



How to Recycle Right: Do the "Core Four"



Metals
But no foil



Plastics #1 and 2
Bottles & jugs **ONLY**



Mixed Paper
(Includes paperboard)



Corrugated Cardboard
Flattened with no tape



EMPTY & CLEAN

No greasy pizza boxes or leftover peanut butter...

Scrape, rinse, recycle with **NO LID!**

Keep paper and cardboard dry.



NO PLASTIC BAGS

They clog sorting machines.

Don't bag your recycling — keep it loose!



WHEN IN DOUBT, FIND OUT OR THROW IT OUT!

Recycling markets are in transition and one thing is clear: We all need to Recycle Right! Putting items into your recycling bin that don't follow the rules is "Wishcycling" and contaminates the recycling stream.

When in doubt ask City of Sequim's hauler, Murrey's Olympic Disposal (360-452-7278, cust2112@wcnx.org) or the experts at Clallam County Solid Waste (360-417-2441). Or get the "**Recyclopedia**" at www.clallam.net.

Other items can be recycled locally *if you Self Haul*:

- Glass:** Drop boxes are at Sequim Utility Shop (162 W. Hemlock) and Evergreen Collision (703 E. Washington)
- Plastic bags:** QFC and Safeway (see www.plasticfilmrecycling.org)
- Blue Mountain Transfer Station (1024 Blue Mountain Rd.) accepts recycling as well as used oil and antifreeze.
- Household hazardous waste** must go to the Regional Transfer Station (3501 W. 18th St., Port Angeles)

Pick up a handy
fridge magnet, FREE
at Sequim City Hall



MORE TIPS:

Remember the “**Core Four**” for residential customers (**Metals, Plastic Bottles & Jugs, Mixed Paper, Cardboard**) to avoid “contaminating” the recycling stream.

- ☒ No lids, please. Also, if any item is smaller than your fist, throw it out.
- ☒ Most plastic items (*clamshells, Solo cups, and coffee pods*) CANNOT be recycled at this time, unfortunately. *Don't be a Wishcycler!*
- ☒ Wet paper and cardboard can't be processed—don't let it get wet. Ideally, cardboard should be flattened with no tape.
- ☒ “Mixed Paper” includes cereal & cracker boxes but NOT paper cups (*sorry coffee cups!*).
- ☒ Shredded paper is no longer collected but First Federal and others host shredding events periodically.
- ☒ Alkaline batteries are safe for the trash, but Lithium Ion (rechargeable) batteries are hazardous waste. Regular Lithium batteries should be recycled (see “*Recyclopedia*” below).

Murrey's Olympic Disposal is the garbage, recycling, and yard waste hauler for City of Sequim. For a [COLLECTION CALENDAR](#) or questions on billing, bin sizes, etc., contact them at 360-452-7278, cust2112@wcnx.org or online: www.wcolympicpeninsula.com

FUN FACTS:

- * North Olympic Peninsula industries recycle our corrugated cardboard to make new products. Support local jobs and our economy by recycling cardboard right.
- * New markets for other recycled materials are forming since China banned the import of most paper and plastic in 2018. By **Recycling Right** we avoid contaminating the recycling stream and we encourage innovative industries and our regional economy.
- * The “Chasing Arrows” recycle symbol is no guarantee the item can be recycled in our area. Different regions have different buyers of recycling. Plastics #1 (PET) and #2 (HDPE) bottles and jugs have good market potential at this time in Washington state.

CIRCLES & CYCLES:

One person's waste is another person's treasure! Re-think waste and teach kids to REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE—and RE-THINK, too.

- ➔ The “**Recyclopedia**” is a great local source of information! Find it at www.clallam.net.
- ➔ **Prevent waste** in the first place by thinking before buying items with excessive packaging.
- ➔ **Keep food out of the trash** to avoid harmful greenhouse gas emissions. Learn about composting and food waste options from WSU Extension (www.extension.wsu.edu/clallam).
- ➔ Keep usable items out of the landfill by utilizing a local donation center listed in the “**Recyclopedia**” or the online exchange www.2Good2Toss.com.