

# City of Spokane Solid Waste Disposal Facility and Services Guide



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

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# Recycling Center

## No-cost drop-off:

Items must be sorted into separate containers.

### Newspapers, Phone Books, Magazines & Catalogs

- Clean and dry only

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

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

**NO** pizza boxes, shredded paper 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
- Packing and paper packaging

## Not Accepted

- NO** Plastic bags
- NO** Styrofoam
- NO** Milk cartons
- NO** Laminated paper

Materials must be dry.



### Aluminum Cans

- Rinsed & clean

### Tin Cans

- Rinsed & clean, labels OK

### Glass

- Bottles & jars only, rinsed, empty & clean, labels OK
- NO** window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, oven-ware or ceramics, drinking glasses or 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
- NO** aerosol cans or appliances

# Recycling Center

## Plastics

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

- Empty and clean; no lids or caps, 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, Jugs & Jars – codes 3-7
- Tubs – all codes (*yogurt, butter, dairy, produce*)
- Clamshells (*bakery, produce*)
- Cups
- Buckets (*no metal*)
- Nursery pots with recycle symbol, 5 gal. or smaller

### **TEXTILES** *New!*

- Any condition as long as they are clean.



## Not Accepted

-  NO plastic bags or film
-  NO Styrofoam®
-  NO motor oil or chemical containers
-  NO hangers or trash cans
-  NO small items or utensils

**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
- Glues and adhesives
- Household cleaners: ammonia, bleach, disinfectants, oven & toilet cleaners, etc.
- Lights that contain mercury: CFL bulbs, tubes, metal halide and high pressure sodium lamps – **limit of 10** (*whole only, no LED, halogen or incandescent bulbs*)
- Mercury containing products: thermometers, thermostats
- Paint, both latex and oil-based, (*15 gal. max.*) can be dropped off as part of the PaintCare program 
- Pesticides and garden chemicals
- Paint thinners and solvents
- Pool and spa supplies
- Propane tanks (*up to 5 gallons or call 625-6580*)
- Road flares
- Stains

### 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, but appointments are recommended. 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 or business-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 – See page 7 for disposal directions.



## 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. Varies daily.



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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)
- Branches 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
- Paper lawn and leaf bags

**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. **NO commercial-sized refrigerators or air conditioners are accepted.**
- **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: Make medicine unusable (*add wet coffee grounds to moisten pills; mix liquids with cat litter, dirt or cayenne pepper*). Remove any identifying information from containers, then place in garbage.

**take back**   
**YOUR MEDS**

Find locations to dispose of unused medications at  
**takebackyourmeds.org**

**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.  
Spokane, WA 99224  
I-90 exit #276

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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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