

Multifamily property manager guide

Help your residents recycle easily and properly.

Thurston County offers on-site assistance as well as print and electronic resources.

Tips for a successful recycling program

✓ Provide guides to every resident.

Share recycling guides during the move-in process and provide special moving guides as necessary. Visit ThurstonSolidWaste.org to request guides.

✓ Label each bin.

Bin labels and waste station signs are available by request. Labels should be large enough to read from a distance and mark every side from which the bins might be approached.

✓ Keep recyclables loose. No plastic bags or plastic wrap.

Educate residents to not bag their recyclables. Even paper bags must be empty. Contaminated loads may not get picked up.

✓ Pair recycling bins with garbage bins.

Remember to include a recycling bin in the office, mailroom, and other common spaces.



✓ Don't forget glass!

Call your hauler to request special bins for glass at no extra cost.

✓ Sign up for food & yard waste collection.

This program accepts veggie scraps, meat scraps, bones, food-soiled paper towels, leaves, and grass clippings. Contact your hauler for options and fees.

✓ Build recycling into your lease.

Include an addendum for residents to acknowledge receipt of recycling information and an understanding of your property's program.



Keep your costs down

Mixed and glass recycling is available for your property – you already pay for it. You could lower your garbage costs and save money! Need bins? Contact your waste hauler.

View the minimum service level ordinance:

Visit ThurstonSolidWaste.org and select About Solid Waste from the drop-down menu.

Available resources

Call (360) 867-2491 or visit ThurstonSolidWaste.org to request resources from Thurston County.

Printed recycling guides

These guides outline which materials are accepted for recycling or food and yard waste, and how they must be prepared.

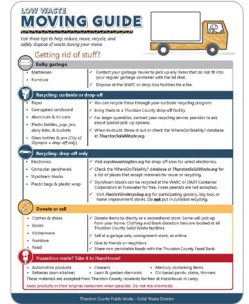
Distribute a guide to every new resident during the move-in process and keep extras available for residents with questions.



Moving guide

Help residents manage common wastes before and after their move.

Provide a guide to each resident as soon as you learn they will be moving.



Where Do I Take My online directory

Not sure if something is recyclable? Search the Where Do I Take My online directory at WhereDoITakeMy.org. Results also include drop-off locations for materials not accepted in curbside bins.

Bin labels & signs

Reduce contamination by clearly labeling each bin.

Labels & signs are available for:

- Mixed recycling
- Cardboard
- Glass
- Food & yard waste
- Garbage



Site visits

Thurston County Public Works is ready to offer advice and help troubleshoot issues at your property.

HazoHouse

Residents can drop off household hazardous wastes for free. Common items include cleaners, oil-based paints, aerosols, automotive fluids, fluorescent light bulbs, and non-alkaline batteries. Fees apply for businesses.

Call (360) 867-2491 or visit ThurstonSolidWaste.org for details.

Bulky item collection

Improperly disposed bulky items can be dangerous to residents. Call your garbage hauler to schedule a pickup for things that don't fit in the garbage container.

Residents can also search the Where Do I Take My directory for landfill alternatives.



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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9605 Tilley Road S
Olympia, WA 98512



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