

# City of Spokane Solid Waste Disposal Facility and Services Guide



Information: 509.625.6580  
[spokanecity.org](http://spokanecity.org)

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# Recycling Center

## No-cost drop-off:


Items must be sorted for deposit in separate containers.

### Newspapers, Phone Books, Magazines & Catalogs

- Clean and dry only

### Cardboard & Paper Bags (clean, dry and flattened)





- Corrugated cardboard and packaging
- Uncoated ("non-shiny") paper bags only, any color

 **NO** pizza boxes or waxed cardboard

### Other Paper

- Clean & uncoated (*staples and paper clips OK*)
- Paperboard - cereal boxes, shoe boxes, soda boxes, paper tubes, etc.
- Paperback books
- Junk mail & office paper
- Spiral notebooks

## Not Accepted

-  Plastic bags
-  Shredded paper
-  Milk cartons
-  Lids

Materials should be empty, clean and dry.



### Aluminum Cans

- Rinsed & clean, no labels

### Tin Cans

- Rinsed & clean, labels OK

### Glass

- Bottles & jars only
- Rinsed, empty & clean, labels OK

 **NO**

window glass  
mirrors  
light bulbs  
ovenware or ceramics  
drinking glasses  
eyeglasses

### Ferrous Metals (magnetic)

- Tin Plate
- Steel
- Cast Iron

### Non-Ferrous Metals (non magnetic)

- Aluminum (siding, screen doors, foil & pie plates)
- Brass
- Copper
- Stainless
- Lead

# Recycling Center

**Plastics** must be sorted into separate containers, no larger than 5 gallon.

- Empty, rinsed & clean; labels OK
- 4 oz size up to 5 gallon

## **Code 1 Bottles & Jars**

- Water and soda bottles, etc.



## **Code 2 Bottles & Jars**






- Milk jugs, shampoo and liquid detergent bottles, etc.



## **Other Plastic Bin**

- Bottles & Jars - most codes 3-7
- Tubs - all codes (*yogurt, butter, dairy, produce*)
- Clamshells (*bakery, produce*)
- Cups & Trays
- Buckets (*no metal*)
- Nursery pots - clean, no larger than 5 gallon

## Not Accepted

-  NO Plastic bags or film
-  NO Styrofoam®
-  NO Motor oil or chemical containers
-  NO Lids
-  NO Garbage cans

**Questions on where to dispose of items not listed here?**

**[SpokaneWasteDirectory.org](http://SpokaneWasteDirectory.org)**

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# Household Hazardous Waste

## What To Bring

### Accepted as HHW (no-cost drop-off):

- Aerosol cans (*if not empty*)
- Automotive batteries
- Automotive liquids - antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, oil (*5 gallons or less containers; 15 gallons maximum; do not mix*)
- Batteries: button, lantern, alkaline, lithium ion, rechargeable
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent lighting: CFL bulbs, metal halide and high pressure sodium lamps – limit of 10 (whole only)
- Glues and adhesives
- Household cleaners - ammonia, bleach, disinfectants, oven & toilet cleaners, etc.
- Mercury containing products - thermometers, thermostats
- Oil-based paints (latex paint should be dried and placed in regular garbage)
- Pesticides and garden chemicals
- Paint thinners and solvents
- Pool and spa supplies
- Propane tanks (up to 5 gallon or call, 625-6580)
- Road flares



### Sharps (needles, syringes, lancets):

- From **personal use only**
- Seal in a puncture-resistant container (*coffee can, liquid detergent jug, bleach bottle*—**Please no milk or soda jugs.**)
- Label and bring to the HHW for **no cost disposal.**
- **Commercial sharps** may be disposed of by appointment only. Fees apply. Call 625.6580 to make an appointment.



## IMPORTANT

- ▶ No mercury-containing lights may be knowingly placed in waste or recycling containers for disposal. To learn of other local collection locations, go to [www.LightRecycleWA.org](http://www.LightRecycleWA.org)



# Household Hazardous Waste

## What **NOT** To Bring

### Not accepted as HHW:

- ❌ Biological wastes
- ❌ Commercially generated hazardous waste
- ❌ Computers, monitors, televisions, DVD players, and e-readers. For locations, go to [ecyclewashington.org](http://ecyclewashington.org) or call **1.800.RECYCLE**
- ❌ Containers of HHW over 5 gallons
- ❌ Empty aerosol cans
- ❌ Empty containers – treat as garbage or recycle
- ❌ Explosives – (call local law enforcement)
- ❌ Garbage – haul to the transfer stations or Waste to Energy facility.
- ❌ Medications (see page 7)
- ❌ Radioactive waste
- ❌ Tires (*residential*) – treat as garbage.  
Large loads, call for rates and disposal appointment: **625.6580**.
- ❌ Latex paint



## Reuse Table

Paints, hobby chemicals and garden supplies often retain usefulness for years and can be reused. The HHW area has a **Reuse Table** where **some** products are made available at no charge to Spokane County residents.



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# Clean Green (Yard and Food Waste)

## Rates Apply:

### Clean Green includes:

- Leaves
- Weeds
- Brush
- Prunings
- Grass clippings
- Beauty bark
- Pine needles and pine cones
- Sod less than 3" thick  
(shake out rocks & dirt)
- Woody materials up to 3" in diameter and 6' in length


### Food scraps and food-soiled paper are also Clean Green:

- Meat, fats, fish, poultry, bones, eggshells
- Leftovers and table scraps
- Non-liquid dairy products
- Vegetable and fruit trimmings, raw or cooked
- Non-shiny, food-soiled paper towels, napkins, plates and cups
- Paper coffee filters and tea bags
- Cardboard pizza boxes
- Paper pulp cartons from eggs and berries

**Questions on current disposal rates and method of payment?**  
**Call 625.6580**



### Materials not allowed in Clean Green:

-  **NO** glass
-  **NO** regular or compostable plastic bags
-  **NO** grease or liquids
-  **NO** plastic-coated or "shiny" paper containers
-  **NO** pet waste, kitty litter or manure
-  **NO** dirt, rocks, brick, or concrete
-  **NO** dimensional wood, lumber, plywood, particle board or plastic/composite lumber

**Clean Green = Compost**



# Garbage

## Rates Apply:

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## Materials Not Accepted On Tipping Floor

-  **NO** Asbestos
-  **NO** Lead
-  **NO** Liquids
-  **NO** Explosives
-  **NO** Radioactive substances
-  **NO** Sharps & medical waste
-  **NO** Hazardous materials
-  **NO** Uncontained animal feces
-  **NO** Large animal carcasses over 15 lbs (call 625-6580 for special disposal appointment)
-  **NO** Propane tanks larger than 5 gallons

- **Mixed loads** - Must be weighed separately or will be charged at the garbage disposal rate. (i.e., yard waste, recyclables or garbage in one vehicle)
- **Appliances** - refrigerators, freezers, washing machines and other "white goods" are charged the garbage disposal rate. Refrigerant is recovered, hazardous components removed and the metal recycled.
- **Tires** - up to four tires allowed in a load of residential garbage; over-sized tires must be cut into thirds.  
**Commercial loads** of more than four tires can be disposed of by appointment only. Call 625-6580 to arrange.
- **Medications** -  
Recommended disposal:
  1. Make medicine unusable (add wet coffee grounds to moisten pills; mix liquids with cat litter, dirt or cayenne pepper).
  2. Remove any identifying information from containers.
  3. Put in garbage.

**NEVER** flush away medications in toilets or pour down drains. Medicines can contaminate water supplies, lakes, rivers and streams.

# Facility Information

## Days/Hours Open

Facility is open seven days a week,  
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., year-round  
except for major holidays.

## Holidays

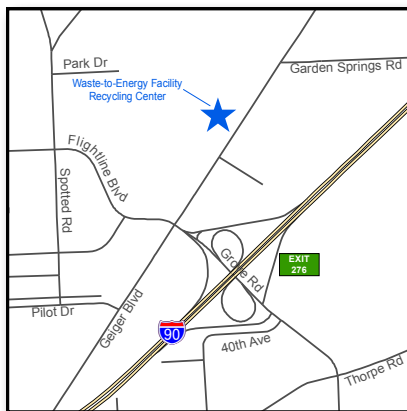
Facilities are **closed** for the following holidays:  
New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day,  
Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day

## Waste to Energy Disposal Facility & Recycling Center

**2900 S. Geiger Blvd.**

West of Spokane, across  
from Washington  
State Patrol

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***Other facilities are also available to Spokane residents for disposal. Call 509.477.6800 or go to [spokanecountysolidwaste.org](http://spokanecountysolidwaste.org) for more information.***



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