CURBSIDE YARD & FOOD WASTE
Accepted materials for residential customers

Yard and plant waste
- Grass, branches, and leaves
- Lumber scraps (untreated, unpainted, unstained - nails ok)
- Plants and flowers

Food waste and plate scrapings
- Bread, pasta, rice
- Meat and bones
- Fruits and vegetables
- Dairy and eggs
- Seafood and shells

Food-soiled paper
- Paper towels and napkins
- Coffee grounds, filters, and tea bags

If you are unsure which items go in your yard and food waste cart, the rule of thumb is “When in doubt, leave it out.”
Yard & food waste collection made easy

The yard and food waste collection programs in Thurston County have gone through several changes over the past few years. This left many residents and businesses confused about what to put in their carts.

On the other side of this insert is a flyer that shows you what goes in your yard and food waste cart. Posting this easy-to-use list where everyone can see it will help “Keep the Green Clean.” Larger printable versions of the flyer can be found at ThurstonSolidWaste.com/organics.

Keeping the green clean

Composting facilities have a zero-tolerance policy for contaminants like plastic, metal, and glass. No one wants these things in their gardens or yards. Even small amounts of them can contaminate a very large load of compost. The most common sources of contamination are the layers of plastic that coat a wide variety of paper products. These include coffee and soda cups, paper plates, and take-out containers. Even if the paper composts, the plastic is left behind and is almost impossible to remove from the finished product.

You can help ensure the availability and affordability of our local yard and food waste program by only placing the items listed on the other side of this handout in your curbside cart.

Please remember: When it doubt, throw it out!

Contact

For questions about billing, pickup, or service, contact LeMay. Ask about options such as drive-in and carry-out service, alternative cart sizes and pickup schedules, bulky item pickup, recycle-only collection, and shredding.

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For more information about Thurston County’s Waste and Recovery Center and waste prevention and recycling resources, visit ThurstonSolidWaste.org or call (360) 867-2491.