

# Guide to King County recycling and transfer facilities



## Garbage Disposal

King County operates 8 transfer stations, 2 drop boxes, and the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. Our facilities are open to residential self haulers that live or work within King County's service area. Please use this guide for information on accepted materials and location information.

When using our facilities:

- Follow directions from staff
- Keep children and pets in vehicle
- No smoking
- Read and follow advisory signs
- Watch for moving vehicles
- Use extreme caution
- Turn off your cell phone while driving



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## Recycling & Yard Waste

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Metal

Plastic Wrap

Refrigerated Appliances

Sharps

Styrofoam

Textiles

Tires

Yard Waste

Use this guide to see which locations accept recycling and information on specific materials.



**King County**

Department of Natural Resources and Parks  
Solid Waste Division

**MATERIAL GUIDELINE KEY**

				
Not accepted in garbage. Must be recycled.	Recycling available	Accepted in garbage	Accepted: See description	Not accepted

**Appliances** | Major refrigerant-type (air conditioners, freezers, refrigerators, etc.)  
Must be empty. **\$30 each appliance**

**Appliances** | Major non-refrigerant type (dishwashers, dryers, furnaces, stoves, washers, etc.)  
Must be empty. Dishwashers made of 50% or more plastic are not accepted for recycling but are accepted as garbage. **\$0 to recycle**

**Appliances** | Small (blenders, irons, microwaves, etc.)  
To recycle: Must be at least 50% metal. Must be empty.  
Put in scrap metal bin. **\$0 to recycle**

**Asbestos** \*\*  
Not accepted. Visit [pscleanair.org](http://pscleanair.org) for more information.

**Batteries** | Vehicle, marine, rechargeable, button  
Accepted at Factoria Hazardous Waste Drop-off only.  
Combined total of 5 vehicle/marine batteries per vehicle load per day.  
**\$0 at Factoria Hazardous Waste Drop-off**

**Batteries** | Household (alkaline AA, AAA, C, D, etc.)  
**\$0 at Factoria Hazardous Waste Drop-off**


























































































































**Cans** | Aluminum, steel, tin (place with glass bottles, paper, and plastic containers)  
To recycle: Must be empty – no liquid or food. No plastic bags.  
No bagged recyclables; keep them loose. **\$0 to recycle**

**Cardboard** | Corrugated boxes  
To recycle: Must be empty and flattened. No wax-coated or food-soiled cardboard. No Styrofoam™, polystyrene, or packing peanuts.  
**\$0 to recycle**

**Computers** | Computers, laptops, monitors, tablets, e-readers, portable DVD players  
Not accepted. Contact 1-800-732-9253, [ecyclewashington.org](http://ecyclewashington.org) for free recycling options.




**Construction and demolition (C&D) debris** | Carpet, drywall, insulation, roofing, etc.  
No dump vehicles or dump trailers (except at Vashon) unless C&D debris is less than 20% of the load. Item size limits apply. **Garbage fee applies**

**Dead animals** | Up to 15 pounds  
Larger than 15 pounds requires waste clearance. \*\*  
**Garbage fee applies**

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**Dirt** | *Soil or mud*

Must be uncontaminated by diesel, gas, oil, human waste (i.e. septic), or other hazardous materials. Limit: One pickup truck load from residential customers only. Contaminated dirt requires a waste clearance.\*\* **Garbage fee applies**

**Flags**

Contact VFW: 1-816-756-3390 or [vfw.org](http://vfw.org). **\$0 fee**

**Fluorescent lights** and other mercury-containing bulbs and tubes

To recycle: Limit of 10 bulbs/tubes per vehicle per day. Broken bulbs must be sealed in a bag or box. No incandescent, halogen, or LED bulbs. For more recycling options visit [lightrecycle.org](http://lightrecycle.org). **\$0 to recycle**

**Glass bottles and jars**

To recycle: Place with cans, paper, and plastic containers. Must be empty – no liquid or food. No plastic bags. No bagged recyclables; keep them loose. No ceramics, glassware, mirrors, light bulbs, or windows. No lids on glass bottles or jars. **\$0 to recycle**

**Glass windows, mirrors, etc.**

For reuse options visit [kingcounty.gov/WhatDoDoWith](http://kingcounty.gov/WhatDoDoWith). **Garbage fee applies**

**Hazardous Waste** | *Usually labeled **Caution, Warning, Danger, or Poison**.*

*Includes thermometers and thermostats.*

Accepted at Factoria Hazardous Waste Drop-off only.

No containers larger than 5 gallons. Households limited to 50 gallons a day.

(Exception: 25 gallons maximum for gas, oil, and antifreeze).

Visit [kingcountyhazwastewa.gov](http://kingcountyhazwastewa.gov) for more information.

**\$0 at Factoria Hazardous Waste Drop-off**

**Mattresses, futons, or box springs**

Combined total of 6 pieces per customer per day. More than 6 requires waste clearance.\*\* To recycle at Bow Lake, Enumclaw, Factoria, Shoreline, Vashon: No wet mattresses. Torn or stained OK. **Handling fee applies**

**Metal** | *Scrap (lawnmowers, BBQ grills, building/electrical/plumbing parts, microwaves, small appliances, bicycles, bicycle parts, etc.)*















































































































Must be at least 50% metal. No paint cans, sealed drums, pressurized containers, concrete, or barbed wire. No ammunition or shell casings. Containers must be empty. Remove any fluids. **\$0 to recycle**

**Motor vehicles** and major parts (with VIN numbers)

Not accepted. Visit [kingcounty.gov/WhatDoDoWith](http://kingcounty.gov/WhatDoDoWith) for options.

**Packing peanuts**

Must be bagged and securely tied. **Garbage fee applies**

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**Paint | Latex**

No liquid – must be solidified or dried out.

Visit [paintcare.org/wa](http://paintcare.org/wa) for take-back locations. **Garbage fee applies**

**Paint | Oil based**

Accepted at Factoria Hazardous Waste Drop-off only.

No containers larger than 5 gallons. Households limited to 50 gallons a day. Visit [kingcountyhazwastewa.gov](http://kingcountyhazwastewa.gov) for more information.

**\$0 at Factoria Hazardous Waste Drop-off**

**Paper | Books, copy paper, junk mail, magazines, milk cartons, newspapers, etc. (place with cans, glass bottles, and plastic containers)**

To recycle: No food-soiled or wet paper. No paper towels or napkins. No plastic bags. Food and drink containers must be empty. No bagged recyclables; keep them loose. No shredded paper. **\$0 to recycle**

**Plastic containers | Bottles, cups, jugs, etc.**

To recycle: Place with cans, glass, bottles and paper. Must be empty – no liquid or food. No toxic product containers. No plastic bags. No bagged recyclables; keep them loose. **\$0 to recycle**

**Plastic wrap | Bubble, pallet, shrink, stretch wrap; plastic "air" pillows and plastic bags (bread, dry cleaner, grocery, newspaper, produce, retail)**

To recycle: Must be clean, dry, and empty. No food, liquid, candy or chip bags, black trash bags, biodegradable or compostable bags, pre-washed salad bags, labels, or tape. No commercial loads; residential only. Visit [kingcounty.gov/plastic-bags-wrap](http://kingcounty.gov/plastic-bags-wrap) for recycling options. **\$0 to recycle**

**Printers, fax machines, scanners**

For recycling options visit [kingcounty.gov/takeitback](http://kingcounty.gov/takeitback). **Garbage fee applies**

**Propane and other compressed gas tanks**

Accepted at Factoria Hazardous Waste Drop-off only. No tank larger than 8 gallons. Limit: 5 tanks or cylinders, regardless of size.

**\$0 at Factoria Hazardous Waste Drop-off**

**Sharps | Home-generated only (needles, syringes, etc.)**




































































































Limit two containers per visit. Accepted in designated bin. Must be in a puncture resistant, secured container labeled "sharps." No loose sharps. Commercially generated sharps accepted at Vashon and Cedar Hills Regional Landfill with a waste clearance.\*\* Visit [kingcounty.gov/WhatDoIDoWith](http://kingcounty.gov/WhatDoIDoWith) for more information.

**\$0 to recycle**

**Styrofoam™ blocks and coolers | Sometimes called polystyrene**

To recycle: Must be clean, dry, and empty. No packing peanuts. No food, liquid, food packaging, stickers, or tape. No commercial loads; residential only.

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**Televisions**

Not accepted. Contact 1-800-732-9253, [ecyclewashington.org](http://ecyclewashington.org) for free recycling options.

**Textiles** | Clothing, fabric, shoes, curtains, linens, pillows, stuffed animals, small throw rugs, etc.

To recycle: Reusable and torn, worn, stained items accepted. Single shoes OK. No carpet or items that are wet, mildewed, or soiled with hazardous materials.

**\$0 to recycle**

**Tires**

Tires with rims OK. Limit 4 per customer. No large truck tires.

At Bow Lake, Factoria, and Shoreline: Put tires in tires bin.

**Garbage fee applies**

**Wood** | Treated, painted, stained (railroad ties, etc.)

No dump trucks or dump trailers (except at Vashon) unless the painted, stained, or treated wood is less than 20% of the load. **Garbage fee applies**



































































**Wood (Clean)** | Unpainted, unstained, untreated (crates, lumber, pallets, particle board, plywood)

To recycle: No yard waste such as branches, stumps, or wood rounds. No sod, soil, rocks, or plastic bags. No metal hinges or latches. No items longer than 8 feet. Mixed loads of garbage and wood will be charged the garbage fee.

**Reduced fee if recycled**

**Yard waste** | Branches, brush, grass, leaves, stumps, wood rounds, etc.

To recycle: No sod, soil, rocks, or plastic bags. No items longer than 8 feet. Mixed loads of garbage and yard waste will be charged the garbage fee. No branches larger than 4 inches in diameter. **Reduced fee if recycled**

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# Locations and Hours

**Note:** All facilities closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day

Algona Transfer Station	
35315 West Valley Hwy, <b>Algona</b>	
<b>Max vehicle length: 25 ft.</b>	
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	7am-4:30pm
<b>Sat-Sun</b>	8:30am-5:30pm

Bow Lake Recycling & Transfer Station	
18800 Orillia Rd S, <b>Tukwila</b>	
<b>Max vehicle length: 40 ft.</b>	
<b>STATION HOURS</b> (Different from Recycle Area)	
<b>Mon-Thur</b>	Open 24 hours/day
<b>Friday</b>	12am-11:30pm
<b>Sat-Sun</b>	8:30am-5:30pm
<b>RECYCLE AREA HOURS</b> (Located outside transfer building)	
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	6am-8pm
<b>Sat-Sun</b>	8:30am-5:30pm

Cedar Falls Drop Box	
16925 Cedar Falls Rd SE, <b>North Bend</b>	
<b>Max vehicle length: 30 ft.</b>	
<b>Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat-Sun</b>	9am-5pm
<i>Closed Tue &amp; Thurs</i>	
<b>Restrictions:</b> Load limit is three cubic yards (about the size of a pickup truck load). Maximum combined vehicle/trailer length limit is 30 ft. No hydraulic lift trailers or hydraulic lift vehicles.	

Enumclaw Recycling & Transfer Station	
1650 Battersby Ave E, <b>Enumclaw</b>	
<b>Max vehicle length: 40 ft.</b>	
<b>Daily</b>	9am-5pm

Factoria Recycling & Transfer Station	
13800 SE 32nd St, <b>Bellevue</b>	
<b>Max vehicle length: 40 ft.</b>	
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	6:30am-4pm
<b>Sat-Sun</b>	8:30am-5:30pm

Factoria Hazardous Waste Drop-off	
13800 SE 32nd St, <b>Bellevue</b>	
<i>For households and qualifying small quantity generator businesses only</i>	
<b>Tues-Fri</b>	8am-4pm
<b>Sat-Sun</b>	9am-5pm
<i>Closed Mondays</i>	

Houghton Recycling & Transfer Station	
11724 NE 60th St, <b>Kirkland</b>	
<b>Max vehicle length: 25 ft.</b>	
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	8am-5:30pm
<b>Sat-Sun</b>	8:30am-5:30pm

Renton Recycling & Transfer Station	
3021 NE 4th St, <b>Renton</b>	
<b>Max vehicle length: 25 ft.</b>	
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	7:30am-5pm
<b>Sat-Sun</b>	8:30am-5:30pm

Shoreline Recycling & Transfer Station	
2300 N 165th St, <b>Shoreline</b>	
<b>Max vehicle length: 40 ft.</b>	
<b>Mon-Fri</b>	7:30am-5pm
<b>Sat-Sun</b>	8:30am-5:30pm

Skykomish Drop Box	
74324 NE Old Cascade Hwy, <b>Skykomish</b>	
<b>Open Daily</b>	
<i>Winter</i>	8am-5pm
<i>Summer (2nd Sunday in March until 1st Sunday in Nov)</i>	9am-6pm
<b>Restrictions:</b> Load limit is three cubic yards (about the size of a pickup truck load). Maximum combined vehicle/trailer length limit is 30 ft. No hydraulic lift trailers or hydraulic lift vehicles. VISA, MasterCard, and King County Solid Waste Card only accepted at site; no cash.	

Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station	
18900 Westside Hwy SW, <b>Vashon</b>	
<b>Max vehicle length: 45 ft.</b>	
<b>Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat-Sun</b>	9am-5pm
<i>Closed Tue &amp; Thurs</i>	



Website ..... [kingcounty.gov/solid-waste](http://kingcounty.gov/solid-waste)  
 Phone..... 206-477-4466  
 Waste Clearance..... 206-477-4466  
 Hazardous Waste line ..... 206-296-4692  
 Illegal dumping hotline ..... 206-296-SITE (7483)  
 WA State recycling hotline ..... [1800recycle.wa.gov](http://1800recycle.wa.gov)



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## Fees EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

### Cleanup LIFT Discount

\$18 off the cost to dispose of garbage and each type of recyclable item, each visit. Only for residential customers currently enrolled in ORCA LIFT, ProviderOne, or EBT. Show your card as you enter and exit the facility.

### Garbage

Solid Waste Disposal Fee Type	King County Basic Fee <sup>1</sup>	Moderate Risk Waste Surcharge <sup>2</sup>	WA State Refuse Tax (3.6%)	Total
<b>Minimum Fee<sup>3</sup></b>	\$32.60	\$2.23	\$1.25	<b>\$36.00</b>
<b>Per-ton Fee</b> (self haul customers)	\$203.81	\$5.84	\$7.55	<b>\$217.20</b>

- 1 Solid waste commercial collection companies pay only the basic fee at King County solid waste disposal facilities.
- 2 The King County Board of Health has approved increases in the surcharge that funds hazardous waste programs.
- 3 The total minimum fee is rounded to the nearest \$0.25 per King County Code 10.12.030.

**Note:** Sedans and two-door hatchbacks pay only the minimum fee. All other vehicles will be weighed in and out, and charged for the actual weight disposed based on the per ton fee, with a minimum fee of \$36.00.

### Mattress Handling Fee

Mattress, futon, and box spring: \$30.00 each. This handling fee applies at all facilities. Recycling offered at Bow Lake, Enumclaw, Factoria, Shoreline, and Vashon.

### Recycling

**Appliances – refrigerant type:** \$30.00 each

**Yard waste and wood (untreated)**

- Minimum fee: \$18.00
- Per-ton fee: \$115.00

### Unsecured Load

\$25.00 - strictly enforced

## Payment Options

No checks accepted



Cash



Debit / Credit



Apple Pay



**Solid Waste Disposal Cards**  
(Skykomish only)

## Item size limits

- No item longer than 8 feet
- No dense item (larger than 2'x2'x2' and weighing more than 200 pounds, such as concrete blocks and metal safes)

## Vehicle length limits

### STRICTLY ENFORCED

Maximum combined length limit for vehicles and trailers from bumper to bumper:

Station Location	Vehicle Length Max
<b>Algona Renton Houghton</b>	25 feet
<b>Cedar Falls</b>	30 feet
<b>Bow Lake Enumclaw Factoria Shoreline</b>	40 feet
<b>Vashon</b>	45 feet

## Secure your load

A secured load of solid waste has been securely fastened, covered, or both in a manner that will prevent the covering or any part of the load from becoming loose, detached or leaving the vehicle while the vehicle is moving.

At King County facilities, unsecured loads will be assessed a \$25 fee per *King County Code 10.12.040*.

