

# 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](https://www.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](https://www.tacomarecycles.org)  
[cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste](https://www.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
- Paperback books (*covers removed*)
- 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
- Hardcover books
- Three ring binders
- Wrapping paper and gift wrap
- Foil or glitter paper



# 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
- Straws or plastic utensils
- 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 or laptops
- Televisions
- 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 fluorescent bulbs to Household Hazardous Waste facility*)



Glass can also be recycled at several drop-off locations around Tacoma. For more information visit: [tacomarecycles.org](http://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](http://tacomarecycles.org) to search for thousands more items using **Recycle Coach**.