Marys Church
Transition Fidalgo & Friends Fix-it Days (repair)

Mt Vernon

Goodwill
McMillan Bros Auction (old toys)

Online

Craigslist

Ebay

Facebook (Search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade")

Mattel Playback

OfferUp (Also, baby & kids Items)

Sedro-Woolley

Walnut Tree Thrift Store

Lions Clubs Eyeglass Donation Sites

Anacortes

Island Eye Physicians & Surgeons
1213 24th St, Ste 300

Island Optometry
1610 Commercial Ave

Senior Center
1701 22nd St

US Post Office
519 Commercial Ave

Burlington

Chamber of Commerce
520 E Fairhaven Ave

See Eye Care and Wear
940 South Burlington Blvd

Senior Center
1011 Greenleaf Ave

Vision Plus
855 S Alder St, Ste A

Concrete

Senior Center
45821 Railroad St

Sedro-Woolley

Chamber of Commerce
810 Metcalf St

CascadiEye Vision Center
2131 Hospital Dr

Food Pavilion
530 Crossroads Square

Lemley Funeral Chapel
1008 3rd St

Senior Center
715 Pacific St

Items accepted: new, used, prescription, non-prescription, eyeglasses, safety glasses, and sunglasses. NO: broken or incomplete glasses or contact lenses.

Part II

RECYCLING/RE-USE OUTLETS

See **Part III** for Skagit County, municipal (city),
and residential pickup information.

AC Pallets: 200 S Laventure Rd, Mt Vernon;
(206) 482-6655; M-F 9a-5p. Will pickup
repairable pallets; call ahead to arrange
pickup.

Wood pallets

AD Hauling Solutions: Arlington; (425)
247-3436; (office) M-Sun 7a-7p; (pickup)
M-F 8a-6p. contact@adhaulingsolutions.com

Construction debris

Furniture & junk removal

Property cleanup

Trash

Vehicle, boat & RV removal

Ace Hardware of Anacortes: 1720 Q Ave,
Anacortes; (360) 293-3535; M-F 7a-7p; Sat &
Sun 8a-6p. <http://aceanacortes.com>

Batteries (rechargeable, single-use, button cell)

Bulbs (fluorescent bulbs & tubes)

Paint (latex & oil-based house paint, stains &
varnish in original containers with original labels,
up to 5 gallons in size)

Aktion Club of Anacortes: Frontier Build-
ing Supply, 1911 Commercial Ave, Anacortes;
(360) 840-5415; 2nd Sat/month, 9a-12p.
Free; large item pickup for \$20 donation.
<http://anacortesaktion.org>

Computers (laptops, tablets, monitors)

E-readers (e.g., Kindles)

Portable DVD players

TVs

Alger Food Bank: 18731 Parkview Ln,
Alger; (360) 724-5131; Tue 10a-2p.

Alley Cat Antiques: 208 Commercial Ave,
Anacortes (adjacent to Marine Hardware);
(360) 293-8020; open 7 days 10a-5p.
www.alleycatantique.com

Antique, vintage, used items

Collections

Estate sale services

Alley Cat Vintage & Décor: 1717 Commer-
cial Ave, Anacortes; (360) 299-2850; 7 days/
wk 10a-5p. Call first.

<https://www.facebook.com/AlleyCatVintageDecor/>

Antiques

Collectibles

Estate sales

Amazon Trade-In Program: Trade in
working and broken Amazon devices.
[https://www.amazon.com/Amazon-Trade-
In/b?ie=UTF8&node=9187220011](https://www.amazon.com/Amazon-Trade-In/b?ie=UTF8&node=9187220011).

Electronics

**Anacortes First Baptist Church Clothes
Closet:** 2717 J Ave; 360-293-5300; dona-
tions accepted T-F 10a-4p; Closet open 1st &
3rd Th 4p-6:30p.
<https://www.anacortesfbc.com/#>

Clothing

Shoes

Personal care products

Anacortes Food Distribution (See Helping
Hands Food Bank)

Anacortes Family Center: 1311 31st St; Anacortes; (360) 293-2993 ext 114; daily 9a-5p. Needed items list at <https://www.anacortesfamily.org/wish-list>
www.anacortesfamily.org

Cleaning & household items

Food (non-perishable)

Mattresses (call ahead)

Personal care products

Anacortes Police Dept: 1218 24th St; (360) 293-4684.

Secure Medicine Return kiosk (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Anacortes Public Library FriendShop: 1220 10th St, Anacortes; (360) 293-1910; Library M-F 10a-6p, Sat 10a-4p. FriendShop M 10a-3p, F 10a-12p.
<https://www.friendsoftheanacorteslibrary.org>

FriendShop

Audio books (NO cassette tapes)

Books

Magazines (collectible)

Videos (NO VHS tapes)

Anacortes Senior Activity Center: 1701 22nd St, Anacortes; (360) 294-7473 (call ahead).

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*For details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

A Plus Cleanups: Serving Whatcom, Island, and Skagit counties; (360) 599-1501 or (425) 343-8438. Recycles, donates, and repurposes all possible to keep unnecessary items out of landfills. <https://apluscleanups.com/>

Dump runs

Garbage cleanup, cleanouts

Residential junk removal & property cleanup

Apple (*See City Mac*)

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Appliance & More Connection: 729 W Division St, Mt Vernon; (360) 336-5557; M-Sat 9a-5p. Items accepted for resale, repair.

Appliances (fee for refrigerators)

Aquagear: (888) 326-0397. Email for free postage-paid return label to mail used water filters. For each return, donation made to Uganda and Tanzania through Aquagear Foundation.

Recycle@aquagear.com

Water filters

Arlington Recycle Warehouse: 11410 Beverly Park Rd, Everett; (425) 931-3670; M-F 7a-9p, Sat 9a-5:50p. *Arlington:* drop-off location by appointment only. Mostly fee based. <https://recyclewarehouse.org>

Appliances (fee; freezers, refrig, air cond, water heater, microwave, dishwasher, stoves)

Lawnmowers, push & riding (fee)

Mattresses, toppers & boxsprings (fee)

Steel bed frames

Weed-eaters (fee)

A Simple Gesture - Anacortes: PO Box 1413 Anacortes; 360-399-6463; asimplegestureanacortes@gmail.com. Helps stock food bank at Salvation Army, local food-to-go outlets, and other partner organizations through bi-monthly pickup of food donated by Anacortes households. Donation information at <https://www.asimplegestureanacortes.org/>

Food

Personal care products

Armstrong World Industries Ceiling Tile Program: Lancaster, PA 17604; (877) 276-7876. Pre-approved shipments only. www.armstrongceilings.com/commercial/en-us/performance/sustainable-building-design/ceiling-recycling-program.html

Ceiling tiles

AutoZone: Burlington: 150 S Burlington Blvd; (360) 755-1559. Mt Vernon: 720 E College Way; (360) 416-0137. Both M-Sat 7:30a-10p, Sun 8a-8p. Tool loan program.

Automotive batteries (receive payment via merch card; \$10/battery; limit 5/day)

Motor oil with no additives (5 gal/day)

Back Thru the Future: 1 Park Dr, Ste 3, Franklin, NJ 07416; (973) 823-9752. Technology disposal; service now fee-based.

cdrecyclingforfree.com

CDs/DVDs

Hard drives & storage devices

Jewel cases

Bargains Galore: 224 Chenoweth St, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-0908. Donations accepted Tu-Sat 11a-3p. Non-profit secondhand store supporting Mt Vernon Christian School; pick-up & delivery services available.

Christmas items

Clothing

Household Goods

Bayshore Office Products: 603 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; 360-293-4660; M-F 8a-5p, Sat 10a-5p.

Ink and toner cartridges

B-Bay Running: 1431 N State St, Bellingham; (360) 738-6900; M-F 10a-6p, Sat 10a-5p, Sun 11a-4p.

<https://bbayrunning.com/shoe-recycling/>

Athletic shoes (any brand; donated for re-use or recycled)

Best Buy: 1851 Marketplace Dr, Burlington; (360) 757-3414; M-Sun 11a-7p. Free drop-off recycling (3-item limit/household/day); Buyback/trade-in program; refurbishing; hauling for fee (reduced with replacement product purchase & delivery). Details on

service availability and conditions at <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025>

Batteries (all types; bag similar types together)

Binoculars

Cameras (digital, SLR, lenses), memory cards, camcorders (free)

Car systems & accessories

Cell phones

Computers & tablets

Digital photo frames

Electronics (free)

E-readers

Home appliances (small & large, fee)

Ink & toner cartridges

Plastic bags

Radios

TV, video, music, movie players

Wires, cords & cables

NO: CDs • DVDs • Blu-ray/HD DVDs • tapes • records • 8-track/VHS tapes

BetterWorldBooks:

[BetterWorldBooks.com/donate](https://www.betterworldbooks.com/donate)

Books (fee, you pay shipping costs)

Bombas: Purchase a \$10 bag, fill with up to 10 lbs clean used socks any brand, print free shipping label & return for a \$10 credit. For details visit [bombas.com/products/take-back-bag?variant=multi&size=05](https://www.bombas.com/products/take-back-bag?variant=multi&size=05)

Socks

BookScouter: Online textbook buyback, also rents textbooks and ebooks.

<https://bookscouter.com/>

Textbooks

BooksRun: Online textbook buyback, also rents textbooks and ebooks.

<https://booksrun.com/>

Textbooks

The Bra Recyclers: Gilbert, AZ; (480) 988-2283. www.brarecycling.com/

Bras

Brita: (800) 24-BRITA. Free, annual, one-time use UPS shipping label for return of products. Partners with TerraCycle.

Brita.com/recycling-filters/

Bottles

Water filters

Pitchers

Burlington Police Dept: 311 Cedar St #B, Burlington; (360) 755-0921; M-F 8:30a-4:30p. Check in at the counter to dispose of prescription medical waste.

Secure Medicine Return kiosk (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Burlington Senior Center: 1011 Greenleaf Ave, Burlington; (360) 755-0102; call for hours.

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Buy Back World: Cash paid for wide range of electronics; sales of refurbished devices.

<https://www.buybackworld.com/>

Cameras

Peripherals

Cell phones

Smart watches

Computers

Tablets

Call2Recycle: Extensive info on battery types, recycling laws & sources; ZIP code search tool for rechargeable battery recycling drop-off & shipping info; serves major Big Box stores, e.g., Home Depot, Lowe's, Staples. www.call2recycle.org/

Appliances

Batteries (Ni-Cad, button cell, cell phone, rechargeable)

Cell phones

Cap Sante Marina: 1019 Q Ave, Anacortes; 360-293-0694; Daily 8a-4:30p.

Motor oil (fee)

Car Donation Wizard: (877) 957-2277. Facilitates charitable and nonprofit vehicle donations (potentially tax deductible).

<https://www.cardonationwizard.com/how-it-works/>

Most cars, trucks, boats & personal watercraft, RVs and motorhomes, trailers, motorcycles, off-road vehicles & more

Carquest Auto Parts: 816 Murdock St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-0341; M-F 7:30a-5:30p; Sat 8a-5p. Recycling in exchange for purchase.

Auto batteries (buy 1/recycle 1)

Central Skagit Library: 110 W State St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 755-3985; help@centralskagitlibrary.org. Contact or see website for hours. <https://www.centralskagitlibrary.org/>

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Christmas Light Source Recycling

Program: Open year-round; box and send; receive 10%-off coupon good for new light order; proceeds support Toys for Tots. <https://www.christmas-light-source.com>

String lights

Chuckanut Lighting: 938 Fountain St, Burlington; (888) 757-2195; M-F 9a-5:30p, Sat 10a-5p.

Fluorescent (all types, limit 10; minor lamp repair)

City Mac (Apple): 2551 Roeder Ave, Bellingham; (800) 645-2533; M-F 10a-5p.

Used Mac & PC product drop-off at store or purchase prepaid shipping label for free recy-

cling; many devices eligible for in-store credit through trade-in program.

<https://citymac.com>

Cables LCD monitors and TVs (non-CRT)	
Cell phones	Mice
Computers (Mac & PC)	Printers
Display peripherals	Scanners
Hard drives	Speakers
iPods	Tablets / E-readers
Keyboards	Vintage electronics

Clear Lake Recycling & Compactor Site: For complete details, see Part III – County & Municipal.

Clutter Cops: Call or text photo to (360) 632-6169; M-F 8a-6p. Hauling service serving Island, Skagit, Snohomish & Whatcom Counties; flexible time periods and rush services. No drop-offs; pickup only.

www.thecluttercops.com

Appliances	Mattresses
Carpeting	Pianos
Construction waste	Scrap metal
E-waste	Tires
Furniture & cabinets	Wood products
Garbage & yard waste	

Community Action of Skagit County:

Mt Vernon: 330 Pacific Pl; (360) 416-7585; M-F 8:30a-5p. *Concrete:* East County Resource Center; 45770 Main St; 360-416-1733; 9a-3p. Call first regarding donations of goods and services to support families in need of basic necessities.

<https://www.communityactionsskagit.org/inkind/>

Clothing
Food
Household goods
Personal care products

Community Covenant Food Bank: Community Covenant Church, 12605 Hwy 9, Clear Lake; (360) 419-7061; M-F 9a-3p; call first.

Adult items
Diapers
Food (fresh & packaged)
Gifts (child & teen)
Personal care products

Compass Wines: 1405 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-6500; M-F 12p-6p, Sat 10a-6p.

Wine shipping boxes

Concrete Community Closet: 4577 Main St, Concrete; 360-416-1133.

Clothing

Concrete Food Bank (*See* Helping Hands Food Bank)

Costco: 1725 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington; (360) 757-5703; M-F 10a-8:30p Sat 9:30a-6p, Sun 10a-6p. Donation box in optical dept.

Eyeglasses (prescription, readers, sunglasses)

Craigslist Skagit: Online classified advertising for buy, sell, trade, free items & services. <https://skagit.craigslist.org>

Crayon Collection: Facilitates upcycling of used crayons to Title I Schools. Leave wrappers on crayons when possible. <https://crayoncollection.org/>

Crayons

The Crayon Initiative: Facilitates upcycling of used crayons to hospitals. Discounted shipping. <https://thecrayoninitiative.org/>

Crayons

Crazy Crayons: Employs people with disabilities to recycle used crayons into new crayons.

<https://www.crazycrayons.com/recycle-program/>
Crayons

Discover Books: Recycle, redistribute and resell used books. Dropbox: Wood's Coffee, 1779 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington.

<https://www.discoverbooks.com/Our-Program-Get-Involved-s/2517.htm>

Books

Eaglesaver.com: (888) 409-7773. Eaglesaver helps you sell difficult-to-recycle electronic media by entering UPC or ISBN nos. online; mail in with prepaid shipping label; payment by check or PayPal.

CDs, DVDs, Blu-rays, videos, audio books

Easton's Books: 701 S 1ST St, Mt Vernon; (360) 336-2066; M-Sat 10:30a-5:30p, Sun 12p-6p. www.eastonsbooks.com

Books (used, out-of-print, collectible)

EBay.com: Online venue for selling all manner goods, including storage media; sortable by category, genre.

Clothing

Household goods

Personal items

Storage media (CDs, DVDs, Blu-rays, VHS & film movies, etc)

E-Cycle Washington: (800) RECYCLE (732-9253). WA state electronics recycling program: enables consumers and businesses with fewer than 50 employees to recycle electronics free of charge. Online database for recycling locations/collectors.

www.ecyclewashington.org

Electronics

Ekrem Hardware: 237 E Fairhaven Ave, Burlington; (360) 755-0040; 8a-5:30p.

<https://www.ekremhardware.com/>
Bulbs (all fluorescent CFL bulbs & tubes)

Encore Shoppe: 1501 Parker Way, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-8099; M-F 10a-5:30p; Sat 10a-5p. Consignment (no consignments last 5 days each month).

Seasonal women's clothing & accessories

Some junior brands

Environmental Protection Agency:

Resource for participating recyclers.

<https://www.epa.gov/recycle>

Facebook: Various recycling resources. *Search* Skagit buy, sell, trade, free; Skagit Spot-Buy, Sell & Trade; Facebook Marketplace; others. **Facebook.com**

Fidalgo Island Gleaners: Assists homeowners with picking/donating/distributing produce that would otherwise go unharvested; information on fruit tree care & maintenance. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064859854363>

Fruit

Freecycle: Nonprofit, internet listing service that enables free exchange of wide range of items; free membership. www.freecycle.org

Fred Meyer: 920 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington; (360) 757-9100; M-F 9a-9p, Sat 9a-7p, Sun 11a-6p. Recycles wide range plastic film into composite decking. <https://www.fredmeyer.com/blog/food/be-a-zero-hero>

Plastic film (bags, outer pkg wrapping, cereal box liners, shipping materials)

Gazelle: Pays cash for electronics and sells refurbished devices. <https://www.gazelle.com/>

Goodwill: 242 E College Way; (360) 848-0646. Donations M-Sat 8a-7p; shopping daily 9a-9p. For current donation guidelines, see <http://seattlegoodwill.org/donate-goods/donation-guidelines>

Appliances (small) Furniture Toys
Clothing Household goods
Electronics (incl TVs & monitors; max. 5 pcs/family)

NO: large appliances • mattresses

Green Disk: Issaquah; (800) 305-DISK; Fee-based Technotrash Pack IT Service.

www.greendisk.com

CDs, DVDs, etc.

Electronics & accessories

Habitat for Humanity RE Store

(See Skagit Habitat Store)

Hamilton Community Food Bank

(See Helping Hands Food Bank)

Hamilton City Hall: 584 Maple St, Hamilton; (360) 826-3027; call for hours of operation.

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Hearing Aid Project: National program that refurbishes hearing aids and provides them to low-income individuals; box and ship.

<https://hearingaid donations.org/give-an-aid/>

Hearing aids (batteries, cleaning tools & accessories)

Helping Hands Food Bank: Call to confirm donation needs (produce, personal care products, clothes, etc.) and/or, see Amazon wish list. Locations and contact info below. Drive-through distribution schedule posted weekly at <https://helpinghandsfoodbank.org/>

Alger: 18716 Parkview Ln, Alger; (360) 724-5131.

Anacortes: 1211 M Ave (Anacortes Christian Church parking lot), Anacortes; (360) 724-5131.

Burlington: 935 Peterson Rd (Tri Parish Food Bank, St. Charles Catholic Church), Burlington; (360)757-2563.

Concrete: 45942 Main St, Concrete; (360) 853-8505.

Hamilton: 797 Hamilton Cemetery Rd (Ham. First Baptist Church), Hamilton; (360) 826-4090.

La Conner: 602 S 3rd St (Garfield Masonic Lodge #41), La Conner; (369) 488-3878.

Marblemount: 59850 WA-20 (Inspire –formerly Citipoint–Church), Marblemount; (360) 873-2504.

Mt Vernon: 1615 S 2nd St, Mt Vernon; (360) 982-2089.

Sedro-Woolley: 24703 Wicker Rd (gravel driveway), Sedro-Woolley; (360) 856-2211.

Holiday LEDs Recycling: Open year-round; box and ship lights (least expensive way).

Receive coupon good for 15% off HolidayLEDs.com order.

<https://www.holidayleds.com/free-light-recycling>

String lights

Home Depot: 2001 Marketplace Dr, Burlington, WA; (360) 757-1986.

<https://www.homedepot.com/>

Cell phones

CFLs (fluorescent bulbs; NO tubes)

Batteries (rechargeable, button cell)

Hugo Helmer Music: 1025 Goldenrod Rd, Burlington; (360) 757-0270; M-Sat 10a-6p, Sun 12p-5p. Accepts used instruments and equipment on trade.

<https://www.hugohelmermusic.com>

Musical instruments & equipment

Industrial Materials Exchange (IMEX): (206) 296-4692; M-F 9a-4:30p. Free listing service assists households & businesses to

sell or give away surplus materials & wastes.
<https://kingcountyhazwastewa.gov/>

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling: Bellingham; 1-844-GET-JDOG (1-844-438-5364).

National jobs for veterans and military families; recycles 60-80% of goods hauled; call for details or schedule online.

<https://www.jdogjunkremoval.com/>

Appliances	Carpet
Construction & yard debris	E-waste
Furniture, mattresses	Garbage
Junk of all kinds	Scrap Metal
Tires	TVs

Kaptein's Ace Hardware: 1420 Riverside Dr, Mt Vernon; (360) 428-6977; M-Sat 7:30a-7p. Call for current recycling options.

<https://www.skagitace.com>

CFLs (bulbs & tubes, limit 10)

Kennelly Keys Music: Buys some musical instruments, sound equipment. Multiple locations: Bellevue, Everett, Lynnwood & Seattle. Contact info, hours and maps at <https://www.americanmusic.com/contact.html>

Musical instruments & equipment

Kiwanis Thrift Shop: 420 "O" Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-2921; Tu 10a-2p, F 1p-5p & Sat 10a-2p. Sponsored by Anacortes Noon Kiwanis; pickup available, call to schedule and for information. Anacorteskiwanis.org

Appliances (working)	Garage & yard items
Automobiles	Household goods
Bicycles	Records
DVDs	Sporting goods
Electronics (working)	Tools
Upholstered furniture (good condition)	
Refrigerators or freezers (plugged in and tested)	

NO: car seats • clothing • computers & peripherals •

encyclopedias & reference books • TVs over 10 years old (check tag on back of TV) • exercise equipment • hide-a-beds • mattresses • microwave ovens (large or without digital clocks) • refrigerators or freezers (untested) • tires & wheels

La Conner Regional Library: 614 Morris St, La Conner; (360) 446-3352 (call for hrs). <https://www.lclib.lib.wa.us/>

Secure Medicine mailers (for details, see Part I – Items/Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II – Outlets/MED-Project)

La Conner Sunrise Food Bank: 602 South 3rd St, La Conner; (360) 488-3878; M 9:30a-5:30p. Donations also may be placed in the donation box at Pioneer Market. Visit website for food donation ideas. <https://www.laconnerfoodbank.com/donate/food-donations/>

Food

Personal care products

Lamb Awards Recycling Program: Westminster, MD 21157; (410) 876-1444. www.lambawards.com/recycle.html

Trophies, plaques, medals, sculptures

Lautenbach Recycling: 13084 Ball Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 757-4000; M-F 7a-5p. Sat-Sun 8a-4p. Residential & commercial sustainable waste solutions; recycling; hauling, self-haul, construction/demolition drop boxes. Self-haul food and yard waste (fee = 3 cents/lb, \$5 minimum). For acceptable items, see <https://lautenbachrecycling.com>

Appliances (\$20 freon removal, otherwise free)

Demolition debris (asphalt, concrete, pavement; drywall, mixed C&D, wood)

Metal

Yard waste (large branches >6" diameter, & stumps any size)

Les Schwab: *Anacortes:* 2311 Commercial Ave, (360) 293-5121. *Burlington:* 903 S Burlington Blvd, (360) 757-0038. *Mt Vernon:* 1003 W Division St, (360) 424-8332. *Sedro-Woolley:* 204 W Moore St, (360) 855-1033. M-F 8a-6p, Sat 8a-5p.

<https://www.lesschwab.com/article/environmental-leadership-at-les-schwab.html>

Car batteries (free)

Tires (free if not on car or rim; otherwise, \$2 charge/car tire, \$3/light truck tire)

LightRecycle Washington: (877) 592-2972 x354. Free-to-use collection network for mercury-containing lights (illegal to throw in regular garbage); up to 10 bulbs/day at no cost. Collection site inquiries at (877) 592-2972 ext. 354 or info@lightrecycle.org. <https://www.lightrecycle.org/consumers/%20accepted-products/>

Broken lights (in sealed container or plastic bag)

CFLs (tubes or any shape)

Fluorescent tubes (any length or shape)

High Intensity Discharge Lights (HIDs)

Lions Clubs: See page 18 for complete listing of drop-off locations and accepted items. Or mail to Lions In Sight Warehouse, 1404 Lemon St, Vallejo, CA 94590; (707) 648-2306.

Eyeglasses (new, used, prescription, non-prescription, eyeglasses, safety glasses, and sunglasses)

NO: broken or incomplete glasses or contact lenses

Locks of Love Hair Donation Program:

West Palm Beach, FL 33405; (561) 833-7332. Provides quality hair prosthetics to financially disadvantaged children free of charge. <https://locksoflove.org/get-involved/>

Hair (min. 10-in long, in ponytail or braid)

Lowe's: 1717 Freeway Dr, Mount Vernon; (360) 424-5838; M-Sat 6a-9p, Sun 7a-8p.

Appliances (fee)

Batteries (rechargeable, button cell)

Cell Phones

CFLs (fluorescent, all bulbs & tubes)

Plastic shopping bags

Plastic plant pots

Wood pallets

Lyman Town Hall: 8405 S Main St, Lyman; (360) 826-3033; M-Tu 9a-5p, W 8a-4p, Th 8a-5p, F 9a-4p (call to confirm).

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project)

The MailBox: 1004 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-0342. M-F 8:30a-5:30p, Sat 10a-2p. Call to confirm needs.

<http://www.darlasmailbox.com>

Air cushions, bubblewrap, peanuts

Marine Supply & Hardware: 202 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; 360-293-3014; M-Sat 8:30a-5p, Sun 10a-5pm.

<http://www.marinesupplyandhardware.com/>

Vintage marine floats, portholes, oars, lights

Martin Marietta Aggregates: 20411 E Hickox Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-3441; M-F 7:30a-4p.

<https://www.martinmarietta.com/locations/west/aggregates-district/pacific-quarry>

Asphalt, concrete, pavement

Mattel Playback: Toys are recycled into new products or converted from waste to energy. See website for details.

<https://shop.mattel.com/pages/playback>

Toys (Barbie, Fisher-Price, Matchbox and MEGA brands)

McMillan Bros Auction Gallery: 17713 Dunbar Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 848-9506; M-F 10a-5p. Buys and sells on consignment.

McMillanbros.net

Antiques & estates	Coins
Farm equipment	Jewelry
Storage unit contents	Toys (old)
Vehicles	

MED-Project: Medical education and disposal program for secure medicine return via drop boxes (kiosks) and mailers throughout the state; locations at <https://med-project.org/locations/washington/find-a-location/>

Controlled substances
Over-the-counter home medicines
Pet medication (*NO* pet pesticide products, e.g., flea collars)
Prescription drugs (most)

On request: mailers for undamaged inhalers in original container, for pre-filled injector products, and for use by home care and hospice service providers for residents.

NO: Used EpiPens or empty injector products/medical devices that contain non-covered drug • vitamins or supplements • herbal-based remedies • homeopathic drugs • personal care products • cosmetics • mercury-containing thermometers • sharps • pet pesticide products • Schedule I/illicit drugs (e.g., marijuana, LSD, heroin).

Miles Sand & Gravel: (360) 757-3121 x314; M-F 7a-3p.

Asphalt, concrete (Samish Pit, 6967 Old Hwy 99 N, Burlington)
Dirt, rocks, backfill (Butler location, 20067 Kelleher Rd, Burlington)

Mount Vernon, City of: Drug Take-Back
Days in April and October: accept all pill-form drugs (*NO* sharps or inhalers); remove pills from containers and place in paper bag. Also,

kiosk drop-off and mailer return as follows:

Secure Medicine Return mailers:

Fire Station #1: 901 South 2nd St; (360) 336-6270
Fire Station #2: 1901 N Laventure Rd; (360) 336-6277
Fire Station #3: 4701 E Division St; (360) 336-6277
Mt Vernon Public Library: 315 Snoqualmie St; (360) 336-6209
Skagit Co. Public Health Dept: 700 S Second St, Rm 301; (360) 336-9380
Skagit Co. Pub Works Dept: 1800 Continental Pl; (360) 416-1400
Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station; (360) 416-1570

Secure Medicine Return kiosks:

Sea Mar Community Health Center Pharmacy: 1400 N Laventure Rd; (360) 853-8183
Skagit Co Sheriff's Office: 600 S Third St; (360) 416-1911
Skagit Valley Hosp Pharmacy: 415 E Kinkaid St; (360) 428-2363

For container recycling, see Part I – Items/Plastics.
For complete details, see Part I – Items/Medications/Pharmaceuticals and Part II/Outlets/MED-Project.

Mt Vernon Shoe Repair: 219 S 1st St, Ste B, Mt Vernon; (360) 336-1589; Tu-F 9a-4p, Sat 10a-1p. Shoe/boot and leather goods repair, alterations, shining; orthopedic work, custom shoes, stretching, dyeing, alterations; new Birkenstock sales.

<http://mtvernonshoerepair.com/>

Northwest Center: (206) 285-9140.

Non-profit serving people with disabilities; partners with Value Village. Deposit in Big Blue Bins at locations listed below. Locations and full list of acceptable items:

www.bigbluetruck.org

Big Blue Bin Locations:

Books	Housewares
Clothing, shoes, accessories	Sporting goods
Electronics	Tools
Furniture (small)	Toys

NO: large furniture • appliances

Anacortes: West Marine, 918 Commercial Ave; The Market, 1519 Commercial Ave; The Corner Bar & Grill, 7601 WA-20. *Clear Lake:* Texaco, 13007 WA-9. *Mt. Vernon:* Jackpot Fuel Market, 17587 WA-536; Super Duper Fuel Outlet, 17768 WA-536; O'Reilly Auto Parts, 1715 Riverside Dr; Little Mountain Grocery, 1725 E Blackburn; 76 Anderson Rd, 2829 Cedardale Rd; Conway 76 Station, 21049 Cedardale Rd. *Sedro Woolley:* Glenhaven Country Store, 3094 Glenhaven Dr.

Northwest Recycling: 1515 Kentucky St, Bellingham; (360) 733-0100; M-F 8a-4:30p; self-serve public drop-off.

Metals (all, incl. scrap steel, cast iron, appliances, aluminum, copper, brass, zinc, lead, insulated copper wire, shavings, radiators, circuit boards, starters & alternators, electric motors, transformers & copper compressors)

Cardboard

OfferUp: Regionally organized mobile and desktop app for buying and selling wide range of secondhand items. <https://offerup.com>

- Appliances
- Baby & kids
- Bicycles
- Clothing & shoes
- Collectibles
- Electronics & cell phones

- Furniture & household items
- Jewelry
- Musical instruments
- Photo/camera equipment
- Sports & exercise equipment
- Tools
- Vehicles & boats

Office Depot: 201-A East College Way, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-4979. Sun-M 10a-6p, Tu-F 8a-8p, Sat 9a-7p. Electronics recycling boxes sold for \$15-\$25, depending on size; covers companies' cost of shipping up to full box directly to recycler. Bring items in, Office Depot will pack & ship. <https://business.officedepot.com/a/content/prelogin/recycling-solutions/>

- Batteries (rechargeable)
 - Binders (\$2 credit toward new binder purchase with recycling of up to six old binders)
 - Bulbs (CFL bulbs & tubes)
 - Cell phones & PDAs
 - Cords & cables
 - Desktop & laptop PCs
 - Digital & video cameras
 - DVD players
 - Electronics
 - Fax machines
 - Ink & toner cartridges
 - Monitors (CRT & LCD)
 - MP3 players
 - Printers/All-in-Ones
 - Peripherals: e.g., keyboards, mice, drives
 - Scanners
 - Shredding (in-store & pickup)
 - TVs (small)
 - VCRs
- NO:** appliances (e.g., toasters, kettles) • cracked monitors • electronics covered in liquids • items containing radioactive materials • chemically contaminated items • leaking refrigerators or items containing Freon

O'Reilly Auto Parts: *Anacortes:* 2219 Commercial Ave; (360) 293-2164; *Mt Vernon:* 1715 Riverside Dr; (360) 424-6131; *Sedro-Woolley:* 504 Crossroads Square; (360) 854-9508; M-Sat 7:30a-8p, Sun 9a-6p.

Batteries (automotive lead-acid; receive gift card as pmt)

Motor oil (5 gal/day max; not mixed with any other products)

Pacific Power Batteries: 107 E Cedar St, Mt Vernon; (360) 419-3190; M-F 8a-6p, Sat & Sun 9a-5p.

<https://pacificpowerbatteries.com/pages/recycling>

Batteries (single-use - alkaline; rechargeable - carbon-zinc, lithium ion, Ni-Cad, Ni-MH; automotive)

Computers (portable & laptop, monitors)

DVD players (portable)

E-readers / e-books

Tablets

Televisions

NO: *computer peripherals (e.g., keyboards, mice, printers)*

PaintCare: (855) 724-6809, info@paint.org. Recycles leftover paint, stain, and varnish for households and businesses, free at 149+ locations across Washington. Paint only in original container with readable label & secure lid in containers up to 5 gal. in size. Drop-off locations and location-specific details at <https://www.paintcare.org/states/washington/>

Skagit Drop-off Locations:

Ace Hardware of Anacortes: 1720 Q Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-3535; 5-gal max/visit.

Habitat for Humanity Restore: 1022 Riverside Dr, Mount Vernon; (360) 428-9402; Tu-Sat 10a-6p; 10-gal max/visit.

Sherwin-Williams: 1526 Riverside Dr, Mount Vernon; (360) 424-4489; 20-gal max/visit.

Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station: 14104 Ovenell Rd, Mount Vernon, (360) 416-1580.

Stocktons Paint: 1515 Freeway Dr, Mount Vernon; (360) 336-2855 (10-gal max/visit).

Paint Clear coatings (shellac, varnish)

Primers Sealers

Stains

NO: *aerosols (spray cans) • leaking, unlabeled, or empty containers • solvents • industrial or non-architectural-use products*

Patagonia: Drop select, used, good condition Patagonia clothing and gear at Patagonia Seattle (2100 First Ave, Seattle; (206) 622-9700) or mail in with pre-paid shipping label for credit toward future purchases.

Details at

<https://wornwear.patagonia.com/trade-it-in>

Patagonia clothing & gear

Pelican Bay Books: 520 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-1852; Tu-Sat 10a-4:30p. Book buyer hrs W-Sat 10a-4p. Trade credit given for 25% of cover price of acceptable used books; limit one small box only unless by appointment. No donations. pelicanbaybooks.com

Books (all ages)

Piston Service: 1020 12th St, Anacortes; (360) 293-2106; M-F 8a-5:30p, Sat 8a-4p.

Automotive batteries (no payment)

Motor Oil

Play It Again Sports: 16929 Highway 99, Ste 110, Lynnwood; (425) 670-1184. M-Sat 10a-7p, Sun 11a-5p. Call ahead, not all categories or gear bought at all locations.

<https://www.playitagainsports.com/locations/lynnwood-wa>

Sports & fitness gear (new & gently used)

Poshmark: Commercial marketplace to buy or sell brand name items. www.poshmark.com

Clothing and accessories (women's, men's, kids')
Household items

Postal & More: 1500-A East College Way, Mt Vernon; (360) 428-5848. M-F 9a-5p, Sat 10a-4p. www.postalandmore.com

Air cushions
Peanuts (bagged & clean)
Styrofoam sheets (flat)

Predecessors: 1005 10th St, Anacortes; (360) 610-7377. W-F 10a-5p, Sat 10a-3p. Items purchased from estates, individuals, downsizing, storage units, etc.; packing and pickup. Monthly sales.

<http://thepredecessors.com/>

Collections
Furniture
Household goods
Jewelry
Outdoor items
Rugs
Tools

Preserve Toothbrush Takeback: 823 State Rte 13, Cortland, NY 13045-6574. Pack tightly, preferably in used carton, mail by ground to above address. <https://www.preserve.eco/pages/toothbrush-takeback>

Toothbrushes (in sets of 6; receive \$6 Preserve.eco store credit)

Ragfinery: 1421 N Forest St, Bellingham; (360) 738-6977. Tu-Sat 10a-5p. Reuse, up-cycling & recycling. For full list of accepted items: www.ragfinery.com

Accessories (belts, handbags, shoes)
Art supplies
Clothing
Pillow forms, Polyfil

Fabrics (min. 1-ft square; limit 3 bags/boxes per donation)

Home goods (vintage lace and linens, table linens, curtains, handmade quilts/pieces/quilt tops, wool blankets)

Sewing supplies (thread, embroidery floss, elastic, velcro etc.)

Yarn (3 bag/box limit per donation)

Sewing machines, sergers & looms (working)

Sewing patterns (uncut)

Rebounces: Box and send unlimited number of tennis balls; details at <https://www.tennisballrecycling.com/>

Tennis balls

The Recology Store: Bothell, 425-398-8612; Burien, 206-246-5669; Issaquah, 425-392-0285; Shoreline, 206-417-3877. For nominal fee, accepts hard-to-recycle items; locations & details at www.recology.com/store

Item drop-off guide

https://www.recology.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Recology-Store-Flyer_October2021.pdf

Appliances (small)
Batteries (household; separate by type; tape ends with clear tape)
Bicycles & parts
Books (hardcover)
Bulbs (CFL bulbs & tubes)
Cooking oils (used; Bothell, Issaquah, Burien only)
Computers & computer accessories
Electronics (small)
Propane cylinders (small)
Styrofoam (clean & dry)
Textiles (clothes, shoes, linens)

Red Door Antique Mall: 111 Freeway Dr, Mount Vernon; (360) 419-0811; M-Sat 10a-5p, Sun 12-4p
Antiques & Vintage
Collectibles, Jewelry

Red Door Thrift Shop: 1019 7th St, Anacortes; (360) 293-8027; donation hours M & W 10a-1p, shopping hours Tu & Th 10a-3p. Sponsored by Christ Episcopal Church.

<https://reddoorthriftshop.com/>

Clothes

Household items

Re-Feather Your Nest: 121 Freeway Dr, Suite A, Mt Vernon; (360) 755-3126; M-Sun 9a-5p. Buy, sell, consign.

<https://www.facebook.com/ReFeatherYourNest/>

Antiques

Clothing

Furniture

Household accessories & items

REI.com/used: Return gently used, select REI-purchased items in select categories for re-sale. [REI.com/used](https://www.rei.com/used)

Apparel

Sports equipment

RE Store for Sustainable Communities: 2309 Meridian St, Bellingham; (360) 647-5921; Tu-Sat 11a-6p, donations only accepted until 5p.

<http://re-store.org>

Cabinets

Furniture (solid wood)

Household accessories (lighting, hardware, etc)

Salvage services (reclamation, deconstruction, green demolition)

Restless & Refurbished: 805 Metcalf, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 421-7928; W-Sat 11a-4p. <https://restlessrefurbished.wixsite.com/restless-furniture>

Furniture

Home décor

Wood signs

Ridwell: Pickup recycling service (fee) for items not typically accepted in Waste Management or other city recycling services. Details for for regular and occasional (featured) items at <https://www.ridwell.com/>

Batteries (alkaline, hearing aid, rechargeable, & small lithium ion)

Bicycle gear

Books

Bulbs (LEDs, CFLs, small fluorescent, & incandescent)

Corks

Electronics

Eyeglasses

Household items

Metal bottle caps

Pet accessories

Plastic clamshells (clear #1 PET)

Plastic film

Seasonal items

Styrofoam

Threads (clothing, linens, shoes)

Yarn & Sewing items

Rita Street Appliance Recycling: 211 W Woodworth St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-2030; M-Sat 10a-2p. Used appliance and parts sales. Pickup for small fee: \$10 non-refrigerated items, \$20 refrigerated items.

Appliances

Rodda Paint: 1043 Goldenrod Rd, Burlington; (360) 757-0194; M-F 7a-6p, Sat 8a-4p. Free paint recycling. <https://www.rodmapaint.com/store-locations/rodda-washington-locations/location-detail/44/skagit>

Paint (latex and oil-based paint, stains & varnish in containers up to 5 gal in size)

No: aerosols (spray paint or other spray products • containers without original labels • leaking or empty containers)

Safeway: Anacortes: 911 11th St, Anacortes; (360) 293-5393. *Mt Vernon:* 315 E College Way; (360) 424-8160. Both M-Sun 5a-1a.

Film plastic
Plastic bags

Salvation Army: 3001 "R" Ave, Suite 100, Anacortes; (360) 293-6682; M-Th 9a-12p & 1-4p. Fresh produce donation drop off preferred M & W mornings.

Food (canned, fresh, frozen, packaged)
Household cleaning products
Personal care products (including adult & infant diapers)

Sanitary Service Company Bellingham (SSC): 1001 Roeder Ave, Bellingham; (360) 734-3490; M-F 8a-5p (closed 12p-1p and most major holidays). Extensive residential, self-service recycling for modest fee; sort items by material. Full list and instructions at http://www.ssc-inc.com/self_service.php#bellingham

Aerosol cans (empty, non-hazardous)
Aluminum cans & foil (clean)
Appliances (non-compressor)
Batteries (NO alkaline, carbon-zinc)
Bicycles (no charge)
Corrugated signs
Electronics/e-waste
Glass bottles/jars (all colors)
Holiday lights, extension cords, wires
Junk hauling
Lead (foil & fish weights)
License plates (no vanity or special plates)
Metals
Paper (cardboard, mixed, newspaper)
Plastics (all types & colors, bags, rigid & film, tarps, silage bags, #1-#5 & #7; NO polystyrene #6)
Propane tanks (empty, valves removed, hole in tank)
Scrap metal

Shredding (computer discs/drives, film/x-rays, paper)
Yard debris

NO: hazardous, toxic, radioactive, or dangerous wastes • food scraps • food-soiled papers • sod, rocks • trash

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station (See Part III – Municipal, County & Curbside Recycling Resources)

Schaffner Pharmacy: 1990 Hospital Dr, Ste 120, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 854-2760; M-F 9a-6p; drug take-back program.

www.schaffnerpharmacy.com

Secure Medicine Return Drop box/kiosk (for details, see Part I Items – Medicines/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project)

Sebo's Henery Hardware: 1102 Commercial Ave; 360-293-4575; M-F 7a-7p, Sat 7a-6p, Sun 8a-6p.

<https://www.heneryhardware.com>

Automotive batteries

Sea Mar Community Health Center: *Concrete:* 7438 South D Ave; (360) 853-8109; M-F 8:15a-5p, Tu 9a-6p. *Mt Vernon:* 1400 N Laventure Rd; (360) 542-8500; M-Sat 8a-5p.

Secure Medicine Return kiosk (for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project)

Sedro-Woolley City Curbside Recycling (See Part III – Municipal, County & Curbside Recycling Guidelines)

Sedro-Woolley City Hall: 325 Metcalf St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-1661; M-F 8a-4p.

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project)

Sedro-Woolley Police Dept: 325 Metcalf St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-0111; M-F 10a-5p. <https://www.sedro-woolley.gov/departments/police/index.php>

Secure Medicine Return kiosk (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Sedro-Woolley Senior Center: 715 Pacific St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-1531. M-F 8a-4p.

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Sharps Disposal by Mail System: (800) 772-5657

Sharps Compliance provides specially designed containers for used sharps (needles, razor blades, etc), plus government-approved, pre-paid exterior shipping box and use instructions.

<https://www.sharpsinc.com/store/>

Shepherd's Heart Care Center: 8334 S Main Street, Lyman; (360) 422-3765; Th 10:30a-1p.

Food

Skagit Appliance Recycling: 20351 Ste Rte 20, Burlington; (360) 540-5824; open 7 days/week, 8a-4:30p. Pickup & dropoff. www.SkagitApplianceRecycling.com

Appliances
Scrap metal

Skagit Building Salvage: 17994 State Rte 536, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-3399; M-Sat 10a-5:30p, summer only Sun 11a-4p. Upcycling and deconstruction services. Donate (*for in-store credit*) or sell. www.usedbuildingmaterials.com/

Appliances
Architecturals, hardware, lighting
Building materials & millwork
Farm & garden materials
Furniture
Plumbing fixtures
Tools

Skagit County Master Gardeners: Washington State Univ Skagit Co Extension, 11768 Westar Ln, Suite A, Burlington; (360) 395-2367. <https://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/mg/>

Gal plastic square McConkey pots
2 gal and larger sturdy plastic pots

Skagit County Public Health Dept: 700 S Second St, Rm 301, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1500; 8:30a-4:30p. <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Health/dept.htm>

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Skagit County Public Works: 1800 Continental Pl, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1400; M-F 8a-4:30p. <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorks/main.htm>

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station: 14104 Ovenell Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1570; 8:30a-6p every day; closed holidays. For recycling details, see Part III – Municipal, County & Curbside Recycling Resources.

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/recyclemain.htm>

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Skagit County Sheriff: 600 S Third St, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1911; M-F 8:30a-4:30p.

Secure Medicine Return kiosk (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Skagit Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services: 1521B Leigh Way, Mt Vernon; 24-hour hotline; (360) 336-9591. Office M-Th 9a-5p for phone drop off.

<https://www.skagitdvsas.org/contact/>

Cell phones

Skagit Gleaners: 1021 Riverside Dr, Mt Vernon; (360) 848-1045; Donation & distribution M,W,F 9:00a-12:30p, Tu & Th 3p-6:30p; distribution only Sat-Sun 9a-11:30p. Collect and distribute surplus food and merchandise from local sources and individual donors.

501(c)(3) membership organization.

<https://www.skagitgleaners.org>

Books

Clothing, shoes

Food (fresh & nonperishable)

Housewares

Pet food

NO: large furniture items • mattresses • appliances • car seats

Skagit Habitat Store: 1022 Riverside Dr, Mt Vernon; (360) 428-9402; Tu-Sat 10a-6p; call to schedule free pickup (donation appreciated). Accepts items in sellable, usable condition. Acceptable item list at

<https://www.skagithabitat.com/store>

Appliances

Furniture

Lighting

Mattresses (like-new condition)

Paint (latex and oil-based: new, full, unopened, non-rusted paint, stain, removers, brushes, rollers, etc.)

Tools

Vehicles

Skagit Humane Society Thrift Shop: 525 E College Way #G, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-5991; M-Sat 11a-6p. Clean, usable items; call first regarding large items.

<https://skagithumane.org/thrift-store/>

Skagit River Steel & Recycling: 1265 S Anacortes St, Burlington; (360) 757-6096; M-F 8a-4:30p. Receive payment for aluminum, brass; misc metals accepted as scrap.

<https://www.skagitrivesteel.com>

Appliances

Batteries (automotive only)

Fibers (all paper, cardboard, newspaper)

Glass (food & beverage, all colors)

Heavy equipment

Iron

Motors

Non-Ferrous materials

Plastics (fishing nets, industrial & commercial grades)

Scrap metal (all)

Steel & stainless steel

Skagit Soils: 13260 Ball Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-0199; M-F 7:30a-5p, Sat-Sun 8a-4:30p. Charge of 3.25 cents/lb, \$5 minimum.

www.skagitsoilsinc.com/recycling

Brick, small pcs concrete (separate from regular green waste)

Food waste (incl. filters & tea bags)

Green waste (dirt, rock, sod)

Kitchen paper towels, napkins

Pizza delivery boxes

Uncoated paper cups & plates

Uncoated paper take-out containers

NO: manufactured lumber • compostable plastics (*Bio-bags, compostable cups, plates, or utensils*)

Skagit Valley College: 2504 East College Way, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-7600. Aaron Klesick, Automotive Dept Chair, (360) 416-7661.

Auto donations (for Automotive Program)

Skagit Valley Hospital Pharmacy (Skagit Regional Health): 1415 E Kinkaid St, Mt Vernon; (360) 814-2362, M-F 9a-5:30p; drop box/kiosk inside main entrance door.

Secure Medicine Return kiosk (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Skidmore Pharmacy (formerly Family Pharmacy): 1213 24th St, Suite 400 (Island Hospital), Anacortes; (360) 293-2124; M-F 9a-6p.

Secure Medicine Return kiosk (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Smartwool Second Cut Project: Collects clean socks of any brand or material for recycling. Request free recycling bag and pre-printed shipping label on website. Details at <https://www.smartwool.com/shop/second-cut-project-take-back-mail-in-bag-sw0000q6>

Socks (any brand or material)

Soroptimist Thrift Shop: 1107 3rd St, Anacortes; (360) 293-7251; *donations accepted* Tu 8:30a-11a, F 1:30p-4p; *shopping* Tu 1:30p-6:30p, F 11a-6:30p. *Home Health Equip Loan Program:* Open Tu 9a-11:30a & 1:30p-4p; F 9a-3p. Accepts clean, immediately saleable items; 40-lb limit. Donation guidelines: <http://soroptimistanacortes.org/>

Accessories Household items

Children's clothes & toys Jewelry

Clothing, shoes Pet supplies

NO: large appliances • furniture • TVs • electronics • car seats • magazines • textbooks

Spruced Up Thrift Shop: 328 E Fairhaven Ave, Burlington; (360) 755-1141; shopping M-W 10a-4p, Th 10a-1p; donations M-Th 10a-1p.

General thrift items

NO: furniture or large items

St Mary's Church: 4001 St Mary's Dr, Anacortes; (360) 293-2101. Donations accepted for annual spring and fall rummage sales. Drop-off at shed behind church. Call ahead.

Appliances (small, working)

Books

Clothing

Household goods

Furniture (requires appointment)

St Vincent de Paul: 4001 St Mary's Dr, Anacortes; (360) 293-9821; F 10-11a. Donations accepted for food distribution to Anacortes and La Conner residents.

Food (non-perishable)

Personal care items

Styro Recycle: 23418 68th Ave S, (West Valley Hwy), Kent; (253) 838-9555; M-F 8a-5p. Materials must be clean, dry, free of all tape and labels; ID acceptable foam by #6 or EPS inside recycle symbol (material should break and snap with loose beads). Acceptable items at <http://www.styrorecycle.com/index.php/what-we-accept/>

Bubble wrap (clear)

Peanuts (bagged/boxed separately)

Plastic wrapping (clear)

Styrofoam (Polystyrene & Polyethylene #6/EPS, takeout boxes, clear polyethylene, clean coolers)

Styrofoam sheets

NO: foil-covered foam • hot tub covers • Insta-pak foam (gray & white) • pink or blue insulation foam (XPS) • spray-in foam

Sunland Bark & Topsoil: 12469 Reservation Rd, Anacortes; (360) 293-7188; M-F 8a-5p, Sat 8a-4p. Fees for some materials; details on acceptable items and fees: <https://sunlandtopsoil.com/recycle-services/>

Brush & tree trimmings (fee)

Concrete (fee)

Dirt & Rock (dry; fee)

Stumps (fee)

Wood chips & firewood rounds (free if clean & usable)

No: horsetail plants!

Sunrise Food Bank: 602 S 3rd St, La Conner; (360) 488-3878. M 9a-5p or via donation box on Benton St or at Pioneer Market. Recommended items at: <https://laconnerfoodbank.com/donate/food-donations/>

Food (non-perishable)

Swinomish Tribal Police: 17557 Front St, La Conner; M-F 8:30a-4:30p; (360) 428-3211. <https://swinomish-nsn.gov/resources/police.aspx>

Secure Medicine return kiosk (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Target: 199 Cascade Mall Dr, Burlington; M-Sat 8a-10p, Sun 8a-9p; (360) 757-6737. <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/planet/sustainable-products/car-seat-trade-in>

Carseats (any condition; at Sept & spring events;)

Cell phone

Electronicss

Ink cartridges

Plastic bags

TerraCycle: Mail-in recycling service for hard-to-recycle waste. Purchase Zero Waste

Box with pre-paid return label to collect items. Earn TerraCycle points, redeemable for gifts, products, or donation to school or non-profit of your choice.

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-US/>

Air & water filters (from purifiers, internal heating/air conditioning units, electronics, pool units)

Art supplies

Ballasts

Batteries

Bulbs (CFL bulbs & tubes)

Coffee pods

Corks

Electronics

Packaging

Sharps & medical waste

Snack wrappers

Thermostats (mercury-containing)

The Hub Community Bike Shop: 1320 Commercial St, Bellingham; (360) 255-2072; W-Sat noon-6p. Non-profit community bike shop. www.thebikehub.org

Bicycles & parts

ThredUp Inc: 969 Broadway, Suite 200, Oakland, CA, 94607; M-F 5a-9p, Sat-Sun 6a-6p. Online consignment & thrift store.

<https://www.thredup.com/cleanout>

Clothing & accessories

Thrifty Kitty: 720 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; (360) 982-2380; M-Sat 11a-5p. Proceeds support the Cat's Meow, cat adoption center. <http://www.meowanacortes.org/thrifty-kitty>

Appliances (small, working)

Furnishings

Household goods

Jewelry

Transition Fidalgo & Friends: *Fix-It Days:* Anacortes Farmers Market, The Depot, 7th St & "R" Ave, Anacortes; last Sat, June-Sept, 9a-2p. Repair services. Donation appreciated. <http://www.transitionfidalgo.org/projects/#-Fix-It-Days>

Appliances (small)
Clothes mending
Household Items
Lamps
Toys
Watch battery replacement

Tri-Parish Food Bank: St Charles Catholic Church, 935 Peterson Rd, Burlington; (360) 757-2563 (messages answered on Tue); Sat 10a-2p.

Food
Personal care products

Upper Skagit Library: 45952 Main St, Concrete; (360) 853-7716; Tu & W 10a-7p, F-Sat 10a-5p.

<http://www.upperkagitlibrary.org>

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Vintage Thrift Shop (Soroptimist): 301 E Morris St, La Conner; (360) 466-4017; F-Sun 11a-5p. See Soroptimist for acceptable items: www.vintagelaconner.com/thrift-shop/

Clothing
Household items
Jewelry

Walmart: 2301 Freeway Dr, Mt Vernon; (360) 428-7000; M-Sun 6a-11p. <https://www.walmart.com/store/2596-mount-vernon-wa>

Batteries (automotive, button cell, rechargeable)
Carseats (Sept event)
Cell phones (by grocery entrance)

Plastic grocery bags, film bags, packaging

The Walnut Tree Thrift Store (Soroptimist): 713 Puget Ave, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-2337; M, W, F 12p-5p. Bring your own shopping bag. <https://www.facebook.com/WalnutTreeThriftShop/>

Books
Household items
Sewing supplies
Toys
Clothing
Seasonal decorations
Tools

Washington Native Plant Society Display Garden: 16650 State Rte 536, Mt Vernon; nativegarden@fidalgo.net. Drop off in shed at far west end of display gardens.

Plastic pots (all sizes, shaken free of soil)

Washington Wheels for Wishes: Tax-deductible auto donations; a local Make-A-Wish organization. <http://www.wheelsforwishes.org/Washington>

Automobiles

Wells Nursery: 1201 Blodgett Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 336-6544. Tu-Sat 9a-5p.

Plastic pots (1 gallon & larger, brushed out)

Part III

MUNICIPAL, COUNTY & CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES

REQUIRED MUNICIPAL RECYCLING SERVICES

Anacortes – Burlington – Mt Vernon – Sedro-Woolley

The cities of Anacortes, Burlington, Mt Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley provide curbside recycling and food/yard waste pickup services through contracts with Waste Management. Service is billed through each municipality's utility services. Contact appropriate city office to establish service or for further information. (All hazardous wastes must be disposed of at Skagit County Transfer Site, 14104 Ovenell Road; 360-424-9532.)

CITY OF ANACORTES

Solid Waste Dept 2201A 37th St, Anacortes, WA 98221 (360) 293-1921

Weekly recycling and yard/food waste collection provided for all residents; commercial and multi-family complexes are offered recycling and compost collection services.

<https://www.cityofanacortes.org/474/Solid-Waste-Services>

Recycling & food/yard waste guidelines at <http://wmnorthwest.com/anacortes/index.html>

Special Haul Service (fee): For household garbage only. Call to schedule.

Residential Clean-up Days: Second Sat. Apr & Sept; City Operations Facility, 37th St & D Ave; 9a-12p. Anacortes city residents only, one-trip limit. Details and exclusions at:

<https://www.cityofanacortes.org/474/Solid-Waste-Services>

Appliances (fee) • Furniture • Household garbage • Mattresses • Yard Waste

NO: construction or demolition waste • hazardous waste • large vehicle parts • propane tanks • tires • TVs

CITY OF BURLINGTON

Finance Dept 833 South Spruce St, Burlington, WA 98233 (360) 755-0531

Garbage collection and residential recycling required for all residences and businesses within city limits; optional yard/food waste recycling.

<http://burlingtonwa.gov/Index.aspx?NID=178>

Recycling guidelines at <http://wmnorthwest.com/burlington/recycling.html>

Recycling at Public Events

Did you know that in communities where recycling services are available to businesses that recycling options must be provided at every official gathering and sports facility? For Skagit County guidelines on planning Zero Waste events, visit <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Sustainability/ZeroWaste.htm>.

CITY OF MT VERNON

Solid Waste Dept

910 Cleveland Ave, Mt Vernon, WA
98272; (360) 336-6218.

Collection of household recycling and yard/food waste for all residents, multi-family complexes, and businesses is provided by Waste Management (see Guidelines pages 45-46). Garbage collection for all residents and businesses is provided by the city.

<https://www.mountvernonwa.gov/Document-Center/View/13484/2022-Solid-Waste-Brochure>
Recycling guidelines at: <http://wmnorthwest.com/mtvernon/recycling.html>

Yard & Food Waste Dropoff (City of Mt Vernon residents only; fee): 1010 Shop Ln; Summer (Mar-Oct) W-F 11a-5:30p, Sat & Sun 9a-4p; Winter (Nov-Feb) W, Sat & Sun 9a-4p. Home composting units available to City of Mt Vernon residents only (fee). Purchase a punch card prior to disposal of yard waste. Punch cards may be purchased at City Hall M-F 8a-5p or at the Yard Waste Facility during operating hours. Curbside yard & food waste service available through Waste Management.

Food waste (fruits, vegetables)

Landscape materials (organic)

Shredded paper

Spring Cleanup Day: Traditionally in April; contact city utilities office for details.

CITY OF SEDRO-WOOLLEY

Solid Waste & Recycling Div. 315 Sterling St, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284 (360) 855-1884

Weekly curbside trash, recycling, and food & yard waste pickup for city residents. Guidelines at

https://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/Departments/Solid%20Waste/Garbage_and_Recycling_Collection_Schedule.pdf

Food & soiled food wrappers

Glass bottles & jars (no lids)

Paper & cardboard

Plastic bottles & jugs

Tin & aluminum cans

Yard waste

Yard Waste Drop-off Station: 1675 3rd St.; open March through first week Nov, M & Sat 8a-4p. Fee.

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Center: 315 Sterling St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-1884. Recycling M-Th 7a-2p, Yard Waste M & Sat 8a-4p.

www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/departments/solid_waste/recycling.php

Appliances (fee)

Batteries (alkaline, rechargeable & vehicle)

Bulbs (CFL bulbs & tubes, high-intensity HIDs)

Electronics

Furniture & bulky items (fee; call to arrange)

Glass (all colors)

Metals (aluminum, metal, tin, propane tanks)

Motor oil

Packaging

Paper (cardboard, mixed, newspaper)

Styrofoam (clean foam packaging, peanuts & bubblewrap for city's drop off & pick up/reuse service)

Tires (fee)

Yard waste

Fee for: appliances, tires, non-covered electronics; call ahead for prices.

NO: construction/demolition materials • treated lumber • rocks/dirt

OTHER MUNICIPALITIES & UNINCORPORATED HOUSEHOLDS

Recycling Options

Households in unincorporated areas of Skagit County and/or in areas that do not require Waste Management curbside recycling can recycle as follows:

- *All may dispose of recyclable materials as listed below at any Skagit County drop-off site (this is the only option for households east of Hwy 9);*
- *Households west of Hwy 9 without required recycling service may contract for individual residential curbside service through Waste Management (see pp 44-46).*

Follow recycling guidelines!

Find alternative outlets for unaccepted items in this *Beyond the Bin* guide.

SKAGIT COUNTY RECYCLING RESOURCES

The following recycling sites serve *all* county households for trash, recycling, and hazardous waste disposal. Ensure recyclable materials are clean and dry; as needed,

- clean with a quick rinse;
- remove lids (labels okay);
- place sorted materials loosely in onsite bins (not bagged or boxed);
- materials soiled with food, dirt, or other materials **not accepted**.

Guidelines at

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/recyclemain.htm>

All Skagit County sites accept the following materials:

Aluminum & tin cans (no lids unless attached to can or inside crushed can)

Antifreeze (up to 5 gal/mo.)

Appliances

Batteries (see recycling table page 3)

Cardboard

Glass bottles & jars

Mixed paper

Motor oil (up to 5 gal/mo.)

Plastic (bottles, jars, jugs, dairy tubs)

Scrap metal (ferrous & aluminum)

Secure Medicine Return (MED-Project) mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

NO: construction/demolition • large items (e.g., furniture) • tires

Clear Lake Recycling & Compactor Site

23202 Howey Rd, Clear Lake; (360) 856-5083; M, Th-Sun 8a-6p; closed holidays. Household garbage and recycling only.

For acceptable items, see Skagit County Recycling Resources, above.

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

NO: construction/demolition • large items (e.g., furniture) • tires

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

1050 Sauk Landfill Rd/50795 State Rte 20, Concrete, (360) 853-8810; Th-Sun 9a-5p; closed holidays. Household garbage and recycling only.

For acceptable items, see *Skagit County Recycling Resources*, above.

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

NO: construction/demolition • tires

Skagit County Recycling & Transfer Station

14104 Ovenell Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1570; 8:30a-6p every day; closed holidays.

www.skagitcounty.net/recycle

For acceptable items, see *Skagit County Recycling Resources*, above.

Tires (limit 4, less than 36-in diameter)

Construction & Demolition debris accepted as garbage; size restrictions apply; see guidelines:

<https://skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/CDL.htm>.

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Facility 14104 Ovenell Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-1580; M-F 10a-4p, 1st Sat of the month 10a-4p. All households must dispose of hazardous wastes at this facility; max 25 gal/mo. *Small businesses* call regarding qualification as “small quantity generator” of hazardous waste.

Hazardous Waste Guidelines

Household hazardous waste (see list and limits, below) is accepted free of charge; antifreeze, batteries, and motor oil accepted daily 8:30a-6p. Contact Hazardous Waste Facility regarding disposal of other hazardous wastes. <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/hhw.htm>

Hazardous wastes include

- Antifreeze & auto fluids
- Batteries (vehicle, button, Ni-Cd, rechargeable, lead-acid)
- Chemicals (hot tub, etc)
- Cleaners & solvents
- Disinfectants
- Fertilizers

Fire extinguishers

Fluorescent bulbs & tubes

Household hazardous waste

Motor oil

Pesticides

Polishes

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*for details, see Part I Items – Medications/Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project*)

NO: *Explosives • radioactive materials • asbestos*

PaintCare Paint Recycling

Free paint recycling available at the Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Paint must be in original containers with its original manufacturer’s label. Non-PaintCare products (those not accepted for recycling within the program) may be brought to the Skagit County Household Hazardous Waste Facility for disposal. More information and additional drop-off sites at

<https://www.paintcare.org/states/washington/>

Latex and oil-based architectural paint products

Paints

Stains

Varnishes

WASTE MANAGEMENT CURBSIDE SERVICE

(800) 592-9995; M-F 7a-7p, Sat 9a-1p. Waste Management (WM) contracts for various garbage, recycling, and yard/food waste services with select Skagit County municipalities and residential county households. Services vary by contract and location:

- WM recycling and yard/food waste services: Anacortes, Mt Vernon
- WM recycling, yard/food waste, and garbage services: Burlington

- *Select residential services: Alger, Birds View, Bow, Clear Lake, Conway, Guemes Island, Hamilton, La Conner, Marblemount, Rockport, Shelter Bay, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, and unincorporated areas west of Highway 9.*

See Guidelines pages 44–46; additional info at <http://www.wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty/>

Curbside Recycling BLUE cart

<http://www.wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty/recycling.html>

Acceptable Items

All items empty, clean & free of food debris; loose, not bagged

- Food boxes (clean, flattened, no plastic liners)
- Glass (empty & rinsed jars, bottles only; labels okay)
- Metal (tin & aluminum cans; no loose lids; no foil)
- Paper/cardboard (dry; includes newspapers, catalogs, magazines)
- Plastic bottles, jugs, jars, dairy-type tubs only (recycle by shape, not number, no lids)

NO: *yard trimmings (instead, compost, sign up for Yard/Food cart, or drop off at Skagit Soils) • shredded paper • film plastic (see Know Your Plastics page 16 for where to recycle) • compostable plastic serveware • plastic prescription bottles • electronics • CFLs • motor oil • hazardous waste • needles/syringes • liquid paint • rocks, dirt • propane tanks*

Curbside Yard/Food Recycling GREEN cart

Yard/Food collection provided in select municipalities and by subscription in some unincorporated areas of Skagit County. Call to confirm services available in your area.

<http://www.wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty/yardwaste.html>

Acceptable Items

Food scraps & leftovers (no produce labels)

- Food-soiled paper (no shiny coatings or plastic)
- Paper bags, towels, napkins
- Plants, flowers, yard trimmings (max 4-inch diameter, 4-ft length)

NO: *compostable plastic serveware or bags • plastic bags • fats, oils, grease • diapers & pet waste • glass • liquids • metal*

Curbside Trash/Garbage Disposal GRAY cart

All items and materials not permitted in blue Recycling bin or green Yard/Food bin must be placed for disposal in gray Trash Cart. Please sort appropriately.

Reduce Your Use of Chemicals

RESEARCH THE PROBLEM

When faced with an issue that seems to require a hazardous chemical solution, ask yourself, “Is there an alternate solution that’s non-toxic (has no warning label) or less toxic (has a caution label)? Take time to do a bit of research.

BUY LESS

When you do buy a hazardous product, buy only the amount you’ll use up within a reasonable period. Consider donating or sharing (rather than storing) leftovers.

AVOID AEROSOLS

Aerosol cans contain valuable metals and, when completely empty, should be recycled: remove plastic lid and nozzle and recycle materials separately. However, if a propellant has been exhausted but product remains, can must be disposed of as hazardous waste.

RECYCLING

DRY PAPER AND CARDBOARD



Including:

- Paperback books, catalogs and magazines
- Non-foil wrapping paper

Flatten all boxes (Do not tie up)

Remove plastic liners from dry food boxes

PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS, TUBS



Empty of all food or liquid (No lids)

METAL ALUMINUM AND TIN CANS



Including:

- No sharp or greasy metal
- Remove lids and put lids in the trash
- No foil

GLASS JARS AND BOTTLES



Empty of all food or liquid (Labels OK)

RECYCLING TIPS

- Empty and rinse out all food residue. Labels do not need to be removed.
- Empty recyclables out of bags and boxes into the cart so they can be easily sorted at the recycling center.
- **IGNORE THE NUMBERS, RECYCLE PLASTICS BY SHAPE!**
- No plastic bags or bagged material.

www.wmnorthwest.com



1-800-592-9995

Mon-Fri 7am-7pm, Saturday 9am-1pm

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YARD & FOOD WASTE

All of these materials can go in your green yard & food waste cart

Food scraps and leftovers

Meat, fish, dairy, fruit, vegetables, shells, bones, pasta, rice, eggshells, nutshells, bread, grains and leftovers.



Food-soiled paper

Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, waxed cardboard, soiled paper bags, kitchen paper towels, paper napkins, non-coated paper plates, approved compostable containers and loose shredded paper.



Plants, flowers and yard trimmings

Plants and flowers, landscape vegetation, vegetative garden waste, windfall fruit, jack-o-lanterns and brush.



Yard waste collection is available by subscription in designated areas. For more information or to sign up, please call 1-800-592-9995.

Yard and Food Scrap Collection Tips:

1. Use a collection method that works for you, such as a reusable metal or ceramic container.
2. Empty your container into food/yard cart frequently.
3. Layer food scraps with yard waste, newspaper or shredded paper to absorb liquids.

Extra yard waste: There is a charge for extra yard waste.

Put extra yard waste only in:

- Cans with handles (32 gal., 65 lb. limit)
- Label cans "Yard"



**KEEP OUT OF
YARD & FOOD CART**

Plastic products or bags – even those labeled "compostable"
Fats, Oil or Grease

Liquids
Glass
Metal

Diapers & Pet Waste
Garden Hoses



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MOST COMMON CONTAMINANTS

Keep these common contaminants OUT of your recycling bin.



NO RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS

Empty recyclables directly into your bin and leave the plastic bag out.



NO FOOD & LIQUIDS

Compost instead! Otherwise it belongs in the trash.



NO ELECTRONICS & SMALL APPLIANCES

Donate if in good condition, or schedule a bulky item pickup, if available. **Check earth911.com** for a local drop-off site.



NO TEXTILES, BEDDING, RUGS & CARPET

Donate these items if they are in good condition. Large quantities may require special disposal.



NO TANGLERS, HOLIDAY LIGHTS, HANGERS & EXTENSION CORDS

They wrap around equipment and can shut down an entire facility! They all go in the trash.



NO PLASTIC BAGS, FILM/ SHEETING & FLEXIBLE FILM PACKAGING

Take plastic bags back to local retailers to keep them out of the recycling stream. Visit plasticfilmrecycling.org to find a drop-off location near you.



NO PAPER NAPKINS, PLATES, CUPS & TISSUES

Compost if possible, and remember to recycle the cardboard tube.



NO POLYSTYRENE FOAM

Foam and plastic containers are not recyclable curbside. Find drop-off programs for items like foam packing peanuts at earth911.com.



NO TIRES, AUTO PARTS & SCRAP METAL

(Not in recycling or trash.) All can damage equipment and are safety hazards. Contact your local scrap recyclers or retail tire stores for recycling options, or check earth911.com for a drop-off center near you.



NO CONCRETE, WOOD & CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Can damage equipment & are safety hazards. You may be able to schedule a bulky item pickup - otherwise throw it in the trash or order a roll off bin by contacting Waste Management Customer Service.



NO YARD WASTE & WOOD

Compost or put in your yard waste cart, if available. Otherwise it belongs in the trash.



NO NON-RECYCLABLE PLASTIC

Not everything that is plastic is recyclable! Recycle only food & beverage bottles, jugs and tubes.

To learn more, visit wm.com/recycleright



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Part IV

Publications & Resources

BATTERIES

Battery Solutions: <https://www.batterysolutions.com/news/dispose-old-batteries-right-way/>

Energizer “How to Recycle Batteries”: <http://www.energizer.com/responsibility/battery-recycling/how-to-recycle-batteries>

ELECTRONICS

Deleting Your PC’s Files: http://answers.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/forum/windows_7-hardware/how-do-i-permanently-delete-files-from-my-hard/6c509c04-b2d7-4edd-a447-47f24ab59c51

Erasing Your Mac’s Drive: <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT208496>

“Factors Bearing on the Issue of Recycling Electronics” (including individual printer mfgr policies), Anacortes Aktion Club. <http://anacortesaktion.org/2017-peripherals-update.pdf>

How to Wipe the Hard Drive of a Windows Computer:

www.bestbuy.com/site/tech-tips/wipe-hard-drive/pcmcat748301880905.c?id=pcmcat748301880905

Recycling Electronic Waste Responsibly: Excuses Dwindle: https://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/01/technology/personaltech/recycling-electronic-waste-responsibly-excuses-dwindle.html?emc=edit_sl_20190225&n=smarter-living&nid=4021892820190225&te=1

GENERAL RECYCLING

101 Ways to Go Zero Waste, by Kathryn Kellogg

BuyNothingProject.org: Localized gift economy website; post items to give away, lend, or share among neighbors; request items to borrow or receive for free. <https://buynothingproject.org>

Earth 911: Recycling database of what, how, and where to refurbish, upcycle, and recycle multiple materials. Confirm availability of recommended online outlets. See “10 Things You Can Recycle Through the Mail” at <https://earth911.com/home-garden/mail-back-recycling-programs/>

Environmental Protection Agency: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle>

The Freecycle Network: Non-profit organization facilitating local networks of people giving and receiving free items to keep usable materials out of landfills. www.freecycle.org

The Future of Packaging, by TerraCycle CEO, Tom Szaky: <https://www.amazon.com/Future-Packaging-Linear-Circular/dp/1523095504>

New Dream: Organization supporting the shift to a society that pursues not just “more, but more of what matters—and less of what doesn’t.” <https://newdream.org/get-involved>

WA state Dept of Ecology: 1-800-RECYCLE (732-9253). WA DOE statewide, searchable database of recycling outlets. <http://1800recycle.wa.gov/>

www.seattle.gov/utilities/services/where-does-it-go#/categories: searchable database of information on how and where to recycle; links to online services. (Garbage and recycling information applies to Seattle Public Utilities and may differ from Skagit County guidelines.)

HOME & GARDEN

EPA Reducing Food Waste at Home: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-wasted-food-home>

Food Too Good to Waste: <https://foodtoogoodtowaste.com/>

Guide to Construction & Demolition Recycling: Skagit County Public Works. <https://www.skagitcounty.net/PublicWorksSolidWaste/Documents/CandD%20info.pdf>

Home Composting Tips: <https://www.cityofanacortes.org/DocumentCenter/View/4536/Home-Composting-Tips-PDF?bidId=>

<https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/compost.htm>

Household Hazardous Waste: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/hhw.htm>

<https://toxicfreefuture.org/>

Home Demolition & Remodeling Recycling Guide: <https://calgary.com/home-component-recycling-guide.php>

How to Dry Latex Paints: <https://www.skagitcounty.net/PublicWorksSolidWaste/Documents/Latex%20Paint%20Info%20Flyer.pdf>

Save the Food: <https://savethefood.com/>

Skagit County Master Composter/Recycling Program: 14104 Ovenell Rd. Mount Vernon, WA 98273; (360) 416-1575. Free spring and fall workshops. <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/compost.htm>

PAPER

Catalog Choice: Free service to opt-out of delivery of phonebooks, catalogs, other unwanted mail. www.catalogchoice.org

OptOutPrescreen.com: Opt out of pre-approved credit card and insurance offers. optoutprescreen.com

PLASTICS

5 Gyres Institute: Empowers action against the global health crisis of plastic pollution through science, art, education, and adventure. <https://www.5gyres.org>

How2Recycle: Standardized labeling system that clearly communicates recycling instructions to the public. Find which flexible plastic packaging can (and cannot) be included with most retail plastic bag recycling, including grocery and produce bags, bread bags, and some plastic wraps, mailers, cereal bags, and films. <https://how2recycle.info/sdo>

Life Without Plastic: Online store of plastic substitute products. <http://lifewithoutplastic.com/>.

Life Without Plastic Is Possible. It's Just Very Hard, by Steven Kurutz, NY Times, Feb 16, 2019. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/16/style/plastic-free-living.html>

Plastic: A Toxic Love Story, Susan Freinkel. http://www.susanfreinkel.com/books_Plastic.html

Plastic Pollution Coalition: Global alliance working toward a world free of plastic pollution. <https://www.plasticpollutioncoalition.org/>

Step-by-Step Guide to Avoiding Plastic to Keep Your Family and the Planet Healthy: <http://life-withoutplastic.com/life-without-plastic-the-practical-step-by-step-guide-to-avoiding-plastic-to-keep-your-family-and-the-planet-healthy>

Glossary

C&D/CDL Construction & Demolition Debris

CFL Compact Fluorescent Lamp (fluorescent bulbs & tubes)

EPS Expanded Polystyrene (i.e., Styrofoam)

Li-ion Lithium-ion batteries

Ni-Cad (Ni-Cd, NiCd) Nickel-Cadmium batteries

Ni-MH (NiMH) Nickel Metal-Hydride batteries

Pb-Ac Lead acid batteries

PDA Personal Digital Assistant (electronics to manage calendar, contacts, etc.)

RAD Responsible Appliance Disposal: <https://www.epa.gov/rad> (GE Appliances, Home Depot, PSE, Sears)

SSLA/SLA Small, sealed lead-acid batteries

When All Else Fails

Hoping to move along something not listed here? Type the item name and “recycle” into a computer search bar. Voila! Outlets for silver, china, vintage clothing, even soiled linens (try your local dog groomer). Create your own online store on Etsy or Ebay. Or tune up your tool skills and dismantle a useless item into its recyclable components. There’s likely a YouTube video ready to help. Make it your personal challenge to avoid the landfill!

RECYCLE RIGHT!



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Read more about plastic waste reduction
and find an online version of this guide
<https://skagitbeaches.org/our-work/plastic-reduction.html>

Learn about recycling, composting
& zero-waste events

www.skagitcounty.net/recycle
www.skagitcounty.net/zwe

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