



# Take Another Look...At What You Can Recycle

Many items that can be recycled are ending up in the landfill. So, take another look...and keep recycling. You're doing a great job! Preserve resources, save landfill space and give products a new life!

Not sure about an item? Need help with service? Please give us a call. Allied Waste Services 425-452-4762 website: www.Rabanco.com/collection/Bellevue City of Bellevue Utilities 425-452-6932

## YES - Put These Items in the Blue Recycling Cart



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. Rinse. Labels ok. **NO lids or drinking glasses.**

## YES - Put These Items in the Green Yard Debris Cart

### Yard Debris



Leaves, grass clippings, weeds, plant trimmings, house plants, flower bouquets, branches (less than 4" in diameter and 4' in length). Bundles of branches that don't fit in Yard Debris Cart can be set next to cart. Bundles must be less than 2' in diameter, 4' in length and tied with biodegradable string.

### Food-Contaminated Paper



Food-soiled cardboard (plastic or aluminum coating removed), paper food wrap, pizza boxes (grease on box ok), paper grocery bags containing food scraps.

### Food Scraps - All solid food leftovers



Coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, paper towels, plates and napkins.

Meat and fish scraps (including bones), table scraps.



Bread, pasta and grains, cheese and dairy scraps.



Eggshells, nutshells, fruit and vegetable scraps.

## Do Not Put These Items in the Blue Recycling Cart

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

### Make Recycling Count!

Please prepare items properly for the Blue Recycling Cart. 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. Take a few minutes to rinse and prepare items. Make your recycling count!

### Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.

Did you know that 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 virgin materials. Preventing or reducing waste is even better. Also, remember to buy products with recycled content to complete the recycling loop.

### Extra Recycling.

Put any excess recyclables in paper bags or boxes marked "Recycling" and place near the Blue Recycling Cart. There is no charge for extra recyclables.

## Do Not Put These Items in the Green Yard Debris Cart

**NO plastic bags, ashes, animal waste or pet litter, glass, foil, garbage, liquids, metals, plastics, rocks or styrofoam.**

### Recycle Food Scraps and Food-Soiled Paper With Yard Debris

Give food scraps a new life and save space in the landfill. Materials in the Green Yard Debris Cart get taken to Cedar Grove Compost and made into compost sold at garden stores. To ensure a safe product, Cedar Grove heats materials to over 130 degrees to destroy food bacteria, weed seeds and plant pathogens. For more information, visit [www.cedar-grove.com](http://www.cedar-grove.com)

### Close the Lid

Make sure the Yard Debris Cart lid can close so long limbs don't get caught on truck machinery.

### Did You Get a Food Scraps Bucket?

If not, call Allied Waste at 425-452-4762. Limited to one free bucket per household.



Line food waste bucket or other plastic container with paper bag, paper towels or special compostable approved food waste bags, such as BioBag. These bags are sold at Whole Foods or can be ordered from Cedar Grove Compost at [www.cedar-grove.com](http://www.cedar-grove.com).



Do not use plastic bags or paper yard debris bags. You can also put newspaper in the bottom of a brown paper bag, fill with food scraps and then put the bag in the garbage.

## Household Recycling - Put these Items Near (not in) the Blue Recycling Cart

Clean out your garage and storage areas and make a clean sweep of unwanted household items. Place these items NEAR (not in) your Blue Recycling Cart—they'll either go to a charitable organization or be recycled. For large, bulky items and household hazardous waste, see back of poster.

### Small Electronics Recycling

Small electronics must be less than 2' in any direction and less than 60 lbs. per item. Small electronics do not need to be bagged; however, if bagged, clearly mark the bag "Electronics." Place these small electronics NEAR (not in) the Blue Recycling Cart:



Computers, computer monitors and accessories, stereos and other audio equipment, printers, faxes, TVs (screens 21" or less), radios, cell phones.

### Small Appliances Recycling

Small appliances must be less than 2' in any direction and less than 35 lbs. per item. Place these small appliances in a securely closed plastic bag clearly marked "Appliances" NEAR (not in) the Blue Recycling Cart:



Coffee makers, toasters, toaster ovens, microwaves, blenders, food processors, hair dryers, curling irons, irons.

### Clothing and Linens Recycling

Items must be clean, dry, non-moldy and useable. No shoes with sharp heels, skates, slippers or mattresses. Place items in a securely closed plastic bag marked "Clothing" NEAR (not in) the Blue Recycling Cart:



Clothing, scarves, hats, belts, blankets and bedspreads, draperies and curtains, paired leather or canvas shoes (rubber band or tie together), purses, backpacks, totes, wallets, stuffed animals.

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



Lids, caps, spray nozzles.



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



Tapes, CDs, plastic packaging.



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



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



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



Plastic garbage bags, zip-type bags.



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.



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



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 Grey Garbage Cart

**NO TVs, computer equipment, cell phones (see Household Recycling). NO button batteries, fluorescent lights, thermometers or thermostats with mercury, wet paint or hazardous waste (see Household Hazardous Waste on back of poster). NO yard debris or liquids. Garbage with any of these items will not be collected.**

### 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 425-452-4762 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. Fliers with details are mailed to every household prior to the event. Call Bellevue Utilities at 425-452-6932 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](http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/wdidw/index.asp)