

# Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle

**Reduce waste first**—keep an eye out for excessive packaging, bring an extra shopping bag to the store, or rent or borrow equipment that is needed only once.

**Reuse**—find a new home for unwanted items. Consider buying previously used items. Check the local “yellow pages” for stores nearest you.

**Recycle**—paper, bottles, cans, newspaper, and cardboard. Details are included on the inside of this brochure.

When you reduce, reuse, and/or recycle, you are helping to keep valuable resources from going into the landfill, giving them a chance for a longer life.

## Check it Out!

Whatcom County's website provides useful information on recycling and reuse: [www.co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/solidwaste](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/publicworks/solidwaste)

**Questions?** Call the Recycling Hotline  
**360-676-5723**

# Hazardous Household Products

Products with the words “Danger,” “Warning,” or “Caution” on the label warn of potential hazards to you, children, pets, and the environment. Follow directions carefully. Handle these products with care and dispose of them properly at:

## Disposal of Toxics

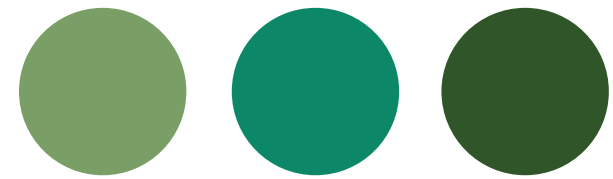
**3505 Airport Drive, Bellingham**  
**(one block west of the airport entrance)**  
**360-380-4640**

**Open Monday — Friday 9 am-4 pm**  
**First Saturday of every month 9 am-4 pm**



## Whatcom County Public Works Solid Waste Division

322 N. Commercial, Suite #220  
Bellingham, WA 98225  
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# Recycling in Your Apartment Community



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# RECYCLE THIS!

## Paper

### YES!

- ✓ Old mail, including junk mail
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ School or work papers
- ✓ Cereal and cracker boxes
- ✓ Paper towel and toilet paper tubes
- ✓ Gift wrap and cards
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Color paper
- ✓ Canned food labels

- NO:** Wax paper  
Soiled paper  
Pizza boxes  
Milk or freezer cartons  
Tissue or foil wrapping paper

## Newspapers

### YES!

- ✓ All newspapers
- ✓ All advertising inserts



**For information on recycling or reuse alternatives, call the Recycling Hotline at 360-676-5723.**

## Cans & Bottles

### YES!

- ✓ Aluminum cans—flatten
- ✓ Glass bottles
- ✓ Tin cans—rinse and remove label
- ✓ Tubs (yogurt, dairy, salsa, etc.)
- ✓ Plastic lids (remove from container)
- ✓ Plastic bottles

- NO:** Six-pack holders  
Plastic bags  
Metal lids or caps  
"Clamshell" containers



*No hazardous product containers!*

## Cardboard

### YES!

- ✓ Corrugated cardboard—flatten and place in recycling area

- NO:** Waxed boxes  
Pizza boxes  
Packing peanuts

## Other

**Motorcycle/car batteries**—set next to toters (should have no cracks).

**Motor oil**—up to one gallon at a time in a sealed and labeled plastic jug (do NOT use bleach bottles).

**Scrap metal**—place metal pieces in a box. Pieces should be smaller than 24 inches long and weigh less than 30 pounds.

- NO:** Furniture  
Appliances  
Packaging materials



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