

# Single Cart Recycling Guide



Grays Harbor County's  
New Curbside Recycling Program

## Welcome to a new way to recycle

Curbside recycling is easier and more convenient with the new single-cart program.

Instead of sorting recyclables into three separate bins, you now will use a lightweight 96-gallon covered, wheeled, weather-proof cart that conveniently holds all recyclables, except glass. You can recycle glass at designated drop-off sites listed in this guide.



And for the first time ever, the curbside program will accept plastic bottles and paper milk-style cartons.

In this brochure you'll find tips about preparing recyclables, how to use the cart, changes in materials accepted at curbside, recycling alternatives and where to get more information.

## New cart makes recycling easy

- Wheels and a handle make the cart easy to move.
- No need to sort recyclables.
- One container means just one trip to the curb.
- Eliminate the need to set out mixed paper in a sack or stack cardboard under the bins to keep it from littering the neighborhood.
- Get more garage space and store the recycling cart outside—the snug lid keeps out rain, insects and prying eyes.

### Cart Placement Instructions

**3-5 FEET CLEARANCE**  
ON ALL SIDES OF RECYCLING CART



## What to do on recycling day

- Carts should be at the curb by 6 a.m. on recycling day.
- The cart handles must face the house; the lid opening must face the street.
- Put the cart at curbside or within 3 feet of the traveled portion of the road.
- The cart should be at least 3 feet away from basketball hoops, trees, mailboxes and other containers. Place the cart 5 feet from cars.
- Allow 18 feet of space above the cart too, so the automated robotic "arm" on the collection truck has room to grasp the cart and operate most effectively.
- Do not block mailboxes.
- Please remove the empty cart from the curb as soon as possible.

## All items must fit in cart

All recyclables must be in the cart to be collected. The automated trucks have a mechanical arm that picks up the cart, so items left outside the cart will not be collected.

Extra recyclables can be taken to the LeMay transfer station at 4201 Olympic Hwy in Aberdeen. For more information see the County's website: [www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle](http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle).

## Some paper cartons can be recycled

Paper milk-style cartons have been added to curbside recycling.

These cartons come in half-pint, pint, quart and half-gallon sizes for milk, cream, chocolate milk and orange juice. Recyclable paper cartons are those found in the refrigerated section of the grocery store.



**NO small juice boxes or pouches can be recycled.** These containers are made with a layer of foil that is difficult to separate during processing.

## Preparing recyclables is easy

Your help is needed to keep recycling clean and free of contamination. Please do not put garbage or food waste in the cart. Contaminates can cause entire loads of otherwise clean recyclables to end up as garbage.

- Recyclables should be clean, rinsed, dry and empty. (Milk sours and will leave odors in the cart. It also can contaminate the paper.)

- Labels can stay on.
- Plastic caps must come off. Throw them away.

Included in this brochure is a detailed chart of items that can and cannot be recycled.



Please follow recycling preparation instructions on cart.

## Plastic bottles now accepted —not caps

Good news! Plastic water and pop bottles, milk jugs and other plastic bottles are now accepted in the curbside recycling program.

**NO CAPS.** Please throw away the caps from these plastic bottles. They are made from different plastics and are not recyclable.

When putting plastic bottles in the recycling cart, be sure to "check for the neck." An acceptable plastic bottle must have an opening that's smaller than the base.

Plastics **NOT** accepted include:

- Plastic bags
- Butter tubs
- Yogurt-type containers
- Motor oil containers
- Plastic bottles that contained pesticides, herbicides or automotive fluids

By focusing on "necked" plastic bottles, Grays Harbor's program captures about 93 percent of the plastic bottles that can be recycled.



## No glass collected at curbside

Glass is no longer accepted at curbside because it often breaks in the cart. Glass shards mix with paper and other recyclables, which then damages processing equipment, lowers the value of the recycled paper, increases processing costs and poses a danger to workers at the sorting stations.

You can, however, take glass to any glass station in Grays Harbor County.

Please sort the glass by color as marked on the drop-off site containers. This ensures maximum recyclability for the recycled glass.

Glass items that cannot be accepted include: plate glass, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, ceramics or kitchen cookware.

You also can continue to take recyclable glass to the LeMay transfer station and the existing multi-material drop-off sites sponsored by cities or hauling companies.



*Glass drop-off sites are conveniently located throughout Grays Harbor County.*

### Glass Recycling Drop-Off Sites

#### City of Aberdeen

West Side Swansons  
Corner of Simpson & Division

#### City of Ocean Shores

Animal Impound Facility  
675 Minard Ave NW

#### City of Montesano

Park & Ride  
Behind Thriftway

#### City of McCleary

Simpson Lot/Bus Stop  
Corner Simpson & 6th

#### City of Cosmopolis

City Shop  
1800 1st St.

#### Pacific Beach

Sewage Treatment Plant  
3194 Ocean Beach Rd.

#### City of Aberdeen

South Side Swansons  
Corner of Curtis & Boone

#### City of Westport

City Street Shop  
Corner of 1st & Sprague

#### City of Elma

LeMay Recycle Center  
41 Marion Rd

#### City of Oakville

City Barn  
Corner of Alan & Pine

#### City of Hoquiam

Police Station  
Corner of 10th & Simpson

#### Central Park

LeMay Transfer Station  
4201 Olympic Hwy.

An updated list of all glass recycling drop-off sites can be found on Grays Harbor County's website, [www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle](http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle).

## Q & A

**Q:** What materials can be recycled in the new cart?

**A:** Newspaper, cardboard, cans, mixed paper, magazines, plastic bottles and paper milk-style cartons.

**Q:** Can I recycle small juice boxes and pouches?

**A:** No. The small boxes and pouches are made with a layer of foil that is difficult to separate during processing. Paper cartons that can be recycled are those found in the refrigerated section of the grocery store.

**Q:** Why is glass recycled separately?

**A:** Breakage during collection leaves glass shards in paper that damage processing equipment and pose a danger to sorting crews. This reduces the recyclability of recycled paper and increases processing and disposal costs.

**Q:** What should I do with recyclables that won't fit in the cart?

**A:** Items left outside the cart will not be collected. Recyclables also can be taken to the LeMay central transfer station. For a list of recycling locations, call your hauler or visit the Grays Harbor County Solid Waste Division's website, [www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle](http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle)

**Q:** Has my recycling pickup schedule changed?

**A:** The information packet delivered with your recycling cart contains your hauler's recycling pickup schedule. While haulers try to keep changes to a minimum, it may be necessary to reschedule some neighborhood collection days.

**Q:** What should I do with the three recycling bins from the current program?

**A:** You may keep the bins and reuse them as you wish. Unwanted bins can be turned in at the LeMay transfer station.

**Q:** Do I pay extra for the new cart?


**A:** Curbside recycling costs are included in your garbage service. Garbage and recycling together are usually cheaper than garbage service alone.

With the extra capacity of the 96-gallon cart, you might be able to recycle more and reduce the number or size of garbage cans you need—an extra savings on your bimonthly bill. Ask your hauler about smaller-size options.

**Q:** Where can I get more information about recycling?

**A:** Call your hauler, or go to the Grays Harbor County website: [www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle](http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle)

For more recycling information call your recycling hauler, Grays Harbor County's web site at [www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle](http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle) or call (360) 249-4222.

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## The 96-gallon cart makes recycling convenient

The standard 96-gallon cart is designed for convenience with wheels and a tight-fitting, waterproof lid that allows outdoor storage.

The 96-gallon cart offers a number of benefits:

- All recyclables can fit in the cart. Please note: Items left outside the cart will not be picked up.
- The cart can handle the additional cardboard and other recyclables you may have during the holidays.
- You don't have to set out the cart each recycling day if you haven't filled it.
- Residents with disabilities or physical limitations should contact your hauler to resolve cart set-out issues. Your hauler will work with you on a case by case basis.

If you have a particular problem transporting your cart because of long, steep driveways, or you have limited storage space, your hauler may be able to help you. Please call your hauler directly if you have these or other concerns.

## Questions?

If you have questions about your new cart or the updated curbside recycling program, please call your recycling hauler.

LeMay  
Enterprises, Inc.

(360) 533-1251 or  
(800) 345-1529

- \* Harbor Disposal
- \* Aberdeen Sanitation
- \* Elma Disposal
- \* EGH Disposal

Hometown  
Sanitation

(360) 533-7319

- \* City of Hoquiam

## Recycling is a cooperative effort

Along with the recycling haulers, Grays Harbor County Solid Waste and local cities and towns are committed to service that is responsive, fair, efficient and effective. And we continue to look for new ways to improve quality and cost effectiveness.

## Old recycling bins are yours to reuse



- Consider using your old stackable bins for glass recyclables, for easy transport to a glass drop-off site.
- Store a bin in the kitchen to collect recyclables, then carry the full bin outside and empty it into the cart.
- Clean bins make great storage for potatoes and onions, children's toys, extension cords, small tools, etc.
- Unwanted bins may be dropped off at the LeMay transfer station.  
4201 Olympic Hwy. Aberdeen

**GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY**  
**ONLINE RECYCLING INFORMATION**  
[www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle](http://www.co.grays-harbor.wa.us/recycle)

## Buy Recycled!

An important part of recycling happens when you shop. Recycling is a continuous loop that only works if the recyclable materials collected are made into new products and purchased again. Buying products made from recycled materials supports the markets that make it possible to continue recycling.

What can you buy that is recycled? Plenty! When shopping, be sure to look for recycled paper products such as tissues, paper towels, greeting cards, writing and computer paper. You can also find recycled motor oil, coats, carpet, and decking made from recycled plastic, and even kitty litter made from recycled newspaper!

Remember to look for the recycle symbol ♻️ when you shop.

## Stop Junk Mail

Tired of having your mailbox filled with unsolicited mail, including pre-approved credit card applications? Use the simple steps below to have your name taken of some of the major junk mail lists.

### GENERAL JUNK MAIL REMOVAL:

Direct Marketing Association(DMA) Mail Preference service, PO Box 643, Carmel, NY 10512. Write "Please activate the mail preference service." Include your name, address, zip code and signature. Or register online:

[www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html](http://www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html)

For credit card offer removal call 1-888-5-OPTOUT (567-8688).

## Take Toxins to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Products with "Caution," "Warning" or "Danger" on the labels might be hazardous. Take these household wastes to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, located at LeMays transfer station in Central Park. (4201 Olympic Hwy.).

Disposal of household waste is free of charge for all Grays Harbor County residents. There is a 15 gallon limit per week and a \$5 charge on all propane tanks. Businesses must call for an appointment.

Materials accepted include paints, thinners, strippers, solvents, fuels and many other types of liquid type wastes found in the garage or workshop. Most all types of garden chemicals, herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, fertilizers, and almost any other type of chemically based product found in the greenhouse. Most all automotive products including oil, anti-freeze, brake fluid, grease, de-greaser, polishes, waxes, cleaners. And also the items in the bathroom and under the sink including cleaners, drain openers, furniture polish, acids, etc.

We can also accept unknown chemicals and have the means to run tests to identify them for proper disposal.

We do not accept medical waste, asbestos, ammunition or explosives, radioactive waste or empty cans.



The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open to the public every Wednesday and the 1st Saturday of each month from 9:00am - 3:30pm

For more information contact the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at:

**(360) 538-7080**

## Online exchange gives stuff new life

Visit the 2good2toss.com website to post and browse for items that still have life left in them. Appliances, furniture, electronics, carpet, windows and more are exchanged through the site.

Listings are free, and all items must be offered for \$99 or less.



2good2toss.com is sponsored by Grays Harbor County Solid Waste, the Washington State Department of Ecology and i-WasteNot Systems.

**2GOOD2Toss.COM**

# What goes in my new recycling cart?

**Yes**

Put these items in your recycling cart.



Milk jugs



Plastic bottles  
(necks smaller than base)



Paper milk-style cartons



Phone books



Shredded paper



Mail, magazines, mixed  
paper and catalogs



Metal cans



Aluminum cans



Newspaper & inserts



Paper bags



Cereal boxes



Cardboard



Paper or frozen food boxes

**No**

DO NOT put these items in your recycling cart.



Glass



Ceramics



Styrofoam peanuts



Glassware



Batteries



Aerosol cans



Toxic product  
containers



Plastic tubs



Plastic lids



Foil



Plastic bags



Light bulbs



Chip bags



Plastic cups



Styrofoam containers



Frozen food bags



Pill bottles



Juice boxes



Metal hangers



Food-contaminated  
paper plates and  
napkins