

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The following lists are the most common items accepted and not accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility. If you have a question about a specific item, please call TacomaFIRST 311 or (253) 591-5418. When visiting the facility, customers must drive-up. No walk-up or self-service is allowed.

YES

- Acids and caustics
- Antifreeze
- Automotive products
- Automotive batteries (lead acid only)
- Flammable liquids
- Fluorescent bulbs and tubes
- Gasoline and fuel
- Glues
- Household cleaners
- Hypodermic needles and syringes (sealed in a rigid container)
- Insecticides
- Mercury thermometers/thermostats
- Oil-based paints
- Pool chemicals
- Solvents



NO

- Containers larger than 5 gallons
- Ammunition and explosives
- Asbestos
- Commercial/business hazardous waste
- Contaminated soil
- Latex paint (water-based)
- Water-based stain
- Medical waste



DONATION AND REUSE OPTIONS



In order to reduce our shared environmental impact, the City of Tacoma's goal is to divert 70% of our community's solid waste from landfills by 2028. Items in good working condition can often be donated to a local organization for resale right here in Tacoma.

Or, repurpose, refurbish, repair, or reimagine items that you already have!

A full list of donation sites and organizations is available at:

WasteFree253.org

City of Tacoma

Recycle Center and Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Customer Guide



Tacoma Recovery and Transfer Center
 3510 S Mullen Street Tacoma, WA 98409
 (253) 502-2100
tacomarecycles.org
cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste

PAPER

YES

- Corrugated cardboard (flattened)
- Paperboard (like cereal boxes)
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspaper and newspaper inserts
- Brown paper bags
- Mixed paper
- Phone books
- Paper egg cartons
- Shredded paper (in a paper bag)
- Mail and junk mail (window envelopes OK)



NO

- Dirty, wet, or contaminated items
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Books (hardcover or paperback)
- Three ring binders
- Wrapping paper and gift wrap

PLASTICS

YES



- Bottles and jars
- Tubs and jugs
- Clamshell-style containers
- Clean plastic cups
- Snap and screw-on lids
- Plastic bags
- Bubble wrap
- Overwrap packaging
- Clean food trays
- Storage tubs
- Clothing hangers



NO

- Dirty or contaminated items
- Plastic food wrap
- Chip bags or "crinkly" plastic
- Styrofoam food containers
- Empty medicine bottles
- Oil or chemical containers (bring to Household Hazardous Waste facility)

METAL

YES

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Scrap metal
- Aluminum and tin cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Metal screw-on lids
- Microwaves
- Most appliances (No refrigerators - Bring Freon-containing appliances to the Recovery & Transfer Building - disposal fees apply.)



NO

- Aluminum foil
- Paint cans
- Propane tanks
- Gas cans
- Computers
- Fluids, chemicals, or gas (bring to Household Hazardous Waste facility)

GLASS

YES

- Empty glass bottles and jars (all colors accepted)



NO

- Lids or corks (recycle separately)
- Ceramics or dishes
- Plate glass
- Cookware
- Light bulbs (bring to Household Hazardous Waste facility)

Glass can also be recycled at several drop-off locations around Tacoma. For more information visit: tacomarecycles.org or call (253) 502-2100.

OTHER

YES

- Styrofoam blocks
- FDS and LDPE foam blocks
- Used motor oil (up to 5 gallons)
- Broken holiday lights
- Electronic cords
- Batteries (alkaline, Ni-Cad, Li-Ion)
- Cell phones and chargers
- Printer and toner cartridges



Looking for something else?
Visit tacomarecycles.org to search for thousands more items using **Recycle Coach**.