

# 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](http://ThurstonSolidWaste.org).



### Recycling: drop-off only

- Electronics
  - Computer peripherals
  - Styrofoam blocks
  - Plastic bags & plastic wrap
- ✓ Visit [ecyclewashington.org](http://ecyclewashington.org) for drop-off sites for select electronics.
  - ✓ Check the Where Do I Take My directory at [ThurstonSolidWaste.org](http://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](http://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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