

RECYCLE RIGHT MOVING GUIDE

Moving can create a lot of waste. Dispose of unwanted items the right way by following these steps.

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Sell or donate items that are in good condition.

Visit cityoftacoma.org/wastefree253 for a list of places to sell or donate your items.

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Visit the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center at 3510 S. Mullen St.

Drop off items that can't be sold or donated, including clothes, small appliances, boxes and packing material, large bulky items, and household hazardous waste. Visit cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste or call 253-502-2100 for more information.

Drop off Electronic Waste at an E-cycle location

Visit RecycleWashington.org or call 1-800-RECYCLE for a list of eligible items and to find a E-cycle location near you. Do NOT dispose of e-waste in the trash or recycle bin.



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Schedule a pick-up with Call-2-Haul

Up to 3 large items and 15 boxes or bags of small items of garbage can be collected per pickup. Visit cityoftacoma.org/call2haul for a list of accepted items and fees or call (253) 573-2468.

Flip the page to find out how to get rid of common household items when moving. 

8 ITEMS THAT CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE TACOMA RECOVERY & TRANSFER CENTER

Moving or getting rid of stuff? The Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center at 3510 S. Mullen St. is a one stop drop-off for a variety of household items. Find hours at cityoftacoma.org/solidwaste.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Drop off items for free. View a full list of accepted items and guidelines at cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste.

OIL-BASED PAINT



Oil-based paints are flammable and cannot be recycled or thrown in the trash. Latex or water-based paints can be donated or dried and thrown away.

HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS



Some household cleaners can release toxic gases in certain circumstances, and require professional disposal. Call (253) 591-5418 if you have unknown cleaners in your possession. Find alternative green cleaner recipes at cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse.

FLUORESCENT BULBS & TUBES



Fluorescent bulbs and tubes contain mercury vapors, and should not be broken or thrown in the trash.

TACOMA RECYCLE CENTER

Drop off recyclables for free. View a full list of accepted items at tacomarecycles.org.

CLOTHING



Clothing can be dropped off in the Northwest Center clothing bin. Clothing in great condition will be donated, while ripped and stained clothing will be recycled.

MICROWAVE



Metal household appliances that do not contain chemicals or Freon, like microwaves and ovens, can be recycled in the scrap metal bin.

MOVING BOXES & PACKAGING MATERIAL



Large moving boxes can be recycled in the cardboard bin. Packing materials, like plastic film, Styrofoam and bubble wrap, can be recycled in the Styrofoam and plastic film bins.

SELF-HAUL GARBAGE

Learn about self-haul garbage guidelines at cityoftacoma.org/garbage. View rates at cityoftacoma.org/SWMrates.

MATTRESSES



Drop off your mattress for a fee at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center, or you can recycle your mattress with NW Furniture Bank for a fee. Learn more at nwfurniturebank.org/mattress-recycling.

AC UNIT



Household appliances, like air conditioning units and refrigerators, contain Freon that can leak and pose health and environmental hazards. These must be dropped off at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center to be professionally disposed of.



Recycle bins full? Drop off bulky recyclables such as shipping boxes at the Tacoma Recycle Center year round.