

# RECYCLING REMINDERS

What to include in your curbside recycling cart

## plastic containers

PREPARATION  
empty · quick rinse · no lids

recycle plastics by shape  
ignore numbers



plastic bottles



milk jugs



plastic tubs



plastic jars



buckets

plant pots

## paper and cardboard

PREPARATION  
clean · dry · quick rinse for milk and juice cartons



milk and juice cartons



paper or frozen food boxes



cardboard



mail, magazines,  
mixed paper and catalogs



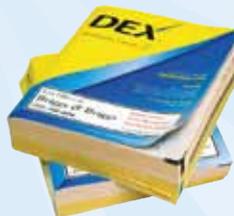
paper bags



shredded paper



newspaper



phone books

## aluminum and tin cans

PREPARATION  
empty · quick rinse · no loose lids · do not crush



aluminum cans



metal cans

**NO GLASS  
NO PLASTIC BAGS OR WRAP  
NO DANGEROUS MATERIALS**



[www.piercecountywa.org/recycle](http://www.piercecountywa.org/recycle)

## Questions?

**Murrey's Disposal**  
**American Disposal**  
**DM Disposal**  
www.murreysdisposal.com  
(888) 806-7048

**LeMay Enterprises**  
**Lakewood Refuse**  
**Pierce County Refuse**  
www.lemayinc.com  
(253) 537-8687

**University Place Refuse**  
**Westside Disposal**  
www.uprefuse.com  
(253) 564-3212

**Pierce County Public Works**  
**Solid Waste Division**  
www.piercecountywa.org/recycle  
(253) 798-2179

## Good to Know

### Milk and Juice Cartons

You can recycle milk and juice cartons. Please give them a quick rinse. Plastic spouts are fine, but toss the lid in the trash.

Aseptic packaging is NOT accepted. This means shelf-stable items like juice boxes, soy milk, soups and stocks.

### Shredded Paper

Put shredded paper in a paper bag and roll down the top before putting in your recycle cart.

### Glass

Glass is not collected curbside in Pierce County. Glass has very little market value and makes up a small percentage of our waste stream. Throw glass in the trash or take it to drop-off sites for recycling.

Find a site near you at [www.piercecountywa.org/glass](http://www.piercecountywa.org/glass)

### Contamination

Food residue is a contaminant that ruins the recyclability of materials. If you can't empty and rinse a container please don't put it in your recycle cart.

### Safety

Needles, sharps, ammunition and other dangerous materials turn up at sorting facilities every day. These are all safety hazards for employees and should never be put in recycling carts.

## Recycling Resources

### Electronics Recycling

[www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org)  
1-800-RECYCLE

### Household Hazardous Waste

[www.piercecountywa.org/hhw](http://www.piercecountywa.org/hhw)

Pierce County residents may bring household hazardous waste items like batteries, oil-based paint, fluorescent light bulbs and motor oil to:

#### Tacoma Household Hazardous Waste Facility

3510 S Mullen Street, Tacoma  
(253) 591-5418 • 8 am–6 pm, seven days a week

#### Hidden Valley Transfer Station

17925 Meridian Street E, Puyallup  
(253) 847-7555 • 8 am–noon & 1–5 pm, Tues & Thurs

## Plastics

### Recycle Plastics By Shape

Numbers on the bottom don't tell you if an item is recyclable. That's why we ask you to look at the shape. The types of plastic we collect have the best chance of being recycled into new products.

We accept:

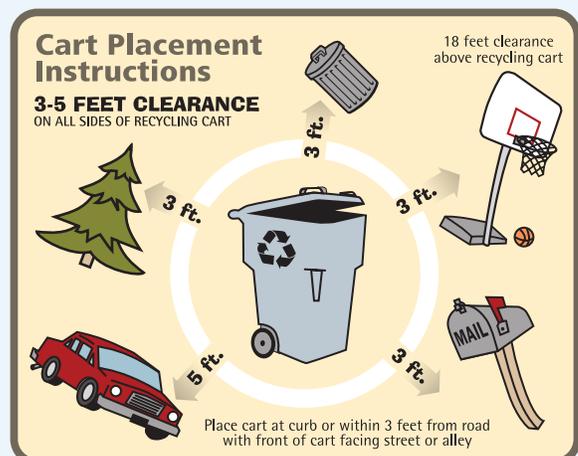
- Plastic bottles
- Plastic jars, tubs and buckets

### Plastic Items NOT Accepted:

- **Lids**  
Throw lids in the trash. Plastic lids and caps are too small to be sorted properly and don't get recycled.
- **Bags and Wrap**  
Grocery bags and plastic wrap get tangled in machinery at sorting facilities. Throw plastic wrap in the trash. Reuse plastic bags or take back to participating grocery stores for recycling.
- **Crinkly and Lightweight Plastic**  
Items like plastic drink cups, clamshell packaging for produce, and packaging around toys and electronics are not recyclable because they flatten during collection and processing and get sorted incorrectly as paper. Throw these items in the trash.

## What to do on recycling day

- Cart should be at the curb by 6 am
- All items must fit in cart with the lid closed
- Lid opening toward street—handle toward house
- See diagram below for cart distances
- Remove empty cart from curb as soon as possible



More recycling options:  
[www.piercecountywa.org/recycle](http://www.piercecountywa.org/recycle)