



SAVE ENERGY SAVE MONEY

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As summer gets underway and the weather gets a bit nicer, it's a great time to do some cleaning, get rid of broken or unused items, and think about ways to use less energy. Inside, you will find information about recycling electronics and light bulbs, and composting food waste. Head into summer with less clutter, less trash, and make your home a better place to live!

Food Scrap Composting

Did you know that yard waste and food waste make up 26% of solid waste generated in the U.S. every year? If you live in a single-family home, there is a great way that you can lessen the amount of trash you create! Composting your food scraps keeps them out of landfills and may even help make your garbage bills lower.

Both the City of Seattle and King County waste management offer yard waste carts that you can use for food scraps and yard waste. In King County, 90% of single-family households can recycle food scraps in their yard waste cart. If you are interested in getting a yard waste cart, please visit <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/garbage-recycling/food-collection.asp> and click on your city to find more information about rates for yard waste carts.

Once you have a yard waste cart, there are a few things to know before you start composting. It's a good idea to have a reusable container with a lid in your kitchen to collect food scraps. If you are worried about odors or flies, put food scraps in a paper bag before putting it in the kitchen container. You can also wrap food scraps in newspaper and store them in the freezer until you are ready to put them in your yard waste cart. Make sure to empty your container regularly, especially when it is full. During warm weather, it's best to empty the container every few days.

Items that can be put in your yard waste cart:

- Meat, fish, poultry, bones
- Dairy products (yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.)
- Fruits and vegetables (and trimmings)
- Egg shells, bread, pasta and coffee grounds
- Table scraps
- Solid food leftovers
- Paper towels and napkins
- Paper coffee filters and tea bags
- Greasy pizza delivery boxes

Things that should not be put in your yard waste cart:

- Plastic-coated containers, such as milk and ice cream containers.
- Plastic coated paper such as plates, cups and bowls.
- Plastic of any kind
- Grease, fats, oils, or liquids
- Metal
- Foil
- Glass
- Styrofoam
- Human or pet waste

For more information visit:
www.hope-link.org/composting



Electronics Recycling

As you upgrade to more energy efficient electronics, you may be wondering where you can properly dispose of things such as computers, laptops, computer monitors, and cell phones. Did you know that many of the electronics you use on a daily basis, such as TVs and computers, may have toxic materials in them? When thrown away, these items can contribute substances such as lead or mercury to the landfill. Over time, this harms the environment and may even be a health risk. The good news is that there is an easier and more environmentally friendly way to get rid of your old electronics!

There are many locations in King County that will accept your old electronics for free. The best way to find a location near you is to visit the website 1800recycle.wa.gov or to call 1-800-RECYCLE. Here, you will be able to see exactly which electronics can be accepted free of charge, and which electronics may require a service fee to recycle.

Sample List of Stores and Electronics Accepted For Free
*Please note that this list is based on general information from 1800recycle.wa.gov. For complete information about stores, locations, hours, and types of electronics accepted, please visit the website or call the location nearest to you. Also, some stores will only accept items by appointment only.

Goodwill, Salvation Army, and St. Vincent de Paul (certain locations): Computers, E-readers, monitors, and televisions.

Best Buy: rechargeable batteries (from households), cell phones, computers, keyboards, monitors, and toner cartridges. The hard drive must be removed from laptops and computers, or there will be a service charge for these items. Limit of 3 items per household per day.

Office Depot: Cell phones, PDAs, rechargeable batteries, ink and toner cartridges. Other items accepted for a fee include computers, printers, monitors, keyboards, and copiers.

Staples: Ink and toner cartridges, cell phones, PDAs, rechargeable batteries, pagers, digital cameras, and chargers.

PC Recycle (Bellevue and Woodinville): Computers, E-readers, monitors, and televisions.

Please make sure to call the store or recycling center nearest you to make sure that your item will be accepted. Also, it is a good idea to delete the files from your computer before recycling. If the computer has files that are important to you, make sure to save them onto CDs, DVDs, or a USB drive before deleting them.

If you have materials other than electronics that you aren't sure what to do with, check online at 1800recycle.wa.gov or call 1-800-RECYCLE. You can find information on how to dispose of large appliances, non-rechargeable batteries, household hazardous waste, metals, or other miscellaneous items.

Recycling Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

CFL light bulbs are great for saving energy and money. They do contain a small amount of mercury in them and shouldn't be thrown away when they burn out or break.



There are several places where you can drop off your CFL bulbs for free.

Bellevue

Bartell Drugs
10116 NE 8th St, 98004
425-454-3111

Bartell Drugs
653 156th Avenue NE, 98007
425-641-9105

Lowe's
11959 Northrup Way, 98005
425-646-9031

**Puget Sound Energy
Bellevue EST Office**
355 110th Avenue NE, 98004
1-800-562-1482

**Puget Sound Energy
Bellevue PSE Office**
10885 NE 4th, 98004
1-800-562-1482

Home Depot
325 120th Ave NE, 98005
425-451-7351

Hopelink
14812 Main St., 98007
425-943-7555

Bothell

Bartell Drugs
22833 Bothell-Everett Hwy,
98021 425-485-3525

Bartell Drugs
14130 Juanita Dr. NE,
Ste. 107, 98011
425-823-1000

Home Depot
18333 120th Ave NE, 98011
425-806-9300

Carnation

City of Carnation Office
4621 Tolt Avenue, 98014
425-333-4192

Hopelink
31957 Commercial St., 98029
425-333-4163

Issaquah

City of Issaquah City Hall
1775 12th Avenue NW, 98027
425-837-3100

Curves
1091 NE High Street, 98029
425-392-2330

Lowe's
1625 11th Avenue NW, 98027
425-391-3355

Home Depot
6200 E Lake Sammamish
Parkway SE, 98029
425-391-8467

Kirkland

Bartell Drugs
6619 132nd Ave NE, 98033
425-881-5678

Bartell Drugs
10625 NE 68th, 98033
425-827-3934

Bartell Drugs
14442 124th Ave NE, 98034
425-821-7900

Hopelink
11011 120th Ave NE, 98033
425-889-7880

Newcastle

Bartell Drugs
6939 Coal Creek Parkway,
98059 425-644-4414

North Bend

**Community and Economic
Development Office**
126 E Fourth Street, 98045
425-888-5633

Redmond

Bartell Drugs
7370 170th Avenue NE, 98052
425-895-8323

Bartell Drugs
8860 161st Avenue NE, 98052
425-883-4882

The Home Depot
17777 NE 76th Street, 98052
425-885-6358

Hopelink
16225 NE 87th St,
Suite A-1, 98052
425-882-0241

Sammamish

Bartell Drugs
526 228 Avenue NE, 98074
425-868-6058

Shoreline

Bartell Drugs
18420 Aurora Avenue N,
98133 206-542-2678

Home Depot
1335 North 205th Street,
98133
206-546-1900

Hopelink
15809 Westminster Way N,
98133
206-440-7300

Snoqualmie

**Puget Sound Energy
Snoqualmie**
35413 SE Douglas Street,
98065 1-800-562-1482

Woodinville

McLendon Hardware
17705 130th Avenue NE,
98072 425-485-1363

PC Recycle
5817 238th Street SE, 98072
888-881-3444

AUGUST 6th & 7th

Get 10 free CFL bulbs at the Rock the Bulb Tour sponsored by PSE!

Bring up to 10 incandescent bulbs to exchange at the event!

Please contact Hopelink's SESM program (425.897.3708) for location details.

Workshops

Interested in learning ways to save money and energy in your home? Come to a free Save Energy, Save Money (SESM) conservation workshop sponsored by PSE! All attendees will receive a free gift bag of products that you can use right away to start saving money!

If you would like to attend a workshop, please contact Heather Crane to find out about upcoming classes and to sign up. She can be reached at 425.897.3708 or at hcrane@hope-link.org.

Hopelink Directory

ADMINISTRATION

425.869.6000
P.O. Box 3577
Redmond, WA 98073
16225 NE 87th St.
Suite A-1
Redmond, WA 98052

BELLEVUE CENTER

425.943.7555
14812 Main St.
Bellevue, WA 98007

KIRKLAND/NORTHSHORE CENTER

425.889.7880
11011 120th Avenue NE
Kirkland, WA 98034

REDMOND CENTER

425.882.0241
16225 NE 87th St.
Suite A-1
Redmond, WA 98052

SHORELINE CENTER

206.440.7300
15809 Westminister Way N
Shoreline, WA 98133

SNO-VALLEY CENTER

425.333.4163
31957 E. Commercial St.
Carnation, WA 98014

For more information about Hopelink and its services, call **425.869.6000** or visit the website at www.hope-link.org.

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