

New to the County? Crash Course in Local Residential Recycling

Whatcom County grew by 1.6% last year. That's approximately 2800 new people who may not be wholly familiar with Whatcom County's recycling systems. Following is a quick review of recycling requirements by each of the four haulers servicing our county.

	RED BIN	WHITE BIN	BLUE BIN
Nooksack Valley Disposal * 360-354-3400	Newspaper with inserts and ads: Place flat in bottom of bin. Scrap paper: Junk mail, magazines, catalogs; keep separate from newspaper inside of <u>paper</u> grocery sack (no plastic bags) and place on top of newspaper.	Aluminum and Tin cans: Rinse and remove labels. No aerosol cans.	Glass bottles and jars: All colors. Remove lids, rinse. Do not break glass.
Cando Recycling & Disposal 360-945-2636	Newspaper: Newsprint, Inserts, Ads	Mixed Paper Only: Old mail, magazines, catalogues, envelopes, stationery, labels, cartons, bags, computer, fax, copy & note paper; shoe & cereal boxes	<u>Glass bottles & jars:</u> All colors; labels okay; remove caps; rinse bottles and jars; Place loose in bin. <u>Aluminum Cans, Tin Cans & Foil:</u> Remove paper labels; rinse cans, flatten. <u>Plastic Containers:</u> Bottles, jugs, caps & rings, cups, tubs, pails, buckets & lids. Please remove metal handles and flatten.
Sanitary Service Company (SSC) 360-734-3490 Blaine Bay Refuse 360-332-5443 (Now owned by SSC)	Newspaper: Clean newsprint, inserts, ads. (No plastic delivery bags or rubber bands).	Mixed Paper: Old mail, magazines, catalogs, envelopes, stationery, labels, cartons, paper bags; computer, fax, copy & note paper; shoe & cereal boxes (discard liners and flatten).	Cans, Glass & Plastic Containers: <u>Glass Bottles and Jars:</u> All colors. Labels & caps OK. Remove caps. Place loose in bin or Toter™. Avoid breaking glass. Bottles must be removed from 6-pak and 1/2 case boxes, etc. and placed loose in bin. <u>Aluminum Cans, Tin Cans and Foil:</u> Remove tin can labels and recycle them with scrap paper. <u>Plastic Containers:</u> Bottles, Jugs, Caps & Rings, Cups, Jars, Tub, Pails, Buckets & Lids (max. bucket size - 1 gal. with metal handles removed). All colors & numbers. Labels OK. Remove lids & caps. Recycle loose or nested together. Please rinse all containers clean and flatten plastic, aluminum and tin containers!
Not Recyclable at Curbside No tissue paper, paper towels, napkins, carbon paper. No wax, plastic, or foil coated containers. No styrofoam. No hazardous waste containers, or auto fluid containers. No Pyrex, mirrors, window glass, glassware, light bulbs, plate glass.	Other Recyclables at Curbside Car Batteries , if not leaking. Set alongside recycling bins. Motor oil must be sealed in 1 gallon screw top container. No anti-freeze. Cardboard should be flattened and placed next to bins or under bins. Bundle w/tape or string for Nooksack. Scrap metal , stripped of plastic or rubber parts. Must be less than 23" x 24" and less than 36 lbs. <u>*Plastic Bottles – Nooksack Valley:</u> Any color, with necks only. Rinse, flatten, and place in your own reusable container (not to exceed 32-gallons).		

Toxics and Fluorescent Bulbs

Take to the Disposal of Toxics facility: 3505 Airport Drive. 360-380-4640

CURBSIDE YARDWASTE PICKUP

Every other week pickup of grass clippings, etc. now available in Bellingham, Ferndale, Blaine and Birch Bay. Weekly, as well as every other week pickup available in Lynden, Everson, Nooksack and Sumas. Service includes a Toter that varies in size from 60 to 68 gallons, depending on provider. Call individual companies for details.	Service Provider	Service Area Covered
	Sanitary Service Co. 360-734-3490	Bellingham & urban growth area; Ferndale; Birch Bay
	Blaine Bay Refuse 360-332-5443	Blaine; Birch Bay
	City Organics 360-671-YARD	Bellingham
	Nooksack Valley Disposal 360-354-3400	Lynden; Everson; Nooksack; Sumas