

# Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station



**King County**  
Department of  
Natural Resources and Parks  
Solid Waste Division

## Recycling Guide



**Location** – 18900 Westside Hwy. SW, Vashon 98070

**Hours** – Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat & Sun: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., **Closed:** Tues & Thurs

## Improved, expanded recycling services

Ask a staff member if you need help

### Compactors

Place cardboard, paper, bottles, cans, and other containers together in compactors.

**Look inside for information about what recyclable materials are accepted in compactors.**

- To decrease trips from Vashon to the Seattle recycling facility, two recycling compactors were set up in August 2015.
- Volume of materials hauled on each truck load is greater. Benefits include reduced carbon emissions and decreased costs per ton.

### Mercury-containing light bulbs and tubes: No fees!



### Yard and food waste

- **Fees apply.** Check in at scale house. Fees for yard and food waste are lower than the garbage fees.
- **Yard waste** includes: Branches, brush, grass clippings, leaves, twigs, weeds
- **Food waste** includes: Fruit and vegetable scraps, breads, pastas, bones, fish, meat, poultry, dairy products, egg shells, coffee grounds and paper coffee filters, tea bags
- These materials will **NOT** be accepted with yard and food waste: Glass, metal, plastic, compostable utensils, or food-soiled paper such as pizza boxes, take-out containers, paper napkins, towels or plates.
- **Waste prevention** is best. For tips on how to reduce food waste, visit King County's **Food: Too Good to Waste** website – [your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wasteprevention/too-good-to-waste.asp](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/wasteprevention/too-good-to-waste.asp)



For more information, call King County Solid Waste Division at 206-477-4466 or visit [your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/vashon](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/vashon)

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# RECYCLE at Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station

**Place all these materials together in blue compactors**

**Materials must be clean (no food), dry, and empty (no liquids)**

Remove recyclables from bags and boxes.

**NO** plastic bags, except for clear plastic bags used to securely tie shredded paper.



**These materials are collected in separate containers or areas.  
Look for signs near each container or area.**

## Major appliances



Fees apply. Check in at scale house.

## Mercury-containing light bulbs and tubes



CFLs, fluorescent tubes up to 8 feet in length, HID bulbs  
Limit: 10 bulbs/tubes per person per day

## Scrap metal



Materials with **50 percent** or more metal

## Textiles



Clothing, shoes, linens  
Torn, worn, stained textiles accepted.

## Yard and food waste



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# NOT ACCEPTED

When in doubt, call King County Solid Waste Division at 206-477-4466

## Types of paper NOT accepted for recycling



Paper plates, paper napkins,  
paper towels

Pizza boxes and other  
food soiled paper



Wax or plastic-coated cardboard grocery boxes

## Types of glass NOT accepted for recycling



Ceramics and glassware



Incandescent  
light bulbs



Windows and mirrors

## Types of metal NOT accepted for recycling



Aerosol cans



Foil, foil trays, foil paper



Hangers



Paint cans



Sharp objects



Small appliances

## Types of plastic NOT accepted for recycling



Bubble wrap



Foam



Packing peanuts



Plastic air pillows



Styrofoam blocks



Foam containers and cups



Plastic utensils



Prescription  
bottles/vials



Plastic bags, baggies, and produce bags



Small caps, lids  
(less than 3")



Toxic product  
containers

# Other recycling and reuse resources

## for Vashon Island



### Curbside recycling

If you are new to Vashon Island or to recycling, sign up for curbside collection service by contacting Waste Connections at 1-888-806-7048. For more information, visit [www.murreysdisposal.com](http://www.murreysdisposal.com).

### Electronics

Recycle monitors, computers, and televisions at no charge. For drop-off locations or more information, visit [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org) or call 1-800-RECYCLE.

### Household hazardous wastes

These are products such as paint thinner and pesticides that contain toxic, flammable, reactive, or corrosive ingredients. Most of these items can be taken to the Household Hazardous Wastemobile or to an off-island household hazardous waste collection site. For a list of locations and information about restrictions, visit [www.lhwmp.org](http://www.lhwmp.org) or call the Household Hazards Line at 206-296-4692, Mon. - Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Vashon FreeCycle

Find new homes for things you no longer use. Look for items that you need. Visit [groups.yahoo.com/group/vashonfreecycle](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/vashonfreecycle).

### Vashon residential recycling collection event

At this annual event provided by King County, drop off recyclable materials that are not collected curbside. For information, including details about what is accepted, visit [your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/events.asp](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/events.asp).

### Vashon Tool Library

Join this volunteer-run organization to save money and conserve resources. Borrow tools from specialty saws to electric mowers and much more. Visit [vashontools.org](http://vashontools.org).

### What do I do with...?

From packing peanuts to paint, this King County website directory contains listings of businesses and organizations that accept unwanted items for reuse, recycling, or proper disposal. Visit [www.kingcounty.gov/WhatDoIDoWith](http://www.kingcounty.gov/WhatDoIDoWith).

### Zero Waste Vashon (Z WV)

Z WV is a group of Vashon Island residents working in partnership with King County to make Vashon Island a model green community by finding practical ways to recycle the island's waste stream into useful products. Visit [zerowastevashon.org](http://zerowastevashon.org).



## Vashon businesses and organizations

King County provides this list as a courtesy to the public and does not endorse or guarantee the quality of the services provided. Call these listings to obtain the most current information.

Items accepted	Name	Address	Telephone	Notes
Batteries, used motor oil	Vashon Ace Service Center	9715 SW 174th	463-4019	All used batteries (AAA, button, car batteries), uncontaminated used motor oil (up to 5 gallons per day)
Books	Vashon Library	17210 Vashon Hwy SW	463-2069	Gently used condition only
Clothing, household items	Granny's Attic	17707 SW 100th Ave. SW	463-3161	Gently used condition only
Plastics bags	IGA Market fresh	17639 100th Ave. SW	463-9725	Only dry, empty retail plastic bags; see container in store

### This information is subject to change.

For updates, please contact King County Solid Waste Division: [www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste](http://www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste) 206-477-4466, TTY Relay: 711 Alternate formats available.

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