

Top 5 Items Wanted in Recycle, Compost & Garbage

Complete sorting information at: Seattle.gov/utilities/WhereDoesItGo
WHEN IN DOUBT, FIND OUT.



Recycle

- 1 Paper
- 2 Cardboard - **flattened**
- 3 Plastic bottles & containers
- 4 Metal cans
- 5 Glass bottles & jars

MUST be **EMPTY, CLEAN & DRY**



Compost

- 1 Food scraps
- 2 Pizza boxes, napkins & paper towels
- 3 Compostable bags
- 4 Compostable food packaging
- 5 Yard waste & plants



Garbage

- 1 Plastic bags, wraps & wrappers
- 2 Bubble envelopes & mailers
- 3 Styrofoam & food foam trays
- 4 Diapers & pet waste - **bagged**
- 5 Hygiene products & personal protective equipment



Items that need special disposal

- 1 Furniture
- 2 Electronics
- 3 Batteries & fluorescent light bulbs
- 4 Medicines & syringes
- 5 Cooking oil & motor oil

LightRecycle.org

MedicineReturn.org

Hazwastehelp.org

EcycleWashington.org

Property manager or builder owner schedule at Seattle.gov/SpecialItems

Place up to two one-gallon jugs next to recycle containers

For service requests and collection reports call (206) 684-3000.
For help improving recycle and compost, call (206) 684-8717.

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To learn more visit:
Seattle.gov/utilities/MultiFamilyResidents



Composting Your Food Scraps is Important

It's good for the environment, it's easy, and it's the law!

- When food waste goes to the landfill, it produces methane — a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming.
- In Seattle, we collect food waste to make compost — a nutrient-rich soil used in local parks and gardens. Composting helps reduce the negative environmental impacts of food waste.

FOLLOW THESE THREE EASY STEPS

1
Use **ANY** reusable container to collect food scraps



SPU provided food scraps container



ANY container you have handy at home

2
Place food scraps into the compost cart at your building



3
Wash your food scraps container & use it again!



Keep Plastic and Pet Waste Out of the Compost!

Need More Help?

- Ask your property manager for a food scraps container, they can request them by calling **(206) 684-8717** or emailing **AskEvelyn@seattle.gov**
- Compostable bags may make it easier to collect food scraps. Make sure they are clearly labeled with the word **COMPOSTABLE**
- If your building doesn't have a compost cart, ask your property manager about it. You can request help at **bit.ly/requestbins**



How to Reduce Odors

- Take out your food scraps every couple of days
- Put a lid on the container
- Sprinkle baking soda on top of food scraps
- Store compost container in fridge or freezer