### 2013 Resource Guide

#### General Information
- **How to sort your waste:** 
  - Landscaping waste is sorted separately from yard waste. 
  - Surplus yard waste is collected once every 2 weeks.
- **How to contact the Solid Waste Management Office:**
  - Call (253) 591-5543
  - Email SWinfo@cityoftacoma.org
  - Visit www.cityoftacoma.org/recycle
  - Follow us on Facebook: Tacoma Recycles

#### Surplus Yard Waste
- **How to dispose of your surplus yard waste:**
  - Please call (253) 591‑5543 to schedule your collection.
  - Surplus yard waste is collected twice a month on the last Tuesday and third Saturday of the month.
  - Surplus yard waste is collected in the brown yard waste container.

#### Recycling
- **How to sort your recyclables:**
  - Cardboard and paper products:
    - Cardboard:
      - Unfolds
      - Unfolded
    - Paper:
      - Folds
      - Folded
    - Magazines:
      - Unfolded
    - Books:
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  - Plastic:
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  - Glass:
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#### Solid Waste Management
- **What to recycle:**
  - Cardboard
  - Paper
  - Plastic
  - Glass
  - Ferrous metal
  - Nonferrous metal
  - Wood
  - Electronics
  - Pianos
  - Furniture
  - Mattresses

#### Wastewater Management
- **What to flush:**
  - Toilets
  - Urinals
  - Sinks
  - Showers
  - Fountains
  - Washers

#### Solid Waste Management
- **What not to recycle:**
  - Plastic film
  - Plastic bags
  - Shredded paper
  - Clippings
  - Wet or damp paper
  - Nonrecyclable materials

#### Recycling
- **What not to flush:**
  - Foods
  - Paints
  - Chemicals
  - Medications
  - Battery packs
  - Syringes
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### 2013 Recycling and Yard/Food Waste Collection Schedule

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Baking ingredients for breads,
Bath salts
Candles
Diapers (cloth, disposable,
E U K O S G H J K T U I N C V
Bulk candies
Beverage mixes
Hazardous Waste Facility,
Recycle large amounts of
Collect grease from pans in a
sewer backups.
Flushable (advertised as “flushable”)
www .T acomaRecycles.org
Find the most up‑to‑date information
neighborhood.
collection frequency will change.
in T acoma will determine when your
A key to this word search will be featured in the next issue of EnviroT alk.
Complete the sentence and then find the word or phrase in the word search below . If you get stumped, the answers are at
Above are seven statements that can be found in this issue of EnviroT alk. Each sentence has a missing word or phrase.
1. GREASE, 2. GARBAGE, 3. NEWSPAPER, 4. FLAT, 5. WORKSHOPS, 6. GROWING, 7 . FLUSHABLE

Directions:
marker , stickers or embellishments.
small toys.
tube with candy or
Stir in a few drops of essential oil (optional).
soda.
In a large bowl, mix together the powdered Ivory soap, borax and washing
a powder . Do this until all Ivory soap has been processed.
(The soap will look like it is foaming but will actually be hard.)
Essential oil (lemon, orange or lavender are some of our favorites)
1 bar of Ivory soap
www .cityoftacoma.org/greenercleaners
In both HE (high efficiency) and standard washing
www .Tagro.com
www .cityoftacoma.org/envirohouse

Flour is not recyclable. Don’t throw it in the trash. Believe it or not, flour isn’t recyclable. It is a type of paper and would contaminate the other recyclable items. Empty flour bags can be recycled, but be sure to remove any flour residues first.

Glass & metal bin

Milk bottles
Fruit and vegetables
Cans
Paper
Newspapers
Plastic

did you know

Image of a printed page from a magazine or newsletter with various articles and sections, including a word search puzzle, a recycling guide, and other environmental tips. The page features a colorful design with images of recycling bins, presumably for different types of waste. The text is in English, discussing various topics related to recycling and environmental practices. The page appears to be from an environmental magazine or newsletter, aimed at providing readers with information on how to recycle and reduce waste.