Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station

King County
Department of
Natural Resources and Parks
Solid Waste Division

Recycling Guide

Location – 18900 Westside Hwy. SW, Vashon 98070

Hours – Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., **Closed:** Tues & Thurs

Sort It Out

Customers who haul their own garbage or recyclable materials to Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station **must separate** the following materials and place them in marked recycling bins or areas.

Corrugated cardboard

Scrap metal

Yard waste

No fees are charged to recycle cardboard or scrap metal. The yard waste fee is **less** than the garbage fee.

Recycling

- conserves natural resources and protects the environment
- reduces greenhouse gas emissions that lead to climate change
- puts recyclable materials back into the economy to create jobs
- extends the life of the landfill which will save customers money in the long run.

70 percent of what ends up in the King County Cedar Hills Regional Landfill could have been reused, recycled, or composted.

Yard and food waste

- **Fees apply.** Check in at scale house. Fees for yard and food waste are lower than the garbage fees.
- **Yard waste** includes: Branches, brush, grass clippings, leaves, weeds
- **Food waste** includes: Fruit and vegetable scraps, breads, pastas, bones, fish, meat, poultry, dairy products, egg shells, coffee grounds and paper coffee filters
- These materials are **NOT** accepted with yard and food waste: Glass, metal, plastic, compostable utensils, or food-soiled paper such as pizza boxes, take-out containers, paper napkins, paper towels, or paper plates.
- **Waste prevention** is best.
  For tips on how to reduce food waste, visit King County's
  Food: Too Good to Waste website – *https://kingcounty.gov/food-too-good-to-waste*

For more information, call King County Solid Waste Division at 206-477-4466 or visit *https://kingcounty.gov/vashon*

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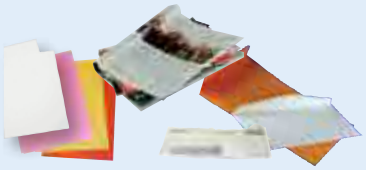
RECYCLE at Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station

Place all these materials together in blue compactors

Materials must be clean (no food), dry, and empty (no liquids)

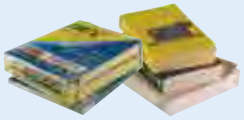
Remove recyclables from bags and boxes. NO plastic bags or shredded paper.

Corrugated Cardboard



Paper, magazines, catalogs, envelopes (no bubble liners)

Newspapers



Books

Paper cups

Cartons (milk, juice, broth)

Dry, frozen, refrigerated food boxes (remove plastic liners)

Aluminum and tin/steel cans (labels okay)

Glass bottles and jars

Large lids (3" or more)

Plastic bottles, cups, jugs, tubs, clamshell containers, plant pots, pill bottles (no prescription bottles/vials)

These materials are collected in separate containers or areas. Look for signs near each container or area.

Major appliances

Fees apply for refrigerant-type appliances.
Check in at scale house.

Mercury-containing light bulbs and tubes

CFLs, fluorescent tubes up to 8 feet in length, HID bulbs
Limit: 10 bulbs/tubes per person per day

Scrap metal

Materials with **50 percent** or more metal

Textiles

Clothing, shoes, linens
Torn, worn, stained textiles accepted.

NOT ACCEPTED

When in doubt, call King County Solid Waste Division at 206-477-4466

Types of paper NOT accepted for recycling

Paper plates, paper napkins, paper towels

Pizza boxes and other food soiled paper

Shredded paper

Wax or plastic-coated cardboard boxes

Types of glass NOT accepted for recycling

Ceramics and glassware

Incandescent light bulbs

Windows and mirrors

Types of metal NOT accepted for recycling

Aerosol cans

Foil, foil trays, foil paper

Hangers

Paint cans

Sharp objects

Types of plastic NOT accepted for recycling

Bubble wrap

Foam

Packing peanuts

Plastic air pillows

Styrofoam blocks

Foam containers and cups

Plastic utensils

Prescription bottles/vials

Plastic bags, baggies, and produce bags

Small caps, lids (less than 3")

Toxic product containers

Other recycling and reuse recources for Vashon Island

Curbside recycling

If you are new to Vashon Island or to recycling, sign up for curbside collection service by contacting Waste Connections at 1-888-806-7048. For more information, visit *www.murreysdisposal.com*.

Electronics

Recycle monitors, computers, and televisions at no charge. For drop-off locations or more information, visit *www.ecyclewashington.org* or call 1-800-RECYCLE.

Household hazardous wastes

These are products such as paint thinner and pesticides that contain toxic, flammable, reactive, or corrosive ingredients. Most of these items can be taken to the Household Hazardous Wastemobile or to an off-island household hazardous waste collection site. For a list of locations and information about restrictions, visit *www.lhwmp.org* or call the Household Hazards Line at 206-296-4692, Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Vashon FreeCycle

Find new homes for things you no longer use. Look for items that you need. Visit *groups.yahoo.com/group/vashonfreecycle*.

Vashon residential recycling collection event

At this annual event provided by King County, drop off recyclable materials that are not collected curbside. For information, including details about what is accepted, visit *https://kingcounty.gov/recycling-events*.

Vashon Tool Library

Join this volunteer-run organization to save money and conserve resources. Borrow tools from specialty saws to electric mowers and much more. Visit *vashontools.org*.

What do I do with...?

From packing peanuts to paint, this King County website directory contains listings of businesses and organizations that accept unwanted items for reuse, recycling, or proper disposal. Visit *www.kingcounty.gov/WhatDoIDoWith*.

Zero Waste Vashon (ZWV)

ZERO WASTE VASHON

ZWV is a group of Vashon Island residents working in partnership with King County to make Vashon Island a model green community by finding practical ways to recycle the island's waste stream into useful products. Visit *zerowastevashon.org*.

Vashon businesses and organizations

King County provides this list as a courtesy to the public and does not endorse or guarantee the quality of the services provided. Call these listings to obtain the most current information.

Items accepted	Name	Address	Telephone	Notes
Batteries, used motor oil	Vashon Ace Service Center	9715 SW 174th	463-4019	All used batteries (AAA, button, car batteries), uncontaminated used motor oil (up to 5 gallons per day)
Books, CDs, DVDs	Vashon Library	17210 Vashon Hwy SW	463-2069	Gently used condition only. No textbooks.
Clothing, household items	Granny's Attic	17707 SW 100th Ave. SW	463-3161	Gently used condition only
Plastics bags	IGA Market fresh	17639 100th Ave. SW	463-9725	Only dry, empty retail plastic bags; see container in store

This information is subject to change.
For updates, please contact
King County Solid Waste Division:
www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste
206-477-4466, TTY Relay: 711
Alternate formats available.

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