



# WHAT GOES WHERE?

Reduce contamination and make recycling count. Know what can be recycled, what is garbage, and what needs special handling.

Not sure about an item? Need help with service? Please give us a call.  
 Allied Waste Services 425-646-2492  
 City of Bellevue Utilities 425-452-6932



## Put These Items in the Blue Recycling Container.

Do not put items in bags except shredded paper and other plastic bags. NO lids or caps less than 3 inches in size. NO containers that held toxics. NO items listed in the Garbage section of this poster. Please flatten cardboard!



Mail, envelopes (windows, staples ok), catalogs. If you can tear it, it is recyclable.  
**NO plastic wrap or plastic-coated cards.**



Paper, newspaper and inserts, folders, receipts, paper and tissue gift wrap.  
**NO foil gift wrap or ribbon.**



Magazines, paperback books, phone books.  
**NO plastic wrappers.**



Paper egg cartons, drink boxes, ice cream cartons, paper containers. Empty and rinse.  
**NO straws.**



Paper food boxes. Remove liners and flatten.  
**NO soap residue, plastic handles or metal spouts.**



Juice and milk cartons. Empty and rinse.



Cardboard. Flatten. Size limit: 3'x 3' or smaller when flattened.

**NEW!**



Clean paper and plastic cups. Remove lids. Empty and rinse.  
**NO straws.**

**NEW!**



Lids 3 inches or larger. Remove from containers and rinse.

**NEW!**



Plastic plant pots. Empty and rinse.

**NEW!**



All plastic containers. Empty and rinse. Remove lids.  
**NO containers that held toxics, like pesticides or motor oil. NO plastic packaging.**



Clear and colored glass bottles and jars. Empty and rinse. Remove lids. Labels ok.  
**NO drinking glasses, dishes, ceramics or window glass.**



Plastic grocery bags and bubble wrap. Stuff into one plastic bag and tie securely.  
**NO single bags, receipts, food residue or food wrap.**



Shredded paper. Put in a clear or see-through plastic bag. Tie a secure knot.  
**NO loose shredded paper.**



Plastic 5-gallon buckets. Empty and rinse. Remove lids.  
**NO metal handles.**



Aluminum and tin cans, clean foil and pie pans. Empty and rinse. Labels ok.



Scrap metals. Size limit: 2' in any direction, less than 35lbs.  
**NO greasy metal, wood, rubber or plastic.**



## Put These Items in the Grey Garbage Container.

Please bag loose items. NO TVs, computer equipment, cell phones. NO button batteries, fluorescent lights, thermometers or thermostats with mercury, wet paint, or other hazardous waste. NO yard debris or liquids.



Lids, caps and tops less than 3 inches wide. (Small lids get stuck in recycling machinery.)



Food scraps, paper plates and towels, napkins, tissues.



Styrofoam peanuts. Put in bag, reuse or take to a mailing store.



Styrofoam packaging, cups, clam shells, meat trays, egg cartons and other shapes.\*



Dry out latex paint with kitty litter or hardener. Leave lid off.



Plastic packaging, magazine wrappers, food bags, foil pouches and bags, waxed paper.



Plastic garbage bags, zip-type bags.



Toiletry tubes, makeup, mirrors.



Ribbon, foil and clear gift wrap, bags with rope handles.



Empty containers that held toxic products, like pesticides and motor oil, empty aerosol cans.



Prescription vials, household batteries,\* CDs, hangers\* (many dry cleaners take hangers back), light bulbs (put in bag). **NO fluorescent bulbs or tubes.**



Cat litter or pet waste. Put in bag and tie shut.



Cigarette butts and ashes. Put in bag and tie shut.



Diapers. Put in bag and tie shut.



Glassware, ceramic plates and cups, plastic plates and utensils.

\*Some of these items may be accepted at Bellevue's Special Collection Events.

## Getting Rid of Stuff

A great database for getting rid of many unwanted items is the "What Do I Do With" King County database at [www.kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith](http://www.kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith) or check one of the sources as follows:

**Batteries.** Call the City of Bellevue at 425-452-6932 or check [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Utilities/Battery\\_recycling.pdf](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Utilities/Battery_recycling.pdf)

**Electronics and Small Appliances.** Take working TVs, computers and accessories, coffee makers, microwaves, toasters, etc. to:

Goodwill  
14515 NE 20th Street, Bellevue 425-649-2080  
Please call first before making a trip to make sure your items are accepted and for store hours.

Check [1800recycle.wa.gov](http://1800recycle.wa.gov) online for more locations that accept small electronics.

**Clothing, Linens, and Furniture.** If items are clean and gently used, take to Goodwill or another charity or thrift shop. Please call first before making a trip to make sure your items will be accepted.

**Household Hazardous Waste.** Take Household Hazardous Waste such as oil-based paint, antifreeze, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, garden chemicals, mercury-containing products (thermometers, button batteries, etc.), propane tanks, etc. to:

King County's Factoria Transfer Station Household Hazardous Waste Site  
13800 SE 32nd St., Bellevue 206-296-4692  
Call for hours/days Household Hazardous Waste is accepted.

**Large, Bulky Items.** For items such as mattresses and appliances, call the City of Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932 (also see Special Collection Events). You can also take some items to King County's Factoria Transfer Station or King County's Houghton Transfer Station (see Resources).

**Special Collection Events.** The City of Bellevue holds two Special Collection Events a year – usually in the spring and fall - that take large appliances and other items (some fees apply). Watch for fliers in the mail or call the City of Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932 for details.

**Medical Needles or "Sharps."** Medical needles or sharps can be put in the garbage, if prepared properly. Put in a rigid, puncture-proof container less than 1 gallon in size. Empty 2-liter pop bottles or 1-gallon milk jugs are acceptable when capped, taped, and labeled "Do Not Recycle." Call Allied Waste for more information. For other options, check with your pharmacy or doctor. Visit [www.sharpsinc.com](http://www.sharpsinc.com) for more information.

## Handy Resources

Allied Waste Services 425-646-2492  
[www.alliedwastenorthwest.com](http://www.alliedwastenorthwest.com)

City of Bellevue 425-452-6932  
[www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm)

Factoria Transfer Station (the dump) 206-296-4466 Call for hours.  
13800 SE 32nd St., Bellevue  
<http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwastefacilities/transfer.asp>

Goodwill 425-649-2080  
14515 NE 20th St., Bellevue

Houghton Transfer Station 206-296-4466  
11724 NE 60th St., Kirkland

Household Hazardous Waste 206-296-4692  
[www.lhwmp.org/home/](http://www.lhwmp.org/home/)

Unwanted Medicine Return Program  
[www.takebackyourmeds.org](http://www.takebackyourmeds.org)

"What Do I Do With" King County Database  
[www.kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith](http://www.kingcounty.gov/whatdoidowith)

## Make Recycling Count! Please Remember to...

- Remove lids from recyclable containers. Recycle lids 3 inches or larger. Throw smaller size lids into the garbage.
- Flatten cardboard to make room for other recyclables.
- Put materials in the Blue Recycling Container loose. Do not bag.
- Make sure recyclable containers are clean and empty.

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## WHAT GOES WHERE?

### A Guide for Apartment and Condominium Residents

Know what can be recycled, what is garbage, and what needs special handling.

For information in Chinese, Hindi, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Vietnamese, please visit: [www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm)

有關中文的服務資訊，請造訪  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm>

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<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm> पर जाएं।

한국어로 서비스 정보를 보시려면 다음 웹사이트를 방문하십시오:  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm>

Для получения информации на русском языке пройдите по ссылке  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm>

Para obtener información del servicio en español, vaya a  
<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm>

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<http://www.bellevuewa.gov/recycling-garbage-residents.htm>

