

# *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/Antique Shops)

### 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

Kiwanis Thrift Shop (working)

Soroptimist Thrift Shop (small, working)

Thrifty Kitty (small, working)

Transition Fidalgo & Friends Fix-It Days (repairs)

#### Bellingham

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling

Northwest Recycling

Puget Sound Energy

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

#### Burlington

Best Buy

Skagit Appliance Recycling

Skagit Habitat Store (working)

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

#### King County

The Recology Store (small)

#### Mt Vernon

Appliance & More Connection (working)

Clutter Cops

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

Puget Sound Energy (refrigerators & freezers)

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

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

## Avoid Wishful Recycling

A clean stream of materials is essential to recycling success. Place only listed, accepted items in recycling bins. Recycling companies send truckloads "contaminated" with unacceptable items to the landfill—sadly, thousands of tons of otherwise acceptable recyclables never see a second life.

## AUTOS/VEHICLES/BOATS

### Anacortes

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

### Bellingham

Northwest Recycling

### Burlington

Larry's Auto & Truck Parts

### Monroe

Cascade Hauling & Recycling

### Mt Vernon

McMillan Bros Auction

Skagit Habitat Store

Skagit Valley College

## Online

ARC of Washington

CarDonationWizard.com (also, other vehicles, watercraft)

Craigslist

Earth911

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

OfferUp

Washington Wheels for Wishes

## Snohomish

AD Junk Solutions

## Skagit County Battery Recycling

Outlets	Rechargeable	Single-Use	Button cell*	Automotive Lead-acid & VRLA only
<b>Anacortes</b>				
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
<b>Burlington</b>				
AutoZone				x
Best Buy	x			
Home Depot	x		x	
Les Schwab				x
Skagit River Steel & Recycling				x
<b>Concrete</b>				
Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station	x		x	x
<b>Mt Vernon</b>				
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
<b>Sedro-Woolley</b>				
Car Quest				x
Les Schwab				x
O'Reilly Auto Parts				x
Sedro-Woolley Recycling Ctr	x		x	x

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

## 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 and bag batteries according to 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 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).

**Non-rechargeable, single-use 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 (VRLA).

**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>

## 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

## BOOKS

### Anacortes

Anacortes Public Library FriendShop

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Pelican Bay Books

Soroptimist Thrift Shop

### Bellingham

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

### Burlington

Discover Books (drop boxes: Haggen Foods & Costco entrance Park & Ride)

### King County

The Recology Store

### La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Soroptimist)

### Mt Vernon

Easton Books

Goodwill

### Online/Mail-in

ARC of Washington

BetterWorldBooks

Earth911

GreenTextbooks

### Other

Northwest Center

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

### Sedro-Woolley

Walnut Tree Thrift Store

## 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

Sanitary Service Company (SSC) (string lights)

### Burlington

Chuckanut Lighting (CFL bulbs & tubes; minor repairs)

Ekrem Hardware (CFL bulbs & tubes)

Home Depot (CFL bulbs only)

Skagit Habitat Store

### 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 Ctr (CFL bulbs & tubes, high-intensity HID's)

### Skagit County

Puget Sound Energy (small quantities incandescents & CFLs)

## CAMERAS/PHOTO EQUIPMENT

*(See, also, Photo/Camera Equipment)*

## CARSEATS (See sidebar page 5)

### Burlington

Target (spring and fall carseat recycling events)

Walmart (Sept event)

## CELL PHONES

*Cell phones and accessories contain valuable resources, such as precious metals, copper, and plastics; all require energy to extract and manufacture; phones are reusable and recyclable.*

### Burlington

Best Buy

City Mac (Apple)

Home Depot

Target

### 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

## 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.

## CLOTHING/SHOES/TEXTILES

*(See, also, Thrift/Secondhand/Antique Shops)*

### Anacortes

Northwest Center (blue collection bins)

Red Door Thrift Shop

Soroptimist Thrift Shop (adults & children)

St Mary's Church/St Vincent de Paul

Transition Fidalgo & Friends Fix-It Days (repairs)

### Bellingham

B-Bay Running (any athletic shoes)

Ragfinery (clothing, sewing supplies)

Shred-It (uniforms)

### Burlington

Nike Clearance Store

### King County

The Recology Store

## La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Sorooptimist)

## Mt Vernon

Appliance & More Connection  
Bargains Galore  
Community Action of Skagit County  
Encore Shoppe  
Goodwill  
Mt Vernon Shoe Repair  
Skagit Gleaners

## Online/Mail-in

The Bra Recyclers  
Ebay  
Facebook (search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade")  
Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program  
OfferUp  
Poshmark  
REI.com/used  
Yerdle

## Sedro-Woolley

Walnut Tree Thrift Store (clothing, sewing supplies)

## Skagit County

ARC of Washington (call for pickup)  
Northwest Center (pickup available)

## 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/>

PublicWorksSolidWaste/Documents/CandD%20info.pdf

## Anacortes

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

## Bellingham

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling  
The RE Store for Sustainable Communities

## Burlington

Miles Sand & Gravel  
Skagit Habitat Store  
Waste Mgmt (curbside yard /food waste pickup)

## King County

Industrial Materials Exchange

## Mt Vernon

City of Mt Vernon Yard Waste Dropoff  
Clutter Cops  
Lautenbach Recycling  
Lowe's (wood pallets)  
Martin Marietta Aggregates  
Pallet Services  
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")

## Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Ctr (small amounts)

## Skagit County

Waste Management (curbside yard/food waste pickup)

## Snohomish

AD Junk Solutions

## COOKING OILS *(used)*

### Bellingham

PSC Environmental Services

### King County

The Recology Store

### Mt Vernon

Lautenbach Recycling

## CORKS

### Anacortes

Compass Wines

## Online/Mail-in

TerraCycle

## CRAYONS/MARKERS/PENS

*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

Crayola ColorCycle (markers & highlighters)  
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  
GreenTextbooks

## 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 other 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

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling  
Northwest Recycling  
Safe & Easy Electronics Recycling  
Sanitary Service Company (SSC)  
Shred-it (hard drives, media)

### Burlington

Best Buy  
City Mac (Apple)  
Target (MP3 players)

### 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  
ARC of Washington  
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 Ctr

## EYEGASSES

### Anacortes

Lions Club (glasses & hearing aids)

### Burlington

Costco

### Concrete

Lions Club (glasses & hearing aids)

## Online/Mail-in

Earth911  
Lions Club

## 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://skagitcra.org/food-banks.php>

### Alger

Alger Food Bank

### Anacortes

Anacortes 100 Food Bank  
Anacortes Family Center (non-perishable)  
Fidalgo Island Gleaners  
Salvation Army  
St Mary’s Church/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

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  
Skagit Valley Neighbors in Need

## Sedro-Woolley

Helping Hands Food Bank

## FOOD & YARD WASTE

Skagit County waste facilities and Waste Management accept yard/food waste for composting (see Guidelines page 46).

### 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)

### Sedro-Woolley

City Curbside Pickup  
Sedro-Woolley Recycling Ctr

### Skagit County

Skagit Soils  
Waste Management (curbside pickup)

### Online

TerraCycle (coffee pods)

## FURNITURE

(See, also, Thrift/Secondhand/Antique Shops)

### Anacortes

Alley Cat Antiques  
Alley Cat Vintage Décor  
Anacortes Family Center (call ahead)  
Anacortes Flea Market  
City of Anacortes Residential Clean Up Days  
Kiwanis Thrift Shop (pickup available)  
Predecessors  
Thrifty Kitty

### Bellingham

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling  
RE Store for Sustainable Communities

### Burlington

Skagit Habitat Store

### Mt Vernon

Appliance & More Connection  
Clutter Cops  
Goodwill  
Re-Feather Your Nest  
Skagit Building Salvage  
Skagit Habitat Store

### Sedro-Woolley

Restless & Refurbished  
Sedro-Woolley Recycling Ctr

### Online

ARC of Washington  
Facebook (Search “Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade”)  
OfferUp

### Skagit County

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 Ctr

### 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

### Skagit County

Food Banks (see Food Donations)

### Online/Mail-in

Locks of Love

## 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

## 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/itsallyou/old-garden-hose-tip-dont-recycle/>

## HOUSEHOLD GOODS

(See, also, Thrift/Secondhand/Antique Shops)

### Alger

Alger Food Bank

### Anacortes

Alley Cat Antiques

Alley Cat Vintage & Décor

Anacortes Family Center (call ahead)

Anacortes Flea Market

City of Anacortes Residential Clean Up Days

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Predecessors

Red Door Thrift Shop

Salvation Army (cleaning products)

Soroptimist Thrift Shop

St Mary's Church/St Vincent de Paul

Thrifty Kitty

Transition Fidalgo & Friends Fix-It Days

### Bellingham

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling

RE Store for Sustainable Communities

### La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Soroptimist)

### Mt Vernon

Appliance & More Connection

Bargains Galore

Clutter Cops

Community Action of Skagit County

Goodwill

Humane Society Thrift Shop

Re-Feather Your Nest

Skagit Building Salvage

Skagit Gleaners

Skagit Habitat Store

### Online

Craigslist Skagit

Ebay

OfferUp

Poshmark

### Other

ARC of Washington

Food Banks (see Food Donations)

### Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Ctr

Restless & Refurbished

Walnut Tree Thrift Store

## INKS & TONERS

### Burlington

Best Buy

Target

### Mt Vernon

Office Depot

### Sedro-Woolley

City Recycling Center

## JEWELRY

### Anacortes

Predecessors

Soroptimist Thrift Shop

## 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 to learn about the challenges created by all the stuff we buy and throw away (<http://storyofstuff.org>).

### Mt Vernon

McMillan Bros Auction

### Online

Craigslist Skagit

Ebay

OfferUp

## JUNK REMOVAL/ PROPERTY CLEANUP

*No hazardous wastes*

### Anacortes

Clearing Your Space

## Arlington

AD Junk Solutions

## Bellingham

A Plus Cleanup

JDog Removal & Hauling

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

## Mt Vernon

Clutter Cops

## Oak Harbor

Clutter Cops

## LIGHTS/LAMPS/LIGHTING

(See Bulbs)

## LUMBER & BUILDING

### SALVAGE

(See Construction, Demolition & Landscape Materials)

## MATTRESSES

### Anacortes

Anacortes Family Center (call ahead)

City of Anacortes Residential Clean Up Days

### Bellingham

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling

### Mt Vernon

Clutter Cops

Skagit Habitat Store

### Online

Craigslist

OfferUp

## 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://MED-project.org/locations/skagit>

**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

- placing them in a secure drop box, referred to as a "kiosk";
- placing in mail-back envelopes available at locations county-wide;
- ordering free mail-back envelopes;
- 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/skagit/convenient-locations/#search>*

## Anacortes

Anacortes Police Dept (kiosk)

Anacortes Public Library (mailers)

Anacortes Senior Activity Center (mailers)

Skidmore Pharmacy (at Island Hospital, kiosk)

## Burlington

Burlington Police Dept (kiosk)

Burlington Public Library (mailers)

Burlington Senior Center (mailers)

## Clear Lake

Recycling & Compactor Site (mailers)

## Concrete

Concrete Senior Ctr (mailers)

East County Community Resource Ctr (mailers)

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station (mailers)

Sea Mar Community Health Ctr Pharmacy (kiosk)

Upper Skagit Library (mailers)

## Hamilton

Town City Hall (mailers)

## La Conner

La Conner Regional Library (mailers)

Swinomish Indian Tribal Police Sta. (kiosk)

## Lyman

Lyman City 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 Ctr (mailers)

Sea Mar Community Health Ctr 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

## 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 Ctr (mailers)

## METAL/SCRAP METAL

(See, also, Propane Tanks)

### Anacortes

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

### Bellingham

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling

Northwest Recycling

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

### Burlington

Larry's Auto & Truck Parts

Skagit Appliance Recycling

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

Target

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

### Clear Lake

Recycling & Compactor Site

### Concrete

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

### King County

The Recology Store (small propane cylinders)

### Mt Vernon

Clutter Cops

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 Ctr

### Skagit County

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

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Regional

Industrial Materials Exchange (IMEX)

## MOTOR OIL

### Anacortes

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 Ctr

O'Reilly Auto Parts

### Skagit County

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

## MUSIC

### Anacortes

Kennelly Keys Music

Kiwanis Thrift Shop (records)

### Burlington

Hugo Helmer Music

### Online

Craigslist

Ebay

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

OfferUp

## PACKING MATERIALS

*Requirements change; call to confirm accepted materials.*

### Anacortes

Compass Wine

The Mail Box

### Bellingham

Handle with Care Packaging Store

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

### King County

The Big Guys, Woodinville (packaging & styrofoam)

The Recology Store (styrofoam)

Styro Recycle Inc, Kent

### Mt Vernon

Postal & More

### Online/Mail-In

TerraCycle

### Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Ctr

## PAINT

*(See Part III, page 43, for paint disposal instructions)*

### Anacortes

Ace Hardware (latex)

### King County

GreenSheen Paint, Kent (latex coatings)

The Recology Store (usable; latex)

Take It Back Network (latex)

### Mt Vernon

Kaptein's Ace Hardware (latex)

Skagit Habitat Store (usable paints & supplies)

### Skagit County

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

## PAPER PRODUCTS

### Bellingham

Northwest Recycling

Sanitary Service Company (SSC)

Shred-it

### 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 Ctr

### Skagit County

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

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

## PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS

### Anacortes

Anacortes 100 Food Bank

Anacortes Family Center

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 (Soroptimist)

### 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

Ken's Camera

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 (bags & film plastic)

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

### Bellingham

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

### Burlington

Best Buy (bags)

Fred Meyer (clean, dry film)

Skagit River Steel & Recycling (fishing nets, industrial & commercial grades)

Target (bags, wrap)

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

## Clear Lake

Recycling & Compactor Site

## Concrete

Sauk Recycling & Transfer Station

## King County

Shred-it

## Mt Vernon

Lowe's (shopping bags)

## 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/>.

Skagit Master Gardeners (plastic pots)

Walmart (bags, clean, dry film)

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

Wells Nursery (plastic pots)

## Sedro-Woolley

City Curbside Pickup

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Ctr

## Skagit County

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

Waste Management (curbside pickup)

## Online

Preserve Gimme 5 (hard plastics, toothbrushes)

## 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 Ctr

## RUBBER

## Burlington

Larry's Auto & Truck Parts

Skagit River Steel & Recycling

## SECONDHAND STORES

(See Thrift/Secondhand/Antique Shops)

## 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 Clothes/Shoes)

## SPORTING GOODS/FITNESS

(Check, also, Thrift/Secondhand/Antique Shops; call ahead)

## Anacortes

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

## Burlington

Best Buy

## Marysville

Play It Again Sports

## Mt Vernon

Value Village

## Online/Mail-in

Craigslist

Freecycle

OfferUp

Rebounders (tennis balls)

REI.com/used

## Skagit County

Northwest Center

## STYROFOAM

## Anacortes

The Mail Box

## King County

The Big Guys, Woodinville

The Recology Store

Styro Recycle Inc, Kent

## Mt Vernon

Postal & More

## Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Ctr

## THRIFT/SECONDHAND/ANTIQUÉ SHOPS

### Anacortes

Alley Cat Antiques

Alley Cat Vintage & Décor

Anacortes Flea Market

Kiwanis Thrift Shop

Red Door Thrift Shop

Soroptimist Thrift Shop

Thrifty Kitty

### Burlington

Spruced Up Thrift Shop

### La Conner

Vintage Thrift Shop (Soroptimist)

### Mt Vernon

Bargains Galore

McMillan Bros Auction

Red Door Thrift Shop

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

### Bellingham

JDog Junk Removal & Hauling

### Burlington

Larry's Auto & Truck Parts

Les Schwab

## Mt Vernon

Clutter Cops  
Les Schwab

## Online

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

## Skagit County

Skagit Co. Transfer & Recycling Station

## Sedro-Woolley

Sedro-Woolley Recycling Ctr  
Les Schwab

## TOOLS

### Anacortes

Anacortes Flea Market  
Kiwanis 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

Soroptimist Thrift Shop  
Transition Fidalgo & Friends Fix-it Days

### Mt Vernon

Goodwill  
McMillan Bros Auction (old toys)

### Online

ARC of Washington  
Craigslist  
Ebay  
Facebook (search "Skagit Buy, Sell, Trade")  
OfferUp (also, baby & kids items)

### Sedro-Woolley

Walnut Tree Thrift Store

## 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!

## Part II

# RECYCLING/RE-USE OUTLETS

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

**AD Junk Solutions:** Arlington; (425) 247-3436; (office) M-Sun 7a-7p; (pickup) M-Sun

8a-6p.

[contact@adhaulingsolutions.com](mailto:contact@adhaulingsolutions.com)

Construction debris  
Estate emptying  
Furniture & junk removal  
Property cleanup  
Trash  
Vehicle, boat & RV removal

**Ace Hardware of Anacortes:** 1720 Q Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-3535; M-F 7a-8p; Sat & Sun 8a-6p.

<http://aceanacortes.com>

Batteries (rechargeable, single-use, button cell)  
Bulbs (fluorescent bulbs & tubes)  
Latex paint (fee \$2.50 for up to 1 qt; \$5/gal)

**Aktion Club of Anacortes:** Cap Sante Marina, Port of Anacortes Net Locker #32, Q Ave and Seafarers Way, Anacortes; (360) 840-5415. 2nd Sat/month, 9a-12p. Free; large item pickup for \$20 donation.

<http://anacortesaktion.org>

Computers  
Computer monitors  
E-readers (e.g., Kindles)  
Laptops  
Portable DVD players  
Tablet computers  
TVs

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

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

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

Antique, vintage, used items  
Collections  
Estate sale services

**Alley Cat Vintage & Décor:** 1717 Commercial 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>.

Electronics

**Anacortes 100 Food Bank** (See Helping Hands Food Bank)

**Anacortes Family Center:** 2702 Commercial Ave; Anacortes; (360) 293-2993 ext 114; daily 9a-5p. Needed Items list at <https://www.anacortesfamily.org/volunteer>.

[www.anacortesfamily.org](http://www.anacortesfamily.org)  
Cleaning & household items  
Food (non-refrigerated)  
Personal care products

**Anacortes Flea Market:** 7656 State Rte 20 (at Hwy 20 roundabout), Anacortes; (360) 899-4185; M-Sat 10a-6p, Sun 10a-5p. Thrift, consignment & discount store. <https://anacortes-flea-market.business.site/>

**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 10<sup>th</sup> St, Anacortes; (360) 293-1910; M-F 11a-7p, Sat & Sun 11a-4p. Call for current hours. <https://www.friendsoftheanacorteslibrary.org/book-donations.html>

FriendShop

Audio books (NO cassette tapes)

Books

Magazines (collectible)

Videos (NO VHS tapes)

Library

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

**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)

**Appliance & More Connection:** 729 W Division St, Mt Vernon; M-F 9a-6p, Sat 9a-5p, Sun 9a-4p; (360) 336-5557. Items accepted for resale, repair.

Appliances

Clothing

Furniture

Household Items

**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](mailto:Recycle@aquagear.com)

Water filters

**ARC of Washington:** (800) 826-4310. Donations support advocacy and education of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Call or email for pickup of tax-deductible donations; unacceptable items at <https://www.arcthrif.com/donations> <http://arcthrif.com>.

Autos

Books

Clothing

Computers (NO monitors)

Electronics (NO TVs)

Household goods & furniture

Toys

**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](http://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 7:30a-8p. Tool loan program.

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

Motor oil (5 gal/day)

**Back Thru the Future:** 1 Park Dr, Ste 3, Franklin, NJ 07416; (973) 823-9752.

[cdrecyclingforfree.com](http://cdrecyclingforfree.com)

CDs/DVDs

Hard drives

Jewel cases

**Bargains Galore:** 224 Chenoweth St, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-0908. Donations accepted M-F 9:30a-5:30p, Sat 9a-4:30p. Non-profit secondhand store supporting Mt Vernon Christian School; pickup & delivery services available.

Christmas items

Clothing

Household Goods

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

<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-Sat 10a-9p, Sun 10a-8p. Free drop-off recycling (3-item limit/household/day); Buyback/trade-in program; refurbishing; hauling for fee (reduced with replacement product purchase and delivery). Details on service availability and conditions at <https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcm-cat149900050025>

Appliances (large & small home; fee)

Batteries (rechargeable only: Ni-Cd, cell phone, etc; 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 (sm & lg)

Ink & toner

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.com/donate:** Free shipping label for 3+ books.

**The Big Guys:** 18815 139th Ave NE, Woodinville; (425) 820-8500; M-F 9a-4p. Free.

<https://www.thebigguys.com/doing-our-part>

Styrofoam (clean, dry)

Transportation packaging

**The Bra Recyclers:** Gilbert, AZ; (480) 988-2283. [www.brarecycling.com/](http://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/](http://Brita.com/recycling-filters/)

Bottles

Pitchers

water filters

**Burlington Police Dept:** 11 Cedar St #B, Burlington; (360) 755-0921.  
[www.burlingtonwa.gov](http://www.burlingtonwa.gov).

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

**Burlington Public Library:** 820 E Washington Ave, Burlington; (360) 755-0760; call for hours.

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*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  
Cell phones  
Computers  
Peripherals  
Smart watches  
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/](http://www.call2recycle.org/)

Appliances  
Batteries (Ni-Cad, button cell, cell phone, rechargeable)  
Cell phones

**Car Donation Wizard:** (877) 957-2277. Facilitates charitable and nonprofit (potentially tax deductible) vehicle donations. <https://www.cardonationwizard.com/state/46/car-donation-washington.html>  
Most cars, trucks, boats & personal watercraft, RVs and motorhomes, trailers, motorcycles, off-road vehicles & more

**Car Quest Auto Parts:** 816 Murdock St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-0341; M-Fri 7:30a-5:30p; Sat 8a-5p.  
Auto batteries

**Central Skagit Library:** 802 Ball St, Sedro-Woolley; call for hours.  
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/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program\\_c\\_210.html](https://www.christmas-light-source.com/Christmas-Lights-Recycling-Program_c_210.html)  
String lights

**Chuckanut Lighting:** 938 Fountain St, Burlington; (888) 757-2195; M-Fri 9a-5:30p, Sat 10a-5p.  
Fluorescent (all types, limit 10; minor lamp repair)

**City Mac (Apple):** 1771 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington; (360) 707-4282; M-Sat 10a-6p. Apple GiveBack  
<https://www.apple.com/shop/trade-in>. Used Apple product drop-off at store or purchase prepaid shipping label for free recycling; many devices eligible for in-store credit through trade-in program.  
<https://citymac.com>

Cables  
Cell phones  
Computers  
iPods  
Display peripherals  
Hard drives  
Keyboards  
Mice  
Printers  
Scanners  
Speakers

**Clearing Your Space:** Anacortes; (360) 202-4205. Junk removal & hauling, home cleaning, moving, dump runs, appliance removal.  
<https://www.facebook.com/junkisus/>

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

**Clutter Cops:** 13213 Farm to Market Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 632-6169; text photo to (360) 632-6169. Hauling services serving Island and Skagit counties; flexible time periods and rush services.  
[www.thecluttercops.com/](http://www.thecluttercops.com/) or [admin@TheClutterCops.com](mailto:admin@TheClutterCops.com)

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

**Community Action of Skagit County:** 30 Pacific Pl, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-7585; M-F 8a-5p. Call first regarding donations of goods and services to support families in need of basic necessities. Complete list at <https://www.communityactionsofskagit.org/inkind/> <http://skagitcrc.org/docs/foodbanks.pdf> (Food Bank info)

Clothing  
Food  
Household goods  
Personal care products

**Community Covenant Food Bank:** Community Covenant Church, 12605 Hwy 9, Clear Lake; (360) 419-7061; M 10a-12:30p; 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 12-6p, Sat 10a-6p, Sun 11a-5p.  
Corks  
Wine shipping boxes

**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>

**Crayola ColorCycle:** For participating K-12 schools. Free shipping.  
<https://www.crayola.com/colorcycle>.

Highlighters  
Plastic markers (all brands, incl dry erase)

**Crayon Collection:** Facilitates upcycling of used crayons to Title I Schools. <https://www.crayoncollection.org/programs/crayon-recycling/>  
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://crazycrayons.com/crayon-recycle-program/>

Crayons

**Discover Books.com** (drop boxes): Haggen Food, 757 Haggen Dr, Burlington; George Hopper Park & Ride lot (by Costco entrance), 1787 S Burlington Blvd, Burlington. Resells, Redistributes, and Recycles.

[www.DiscoverBooks.com/Our-Program-Get-Involved-s/2517.htm](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> St, Mt Vernon; (360) 336-2066; M-Sat 10:30a-5:30p.

[www.eastonsbooks.com](http://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.

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Electronics>  
[www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org)

Electronics

**Ekrem Hardware:** 237 E Fairhaven Ave, Burlington; (360) 755-0040; 8a-5:30p.  
[www.ekremhardware.doitbest.com](http://www.ekremhardware.doitbest.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).

[www.facebook.com/pages/The-Encore-Shoppe/](https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Encore-Shoppe/)

Seasonal women's clothing & accessories

Some junior brands

**Environmental Protection Agency:** Find participating recyclers.

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

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

[Facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com)

**Fidalgo Island Gleaners:** Assists homeowners with picking/donating/distributing produce that would otherwise go unharvested; information on fruit tree care & maintenance.

<http://www.transitionfidalgo.org/figg/>

Fruit

**Freecycle:** Nonprofit, internet listing service that enables free exchange of wide range of items; free membership. [www.freecycle.org](http://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/home-tips/cleaning/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

Clothing

Household goods

Electronics (incl TVs & monitors; max. 5 pcs/family)

Toys

*NO: large appliances ♦ mattresses*

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

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

CDs, DVDs, etc.

Electronics & accessories

**GreenSheen Paint:** 825 Central Ave S, Kent; (253) 856-1442. Paint only in original container with readable label & secure lid; no-cost contractor option available. Paint recycled into usable products; containers recycled.

<https://greensheepaint.com/page/paint-disposal-wa.php>

Paint (residential water-based [latex] only)

Clear coatings (shellac, varnish)

Primers

Sealers

Stains

*NO: oil-based paints ♦ aerosols (spray cans) ♦ solvents ♦ products intended for industrial or non-architectural use*

**GreenTextbooks.org:** c/o Donations, 1871 East Wild Willow Ln, Sandy, UT 84093. Reuse, sale & recycling (into other products) of academic textbooks (up to 20 years old) in acceptable condition, including annotated instructor editions, international editions, free or review copies, test banks, study guides & software.  
<https://www.greentextbooks.org/page/recycle-textbooks>

DVDs, CDs

Textbooks

**Habitat for Humanity RE Store**

(See Skagit Habitat Store)

**Hamilton Community Food Bank**

(See Helping Hands Food Bank)

**Hamilton, Town of:** 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)

**Helping Hands Food Bank:** Schedules and distribution locations impacted by COVID-19. Food/item donations on pause; monetary contributions welcome! Call to confirm donation needs (produce, personal care products, clothes, etc.). Locations and contact info below. Drive-through distribution schedule posted weekly at

<https://facebook.com/HelpingHandsFoodBank/>

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

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



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

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

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

**Mt Vernon:** 314 N 9th St (Mt Vernon HS), Mt Vernon; (360) 724-5131.

**Sedro-Woolley:** 530 Crossroads Sq (Food Pavillion parking lot), Sedro-Woolley; (360) 724-5131.

**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/christmas-light-recycling-program.aspx>.

String lights

**Home Depot:** 2001 Marketplace Dr, Burlington, WA; (360) 757-1986.  
[www.homedepot.com](http://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 12-5p. Accepts used instruments and equipment on trade.

<https://www.hugohelmermusic.com/default.aspx>  
Musical instruments & equipment

**Industrial Materials Exchange (IMEX):** 172 20<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle; (206) 296-4692. Free listing service assists households & businesses to sell or give away surplus materials & wastes. [www.hazwastehelp.org/IMEX/index.aspx](http://www.hazwastehelp.org/IMEX/index.aspx)

**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.  
<https://greensheepaint.com/page/paint-disposal-wa.php>

<https://www.skagitace.com>

CFLs (all fluorescent bulbs & tubes)

Latex paint (nominal fee)

**Kennelly Keys Music:** 1904 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; (360) 588-4521; M-F 10a-7p, Sat 10-6. Buys some musical instruments, sound equipment, sheet music, books.

<https://www.kennellykeysmusic.com/>  
Musical instruments & equipment

**Ken's Camera:** 323 E College Way, Ste D, Mt Vernon; (360) 428-0480; M-F 9:30a-5:30p, Sat 10a-5p.

<http://www.KensCamera.com>

Used cameras & photo peripherals

**Kiwanis Thrift Shop:** 420 "O" Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-2921; Tu & F 10:30a-5:30p, Sat 10:30a-2p. Sponsored by Anacortes Noon Kiwanis; pickup available, call to schedule and for information.  
[Anacorteskiwanis.org](http://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 and Part II – Outlets/MED-Project)

**La Conner Sunrise Food Bank:** 602 South 3rd St, La Conner; (360) 488-3878; M 3-5:30p.

Food

Personal care products

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

Trophies, plaques, medals, sculptures

**Larry's Auto & Truck Parts:** 199 Pease Rd, Burlington; (360) 757-7444; Tu-Sat 10a-4:45p. Recycling and sales; call ahead.

Junk cars

Scrap metal

Shipping containers

Tires

**Lautenbach Recycling:** 13084 Ball Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 757-4000; M-F 7a-6p, Sat 9a-3p. Residential & commercial sustainable waste solutions; recycling; hauling, self-haul, construction/demolition drop boxes. For acceptable items, see <https://lautenbachrecycling.com>

Appliances

Cardboard, paper

CFL lighting

Cooking oil (used)

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

Land clearing, landscaping, organics

Metal

**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:** (800) 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.  
[www.lightrecycle.org/consumers/accepted-products/](http://www.lightrecycle.org/consumers/accepted-products/)

CFLs (tubes or any shape)

High Intensity Discharge Lights (HIDs)

**Lions Clubs:** Donation sites: *Anacortes:* US Post Office, 519 Commercial Ave; Senior Ctr, 1701 22nd St; Island Eye Physicians & Surgeons, 1213 24th St, Suite 300; Island Optometry, 1610 Commercial Ave; Optical Place, 1110 12th St. *Concrete:* Concrete Senior Center, 45821 Railroad St. *Or mail to* Lions In Sight Warehouse, 1404 Lemon St, Vallejo, CA 94590; (707) 648-2306. Search locations by zip code at <https://lionsnwlerc.org/drop-off-locations/> [www.lionsinsight.org/](http://www.lionsinsight.org/)

Eyeglasses  
Hearing aids

**Locks of Love Hair Donation Program:** West Palm Beach, FL 33405; (561) 833-7332. [www.locksoflove.org/donate.html](http://www.locksoflove.org/donate.html)

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 (w/ purchase of new appliance)  
Batteries (rechargeable, button cell)  
Cell Phones  
CFLs (fluorescent, all bulbs & tubes)  
Plastic shopping bags  
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-3p. Call to confirm needs.

<http://www.darlasmailbox.com>

Air cushions, bubblewrap, peanuts

**Martin Marietta Aggregates:** 20411 E Hickox Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-3441. [www.martinmarietta.com](http://www.martinmarietta.com)

Asphalt, concrete, pavement

**McMillan Bros Auction Gallery:** 17713 Dunbar Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 848-9506. Buys and sells on consignment. [McMillanbros.net](http://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/skagit/convenient-locations/>

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 Epi-pens 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 ♦ 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 Ctr 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/>

**Nike Clearance Store:** 300 Fashion Way, Burlington; (360) 757-4431. Partners with Washington State Univ. <https://sustainability.nike.com/supplier-environmental-management>. [www.nikegrind.com](http://www.nikegrind.com)

Athletic shoes (any brand)

**Nike Reuse-A-Shoe Program:** 3552 Ave of Commerce, Memphis, TN 38125; (800) 344-6453.

[en-gb-help.nike.com/app/answer/article/reuseashoe-faq/a\\_id/60721/country/eg](http://en-gb-help.nike.com/app/answer/article/reuseashoe-faq/a_id/60721/country/eg)

Athletic shoes

**Northwest Center:** (206) 285-9140. Non-profit serving people with disabilities; partners with Value Village. Schedule pickup, deposit in Big Blue Bins, or drop off. Locations, scheduling, full acceptable items list: [www.bigbluetruck.org](http://www.bigbluetruck.org)

Books  
Housewares  
Clothing, shoes, accessories  
Sporting goods  
Electronics  
Tools  
Furniture (small)  
Toys  
**NO:** large furniture ♦ appliances

**Northwest Recycling:** 1419 C St, Bellingham; M-F 8a-4:30p, Sat 8a-1p; self-serve public drop-off on Astor St at D St (off W Holly). No retail sales; complete list at [www.nwrecycling.com/general-recycling](http://www.nwrecycling.com/general-recycling)

Appliances  
Batteries (alkaline, Ni-Cad, button cell, rechargeable)  
Electronics  
Metals (all, incl. scrap steel, appliances & other household metals)  
Paper (mixed, newspaper, cardboard)  
**NO:** cell phones ♦ garbage ♦ paint ♦ rubber ♦ TVs/ computer monitors ♦ window glass ♦ wood ♦ yard debris

**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 equip  
Sports & exercise equipment  
Tools  
Vehicles & boats

**Office Depot:** 201-A East College Way, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-4979. M-F 8a-8p, Sat 9a-8p, Sun 10a-6p. Electronics recycling boxes sold for \$5-\$15, depending on size; covers companies' cost of shipping up to full box directly to recycler.

<https://business.officedepot.com/a/content/prelogin/recycling-solutions/>

Batteries (rechargable)  
Binders (\$2 credit toward new binder purchase with recycling of up to six old binders)  
Bulbs (CFL bulbs & tubes)  
Cell phones & PDAs  
Electronics  
Cords & cables  
Desktop & laptop PCs  
Digital & video cameras  
DVD players  
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-9p, Sun 8a-8p.

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-Th 8a-6p, F 7a-6p, Sat & Sun 9a-5p.  
[www.pacificpowerbatteries.com/recycling.cfm](http://www.pacificpowerbatteries.com/recycling.cfm)

Batteries (alkaline, carbon-zinc, lead-acid, lithium ion, Ni-Cad, Ni-MH, automotive)

Computers (portable & laptop), computer monitors

DVD players (portable)

E-readers / e-books

Tablets

Televisions

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

**Pallet Services:** 12998 Farm to Market Rd, Mt Vernon; (360) 424-8171.  
[www.palletservices.com](http://www.palletservices.com)

Pallets

**Pelican Bay Books:** 520 Commercial Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-1852; M-Sat 9a-5:30p. Trade credit given for 25% cover price of acceptable used books; appointment requested for more than a small box.

[pelicanbaybooks.com](http://pelicanbaybooks.com)

Books (all ages)

**Piston Service:** 1020 12<sup>th</sup> St, Anacortes; (360) 293-2106; M-Sat 7a-5:30p.

<http://pistonservice.com/>

Automotive batteries (no payment)

Motor Oil

**Play It Again Sports:** 115 Marysville Mall Way, Marysville; (360) 653-9777. M-F 10a-8p; Sat 10a-7p, Sun 10a-6p; call ahead, not all categories or gear bought at all locations.

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

Sports & fitness gear (new & gently used)

**Poshmark:** Commercial marketplace to buy or sell brand name items. [www.poshmark.com](http://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-6p, Sat 9a-2p.

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

Air cushions

Peanuts (bagged & clean)

Styrofoam sheets (flat)

**Predecessors:** 1005 10th St, Anacortes; text/mobile (316) 832-8878. Items purchased from estates, individuals, downsizing, storage units, etc.; packing and pickup. Monthly sales.

<http://thepredecessors.com/>

Collections

Furniture  
Household goods  
Jewelry  
Tools

**Preserve Gimme 5:** 823 State Rte 13, Cortland, NY 13045-6574. Online and Whole Foods grocery store resource for hard-to-recycle items; pack tightly, preferably in used carton, mail by ground to above address.  
[www.preserve.eco/pages/how-to-recycle](http://www.preserve.eco/pages/how-to-recycle)

#5 Plastics (containers/caps/prescription bottles; clean, rigid)

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

**PSC Environmental Services:** 3505 Airport Dr, Bellingham; (206) 932-1600; M-Sun 9a-4p. Unstaffed bins.

Used cooking oil, waste vegetable oil, yellow grease

**Puget Sound Energy:** 1329 N State St, Bellingham; (800) 562-1482. Incandescent and CFL bulbs recycled for free at select PSE offices, retail locations, city halls, and other locations. Locations at

<https://www.pse.com/rebates/recycling/light-bulb-recycling/locate-a-recycling-center>

Appliances (for PSE customers only, free pickup and \$25 check for *working* freezers and refrigerators manufactured in 1992 or before; limit 3 appliances)

Bulbs (incandescent & CFL bulbs)

**Ragfinery:** 1421 N Forest St, Bellingham; (360) 738-6977. Tu-Sat 10a-5p. Reuse, upcycling & recycling.

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

Accessories (belts, handbags, shoes)

Art supplies

Clothing

Pillow forms, Polyfil

Textiles (min. 1-ft square; curtains, upholstery, unstained bedding)

Sewing supplies

Yarn

### Rebounces:

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

Tennis balls

**The Recology Store:** Bothell, Burien, Issaquah, Shoreline. For nominal fee, accepts hard-to-recycle items; locations & details at [www.recolgy.com/store](http://www.recolgy.com/store).

Item drop-off guide

[https://41k4p01v6nzq13r4y42jb9xv-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Recology-Store-Drop-Off-Recycling-Guide\\_11032017.pdf](https://41k4p01v6nzq13r4y42jb9xv-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Recology-Store-Drop-Off-Recycling-Guide_11032017.pdf)

Appliances (small)

Batteries (household; separate by type; tape ends with clear tape)

Bicycles & parts

Books (hardcover)

Bulbs (CFL bulbs & tubes)

Cooking oils (used)

Computers & computer accessories

Electronics (small)

Paint (latex, in orig. can)

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 noon-4p

Antiques & Vintage

Collectibles

Jewelry

**Red Door Thrift Shop:** 1019 7th St, Anacortes; (360) 293-8027; donation hours M-F 11a-3p, Tu, Th, Fri 11a-5p. Sponsored by

Christ Episcopal Church.

<http://www.christchurchanacortes.org/the-red-door-thrift-shop.html>;

Clothes

Household items

**Re-Feather Your Nest:** 121 Freeway Dr, Suite A, Mt Vernon; (360) 755-3126. Buy, sell, consign.

<http://re-featheryournest.com/buy-sell/>

Antiques

Furniture

Household accessories & items

**REI.com/used:** Return gently used, select REI-purchased items in select categories for re-sale.

[https://help.rei.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/47](https://help.rei.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/47)

Apparel

Sports equipment

### The RE Store for Sustainable

**Communities:** 2309 Meridian St, Bellingham; (360) 647-5921; M-Sat 9a-5p, Sun 10a-4p.

<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-F 11a-4p, Sat 10a-4p.

<https://restlessrefurbished.wixsite.com/restlessfurniture>

Furniture

Home décor

Wood signs

**Rita Street Appliance Recycling:** 211 W Woodworth St, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-2030, W-F 10a-5p. Used appliance and parts sales. Pickup for small fee: \$10 non-refrigerated items, \$20 refrigerated items. Appliances

**Safe & Easy Electronics Recycling:** 3863 Hannegan Rd #110, Bellingham (360) 715-3279; M-F 9a-6p, Sat 9a-6p; re-use, refurbish, repair, destruction. Complete listing at [www.safeandeasyrecycling.com](http://www.safeandeasyrecycling.com)

Computers

Computer accessories

Electronics

*NO: printers ♦ scanners ♦ fax machines*

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

Plastic bags

Film plastic

Pill containers

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

Food (canned, fresh, frozen, packaged)

Household cleaning products

Personal care products (incl adult & infant diapers)

**Sanitary Service Company Bellingham (SSC):** 1001 Roeder Ave, Bellingham; (360) 734-3490; M-F 8a-5p (closed 12-1p 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](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)

Plant/flowerpots

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 – County, Municipal & 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](http://www.schaffnerpharmacy.com)

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

**Sea Mar Community Health Center:**  
**Concrete:** 7438 South D Ave; (360) 853-8183; M-W-Th-F 8a-5p, Tu 9a-6p. **Mt Vernon:** 1400 N Laventure Rd; (360) 428-4075; M-F 8a-7p, 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.

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

Secure Medicine Return mailers available (*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:** 877-WASTE-MD (877-927-8363). 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

**Shred-it:** 4020 Hammer Dr, Bellingham; (425) 243-5160. Drop-off or pickup; secure destruction.

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

Binders	ID badges
Casino chips	Media
Credit cards	Medication containers
Documents	Uniforms
Hard drives	X-rays

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

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

Appliances  
Scrap metal

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

[www.usedbuildingmaterials.com/](http://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 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; 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 – County, Municipal & Curbside Recycling Resources.

[www.skagitcounty.net/recycle](http://www.skagitcounty.net/recycle)

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

Cell phones

**Skagit Gleaners:** 1021 Riverside Dr, Mt Vernon; (360) 848-1045. M, W, F

9:30a-12:30p, Tu, Th 3-6:30p, Sat, Sun 9a-12:30p (distribution only). Collects and distributes surplus food and goods from local sources and individual donors. 501(c)(3) membership organization.

<https://www.Skagitgleaners.org>

Clothing  
Food  
Household goods  
Pet food

**Skagit Habitat Store:** 1022 Riverside Dr, Mt Vernon; (360) 428-9402; Tu-Sat 10a-5:30p; 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 9:30a-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 8a-4:30p, Sat 9a-2p.

Charge of 2.5 cents/lb, \$5 minimum.

[www.skagitsoilinc.com/recycling](http://www.skagitsoilinc.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

Waxed cardboard & paper (e.g., milk cartons; plastic spout removed)

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

**Skagit Valley College:** 2504 East College Way, Mt Vernon; (360) 416-7600. Ron Schaffner, automotive dept chair, (360) 416-7612.

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)

**Skagit Valley Neighbors in Need:** 1615 S 2nd St, Mt Vernon; (360) 982-2089; Tu 10a-5p, W 11a-3p. Call regarding donations. <http://www.svneighborsinneed.com>

Monetary donations

**Skidmore Pharmacy** (formerly Family Pharmacy): 1213 24<sup>th</sup> St, Ste 400 (Island Hospital), Anacortes; (360) 293-2124; M-F 9a-6p. <https://www.skidmorepharmacy.com>

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

**Soroptimist Thrift Shop:** 1107 3rd St, Anacortes. Donations: Tu & Fri 7a-4p; shopping: Tu 1:30-8p; F 12-8p. Donation guidelines:

<http://soroptimistanacortes.org/>

Accessories

Children's clothes & toys

Clothing

Household items

Jewelry

**NO:** large appliances ♦ furniture ♦ TVs ♦ electronics ♦ car seats ♦ magazines ♦ textbooks

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

General thrift items

**NO:** furniture or large items

**St Mary's Church/St Vincent de Paul:** 4001 St Mary's Dr, Anacortes; (360) 293-9821; F 10-11a. Anacortes and La Conner residents only. Donations accepted for food distribution and annual spring and fall rummage sale.

Clothing

Food

Household goods

**Styro Recycle:** 23418 68<sup>th</sup> Ave S, (West Valley Hwy), Kent; (253) 838-9555; M-Fri 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:** 2469 Reservation Rd, Anacortes; (360) 293-7188. Fees for some materials; details on acceptable items and fees: <http://www.sunlandtopsoil.com/recycle-services.html>

Brush & tree trimming (fee)

Concrete

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 9:30a-5:30p 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.

[Swinomish.nsn.gov](http://Swinomish.nsn.gov)

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

**T & T Recovery** (See Lautenbach Recycling)

**Take It Back Network:** Network of retailers that have agreed to accept items for recycling in an environmentally sound manner.

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/solid-waste/programs/take-it-back/paint.aspx>

Latex paint, stains & clear finishes

**Target:** 199 Cascade Mall Dr, Burlington; M-Sat 7a-10p, Sun 7a-9p; (360) 757-6737. <https://corporate.target.com/corporate-responsibility/planet/sustainable-products/car-seat-trade-in>

Aluminum

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

Cell phones

Glass

Ink cartridges

MP3 players

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.com>

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:** 110 Ohio St, Bellingham; (360) 255-2072; W-Sat noon-6p. Non-profit community bike shop. [www.thebikehub.org](http://www.thebikehub.org).  
Bicycles & parts

**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

**Transition Fidalgo & Friends:**  
*Fix-It Days (resuming 2021):* 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>.  
<http://www.transitionfidalgo.org/>  
Appliances (small)  
Clothes mending  
Household Items  
Lamps  
Toys  
Watch battery replacement

**Tri-Parish Food Bank:** St Charles Catholic Church, 935 Peterson Rd, Burlington; (360) 757-0128; Sat 10a-3p.  
Food  
Personal care products

**Upper Skagit Library:** 45770 Main St, Concrete; (360) 853-7939; Tu & W 10a-7p, F 10a-5p, Sat 10a-3p;  
<http://www.upperskagit.lib.wa.us/>  
Secure Medicine Return mailers available  
(For details, see Part I Items – Medications/  
Pharmaceuticals & Part II Outlets – MED-Project))

**Vintage Thrift Shop** (Sorooptimist): 301 E Morris St, La Conner, (360) 466-4017; Tu-Sun 11a-5p. See Sorooptimist for acceptable items. [www.vintagelaconner.com/thrift-shop/](http://www.vintagelaconner.com/thrift-shop/)  
Clothing  
Household items  
Jewelry

**Walmart:** 2301 Freeway Dr, Mt Vernon; (360) 428-7000. <https://www.walmart.com/store/2596/mount-vernon-wa/details>  
Batteries (automotive, button cell, rechargeable)  
Carseats (Sept event)  
Cell phones (by grocery entrance)  
Plastic grocery bags, film bags, and packaging

**The Walnut Tree Thrift Store** (Sorooptimist): 713 Puget Ave, Sedro-Woolley; (360) 855-2337; M, W, F 12-5p. Donations Sat 12-5p.  
[www.facebook.com/WalnutTreeThriftShop/wall](http://www.facebook.com/WalnutTreeThriftShop/wall)  
Books  
Clothing  
Household items  
Seasonal decorations  
Sewing supplies  
Tools  
Toys

**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 8:30a-5p.  
Plastic pots (4-in & larger, brushed out)

**WSU Native Plant Garden:** 16650 State Rte 536, Mt Vernon; [nativegarden@fidalgo.net](mailto:nativegarden@fidalgo.net). Drop off in shed at far west end of display gardens.  
Plastic pots (all sizes, shaken free of soil)  
**Yerdle:** E-commerce platform for clothing; [www.yerdle.com](http://www.yerdle.com)  
Clothing (upscale recreational and designer)

## 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.

## 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 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.

**LARGE ITEM RECYCLING:** Second Sat each month, May-Nov, 9a-1p (or call for appointment); 37<sup>th</sup> St & D Ave, Anacortes; (360) 293-1921; City of Anacortes residents only; one-trip limit.  
<https://www.anacorteswa.gov/853/Solid-Waste-Services>.

**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/DocumentCenter/View/4535/Free-Clean-Up-Days-2019?bidId=>

Appliances • Furniture • Household garbage • Mattresses • Yard Waste

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

### 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 BURLINGTON

##### FINANCE DEPT

833 South Spruce St, Burlington, WA 98233  
(360) 755-2377

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>

#### CITY OF MT VERNON

##### SOLID WASTE DEPT

409 West Fir St, Mt Vernon, WA 98273  
(360) 336-6218

Collection of household recycling and yard/food waste for all residents, multifamily 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/413/Garbage-Solid-Waste>.

Recycling guidelines at:

<http://wmnorthwest.com/mtvernon/recycling.html>

**YARD & FOOD WASTE DROPOFF:** 1010 Shop Ln; 9a-4p Wed, Sat & Sun. Home composting units available. Purchase required punch tickets at Mt Vernon utilities office or onsite during hours of operation. *Curbside* yard & food waste service available through Waste Management.

<https://mountvernonwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/9592/2020-Brochure?bidId=>

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](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., Mon & 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](http://www.ci.sedro-woolley.wa.us/departments/solid_waste/recycling.php)

Appliances (fee)

Batteries (alkaline, rechargeable & vehicle)

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

Construction debris (small loads only)

Electronics

Furniture & bulky items (fee; call to arrange)

Glass (all colors)

Metals (aluminum, metal, tin, propane tanks)

Motor oil

Packaging

Paper (cardboard, mixed, newspaper)



Printer cartridges  
Styrofoam (clean peanuts & bubblewrap)  
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

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

- *All may dispose of recyclable materials as listed below at any Skagit County drop-off site (for those east of Hwy 9, this is the only option);*
- *Households west of Hwy 9 without required recycling service also 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 cans or inside crushed can)

Antifreeze (up to 5 gal/mo.)

Appliances

Batteries (see recycling table p 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](http://www.skagitcounty.net/recycle).

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

Tires (limit 4, less than 36-in. diam)

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

## PAINT DISPOSAL

Skagit County Hazardous Waste Facility no longer accepts **latex paint**. Latex paint cans with less than one inch of paint can be dried out and disposed of in regular garbage (see web link below for instructions on preparing latex paint for disposal). Empty and dry **oil-based paint** cans also may be disposed of with regular garbage; liquid oil-based paint must be treated as hazardous waste.

In Spring 2021, however, PaintCare, a paint stewardship program offering drop-off sites, is expected to launch, pending approval by Washington State Department of Ecology. Stay tuned.

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

## 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 45-46; additional info at <http://www.wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty/>  
<http://www.wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty/recycling>

### CURBSIDE RECYCLING

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

All items clean & free of food debris

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; incl newspapers, catalogs, magazines)

Plastic bottles, jugs, jars, dairy-type tubs only (recycle by shape, not number)

**NO:** yard trimmings (instead, compost, sign up for Yard/Food cart, or drop off at Skagit Soils) • electronics • CFLs • motor oil • hazardous waste • needles/syringes • liquid paint • rocks, dirt • propane tanks.

### CURBSIDE YARD/FOOD CART

#### ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

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>

Food scraps & leftovers (no produce labels)  
Food-soiled paper (no shiny coatings or plastic)  
Paper bags, towels, napkins  
Plants, flowers, yard trimmings (max 4-in. diam, 4-ft length)

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

## 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!

## 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](http://www.wmnorthwest.com)



**1-800-592-9995**

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

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Recycling poster provided by Waste Management.  
[www.wmnorthwest.com](http://www.wmnorthwest.com)



# 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 bags  
& containers  
Fats, Oil or Grease

Liquids  
Glass  
Metal

Diapers &  
Pet Waste  
Garden Hoses

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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](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 mfg policies), Anacortes Aktion Club. <http://anacortesaktion.org/2017-peripherals-update.pdf>

**How to Wipe the Hard Drive of a Windows Computer:** <http://anacortesaktion.org/2017-peripherals-update.pdf>

[www.bestbuy.com/site/tech-tips/wipe-hard-drive/pcmcat748301880905.c?id=pcmcat748301880905](http://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&nl=smarter-living&nliid=4021892820190225&te=1](https://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/01/technology/personaltech/recycling-electronic-waste-responsibly-excuses-dwindle.html?emc=edit_sl_20190225&nl=smarter-living&nliid=4021892820190225&te=1)

## GENERAL RECYCLING

**Anacortes Recycling Guide:** <https://www.anacorteswa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/175/Waste-Management-Refuse-Recycling-and-Organics-Collection-Guide-PDF?bidId=>

**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>

## China's Recycling Ban:

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/China-s-recycling-ban>

**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/>  
<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](http://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>.

**Pros and Cons of Comingled Recyclables:** <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Reducing-recycling-waste/Residential-recycling-services>

**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](http://www.catalogchoice.org)

**OptoutPrescreen.com:** Opt out of preapproved credit card and insurance offers.

## 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:** <http://lifewithoutplastic.com/>. Online store of plastic substitute products. <http://lifewithoutplastic.com/life-without-plastic-the-practical-step-by-step-guide-to-avoiding-plastic-to-keep-your-family-and-the-planet-healthy>

**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?module=inline>

**Plastic: A Toxic Love Story,** Susan Freinkel. [http://www.susanfreinkel.com/books\\_Plastic.html](http://www.susanfreinkel.com/books_Plastic.html)

**Plastic Film Recycling:** <https://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org/>

**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://lifewithoutplastic.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

**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



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Read more about plastic waste reduction  
& online version of this guide

<https://skagitbeaches.org/our-work/plastic-reduction.html>

Learn about recycling, composting,  
& zero-waste events

[www.skagitcounty.net/recycle](http://www.skagitcounty.net/recycle)

[www.skagitcounty.net/zwe](http://www.skagitcounty.net/zwe)

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