

# Garbage & Recycling Resource Guide for Federal Way Apartment & Condo Managers



This guide includes tips and resources to improve garbage and recycling at your property. Others have found it easy to achieve success using these resources. Remember, we're here to help!

## Save Time & Money

Garbage rates vary by size of container and number of pickups, but there is no additional cost for recycling service. Current rates: [wmnorthwest.com/FederalWay](http://wmnorthwest.com/FederalWay)

- Encourage recycling. By increasing recycling and reducing garbage collection, you can reduce your monthly bill.
- Ensure adequate garbage and recycling service to avoid overage charges.
- Place garbage and recycling containers together for easy resident access.
- Consider contracting out garbage enclosure monitoring and maintenance.
- Consider requesting locked containers and slotted lids for recycling dumpsters to reduce contamination.

We recommend  
1 yard of  
recycling for  
every 10 units!



## Keep Enclosures Clean

- Ensure adequate garbage and recycling service.
- Close container lids to deter pests and keep rainwater from entering your container.
- Consider posting signs stating that dumpsters are for resident use only.
- Request free replacement of broken/damaged Waste Management containers and lids.
- Encourage residents to flatten boxes.
- Pick up any litter or debris around containers frequently.

## Bulky Items & Hazardous Waste

Garbage trucks cannot pick up bulky furniture. Hazardous waste is banned from the garbage/recycling containers.

- Distribute "Off-site Recycling & Disposal Options" flyer to residents. Contact us to request additional copies.
- Remove bulky items and hazardous waste from enclosures. See enclosed "Off-site Recycling & Disposal Options" flyer.
- Organize bulky item collection so residents can pay you to dispose of items that don't fit in the dumpster.
- Consider installing cameras to monitor enclosures and institute fines to deter illegal dumping.

## Contact Us for Free Supplies & Assistance:

**Waste Management**  
1-800-592-9995  
[RecycleNW@wm.com](mailto:RecycleNW@wm.com)  
[wmnorthwest.com/FederalWay](http://wmnorthwest.com/FederalWay)

**City of Federal Way Recycling**  
253-835-2771  
253-455-4804 (Cell)  
[recycle@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:recycle@cityoffederalway.com)  
[cityoffederalway.com/Recycling](http://cityoffederalway.com/Recycling)

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## Resident Education

- Ensure containers and enclosures are properly labeled.
- Distribute reusable tote bags for residents to collect and carry recycling.
- Distribute recycling guides to residents. Multiple languages available.
- Distribute custom letters addressing specific issues such as tips for kids who take out the trash.
- Invite Recycling Outreach staff to resident meetings and events to provide fun and informative recycling presentations for residents.
- Ready to take it to the next level? Request assistance and supplies to start or expand food scrap composting.



## Mandatory Recycling, Illegal Dumping & Theft of Service

- City Code 19.125.150(7)(h) requires residents to recycle, and properties to offer as much recycling service as garbage service. Request assistance and/or use resources listed on this guide to come into compliance.
- “Illegal dumping” is garbage being placed on the ground instead of a container, regardless of who does it. If reported, Code Compliance will require property owner to arrange for clean up.
- “Theft of service” is off-site material getting dumped in your garbage container without your permission (stealing your garbage service).
  - Report to Police Department: 253-835-2121  
[pd.cityoffederalway.com/onlinereport](http://pd.cityoffederalway.com/onlinereport)



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