

LOW WASTE MOVING GUIDE

Use these tips to help reduce, reuse, recycle, and safely dispose of waste during your move.



Getting rid of stuff?



Bulky garbage

- Mattresses
 - Furniture
- ✓ Contact your garbage hauler to pick up any items that do not fit into your regular garbage container with the lid shut.
 - ✓ Dispose at the WARC or drop-box facilities for a fee.



Recycling: curbside or drop-off

- Paper
 - Corrugated cardboard
 - Aluminum & tin cans
 - Plastic bottles, jugs, jars, dairy tubs, & buckets
 - Glass bottles & jars (*City of Olympia = drop-off only*)
- ✓ You can recycle these through your curbside recycling program.
 - ✓ Bring them to a Thurston County drop-off facility.
 - ✓ For larger quantities, contact your recycling service provider to ask about special pick-up options.
 - ✓ When in doubt, throw it out or check the Where Do I Take My directory at ThurstonSolidWaste.org.



Recycling: drop-off only

- Electronics
 - Computer peripherals
 - Styrofoam blocks
 - Plastic bags & plastic wrap
- ✓ Visit ecyclewashington.org for drop-off sites for select electronics.
 - ✓ Check the Where Do I Take My directory at ThurstonSolidWaste.org for a list of places that accept materials for reuse or recycling.
 - ✓ Styrofoam blocks can be recycled at the WARC or Dart Container Corporation in Tumwater for free. Foam peanuts are not accepted.
 - ✓ Bags: Visit PlasticFilmRecycling.org for participating grocery, big-box, or home improvement stores. Do **not** put in curbside recycling.



Donate or sell

- Clothes & shoes
 - Books
 - Kitchenware
 - Furniture
 - Food
- ✓ Donate items to charity or a secondhand store. Some will pick up from your home. Clothing and book donation bins are located at all Solid Waste facilities.
 - ✓ Sell at a garage sale, consignment store, or online.
 - ✓ Give to friends or neighbors.
 - ✓ Share non-perishable foods with the Thurston County Food Bank.



Hazardous waste? Take it to HazoHouse!

- Automotive products
- Batteries (non-alkaline)
- Cleaners
- Lawn & garden chemicals
- Mercury-containing items
- Oil-based paints, stains, thinners

These materials are accepted from Thurston County residents for free at HazoHouse in Lacey.

Keep products in their original containers when possible. Do not mix chemicals.

Packing up

Use reusable or recyclable packing materials

- Pack boxes with reusable or recyclable padding like towels, blankets, cloth napkins, clothing, newspaper, or reusable bags.
- If you use packing peanuts, choose a starch-based option that breaks down in water.

Reuse crates or boxes

- Use reusable crates instead of cardboard boxes. If using a moving company, check to see if they have crates you can borrow for your move.
- Get used boxes from friends, grocery or retail stores, materials exchange websites, or moving companies.



Moving in

Rid your new home of potential toxins

- The Healthy Homes Program provides free and confidential guidance and education to residents in Thurston County.
- Trained staff help address areas of concern like mold, exposure to toxics, asthma triggers, indoor air pollution, lead, and other health risks.
- For assistance, contact (360) 867-2674; TDD 711 or 1-800-833-6388; HealthyHomes@co.thurston.wa.us.



Set up recycling

- If you live in a single-family home, contact your garbage and recycling hauler to find out how recycling service works in your new area.
- If you live in an apartment building, condo, or other rental, ask your property manager where the recycling bins are located.
- Place recycling bins alongside garbage bins.

Dispose of packing supplies

- Ask packing and shipping stores if they will reuse your packing materials. Give away boxes by posting them online or giving them to a friend.
- Can't find a reuse for your boxes? Flatten and recycle!



Choose secondhand homegoods

- Visit local reuse stores or look online for used household goods and furniture.

Thurston County drop-off facilities

Waste and Recovery Center (WARC)*

2420 Hogum Bay Rd NE in Lacey, Washington
Mon.–Fri. 7 a.m.–4:45 p.m.
Sat. & Sun. 8 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

Rochester Drop-Box Facility*

16500 Sargent Road, Rochester, Washington
Tues., Sat., Sun. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

Rainier Drop-Box Facility*

13010 Rainier Acres Road, Rainier, Washington
Fri., Sat., Sun. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

HazoHouse at the WARC*

2420 Hogum Bay Rd NE in Lacey, Washington
Daily 8 a.m.–4:45 p.m.

*Closed New Year's Day, July 4, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

Mailing Address:

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