



Take Another Look...At What You Can Recycle

Every day, paper, plastics, glass and metal products that can be recycled are ending up in the garbage. We know you're busy, and it takes time to prepare items and carry recyclables to the Blue Recycling Container. But, your efforts help the environment in so many ways! Keep recycling. Preserve resources. Save landfill space and give products a new life!

Not sure about an item?
Please give us a call.

Allied Waste Services 425-646-2492
website: www.Rabanco.com/collection/Bellevue
City of Bellevue Utilities 425-452-6932

YES - Put These Items in the Blue Recycling Container



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, brochures, sticky notes, folders, receipts, gift wrap.
NO foil gift wrap, tissue or ribbon.



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



Paper egg cartons, drink boxes (rinse), ice cream cartons, paper containers.
NO lids or 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.



Shredded paper. Put in a clear or see-thru plastic bag, like a produce bag or clear plastic bag sold at hardware stores and Costco. Tie a knot to secure.
NO loose shredded paper.



Plastics. Ignore numbers on containers. Instead, look at the shape. Recycle all plastic bottles, jars, tubs and jugs. Rinse container and let dry, especially if it held soap or bleach. Discard containers that held toxic products, like pesticides or motor oil.
NO lids! No clear polystyrene takeout containers or plastic listed in garbage section of this poster.



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



Plastic 5-gallon buckets.
NO lids or metal handles.



Aluminum cans, clean foil, tin cans. Rinse. Labels and tin tops ok.



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



Clear and colored glass bottles and jars. Labels ok. Rinse.
NO lids or drinking glasses.

YES - Put These Items in the Grey Garbage Container - Please Bag Loose Items



Lids, caps, spray nozzles.



Clear polystyrene takeout containers, clam shells, cake domes, cups, meat trays, and other shapes.*



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



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



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



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



Tapes, CDs, plastic packaging.



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



Toiletry tubes and pumps, makeup, mirrors.



Ribbon, tissue, foil, clear wrap, bags with rope handles.



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



Plastic garbage bags, zip-type bags.



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



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



Diapers. Put in bag.



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

Do Not Put These Items in the Blue Recycling Cart

NO lids or caps.
NO containers that held toxics, such as motor oil or pesticides.
NO items listed in the Garbage section of this poster.

Recycling...

- Is Easy
- Saves Resources
- Saves Energy
- Saves Landfill Space
- Gives Products a New Life

Are Recycling Containers Full?

Please flatten all cardboard to make room in the Blue Recycling Container. Cardboard should be 3' X 3' or smaller when flattened. Put any excess recyclables in paper bags or boxes marked "Recycling" and place near the Blue Recycling Container.

Please Make Recycling Count!

Take a few minutes to prepare items properly for the Blue Recycling Container. If a load has too much contamination (food coating or items that can't be recycled), the whole batch may have to be disposed of as garbage. Your help is appreciated!

Help Reduce Global Climate Change.

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Did you know all of these actions help slow Global Climate Change? Reusing or recycling products takes less energy and produces less pollution than making new products from raw materials. Less energy means less greenhouse gas emissions. Preventing or reducing waste is even better. Also, remember to buy products with recycled content to complete the recycling loop.

Do Not Put These Items in the Grey Garbage Cart

NO liquids
NO wet paint, oil-based paint, oil, pesticides or other household hazardous waste.

Take these items to the Factoria Transfer Station (see other side of this poster for details).

NO button batteries, fluorescent lights, thermometers or thermostats with mercury.

It is against the law in Washington State to put products containing mercury in the garbage. Take these items to the Factoria Transfer Station (see other side of this poster for details).

NO TVs, computer equipment, cell phones or other electronic equipment.

It is against the law in Washington State to put electronic equipment in the garbage. See other side of this poster for information on small electronic equipment. Some electronic equipment may be collected at Bellevue's Special Collection Events. See details below.

Medical Needles or Sharps

Put medical needles or "sharps" 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 at 425-646-2492 for more information.

Special Collection Events

*Some of these items may be accepted at Special Collection Events, held by the City of Bellevue twice a year—one in summer; one in fall. Many hard to recycle items are accepted at these events. Fliers with details are mailed to every household prior to the event. Call Bellevue Utilities at 425-646-2492 for more information.

Also check "What Do I Do With" at King County Solid Waste's website: www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/wdidw/index.asp