Wondering what goes in your green garbage container? Check out a list of the most common accepted and not accepted items. For a full list visit us at [TacomaRecycles.org](http://TacomaRecycles.org).

**ACCEPTED**
- Aluminum foil & trays (dirty)
- Ashes & charcoal briquettes (cold)
- Automotive oil/fluid containers (empty)
- Cardboard (dirty, food contaminated)
- Caps & lids (plastic & metal)
- Cat litter (bagged)
- Cement bags (empty)
- Cigarette butts
- Clothing and fabrics (non-reusable)
- Disposable diapers (bagged)
- Feminine hygiene products (bagged)
- Foam rubber
- Paper plates and cups (dirty)
- Pet food bags
- Pet manure (securely bagged)
- Pizza boxes
- Plastic food wrap, sandwich & produce bags
- Styrofoam products
- Tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, napkins
- Toys (non-reusable)
- Woven plastic bags (sand & feed bags, etc.)

**NOT ACCEPTED**
- Asbestos
- Concrete/rocks/bricks
- Hazardous materials or wastes
- Loose hypodermic needles or syringes
- Large items (furniture, lumber, appliances, carpet, etc.)
- Liquids
- Medical waste
- Tires
- Used motor oil

To reduce your waste, consider reusing, repairing or donating reusable items, recycling and composting your food waste.
Please follow these guidelines when preparing for curbside or alley pickup:

- **Set container(s) out by 7 a.m.** on your pickup day.

- **Set container(s) four (4) feet from any obstructions,** such as other containers, vehicles, telephone poles, fences and buildings.

- Place container(s) with the **lid opening toward the street or alley.**

- **Container(s) cannot weigh over 250 pounds and the lid must sit flat on top.** If you overfill your container, you may be charged an additional fee.

- If you leave **extra garbage** within five (5) feet of your container(s), we will pick it up and charge your account an additional fee.

- **Remove container(s) from the curb or alley** after contents have been collected.

If you forget to put your container(s) out in time for pickup, call us at (253) 502-2100. We will try to pick it up the same day. An additional fee may apply.