

EXCHANGE/ORS RECYCLING GUIDELINES

ACCEPTABLE CO-MINGLED:

- Mail, junkmail, envelopes
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Phone, paperback and hardcover books
- Office paper
- Shredded paper (*tied in clear plastic bag*)
- Paper food boxes and egg cartons
- Paper grocery bags
- Paper cups (*clean and empty*)
- Paper milk and juice cartons (*rinsed*)
- Juice and soymilk boxes (*rinsed*)
- Yogurt cups (*rinsed*)
- Frozen food boxes (*rinsed*)
- Plastic bottles, jugs (*rinsed; labels OK, NO caps, dome tops or straws*)
- Plastic dairy containers (*rinsed*)
- Nursery pots and flats (*rinsed*)
- Glass bottles, jars (*rinsed; all colors, caps and lids OK*)
- EMPTY aerosol cans
- Aluminum cans, foil and trays
- Produce plastic bags (*tied in clear plastic bag*)

UNACCEPTABLE CO-MINGLED:

- Styrofoam of any kind
- Food-soiled products of any kind
- Paper towels, plates, napkins, tissues
- Soiled food to-go containers, plates, cups, utensils
- Prescription vials
- Bubble, shrink and food wrap
- Needles and syringes
- Disposable diapers
- Cloth and rags
- Construction/demolition materials
- Ceramics and dishes
- Mirrors and window glass
- Household batteries
- Light bulbs of any type
- Hazardous/toxic waste and containers
- Propane bottles
- Gas cans and tanks



Co-mingled recycling may NOT be dumped in sealed, opaque plastic bags.

Collect your recyclables in cardboard boxes or paper grocery bags. Plastic bags must be opened and dumped in the recycle bins.

RECYCLE THESE ITEMS FOR FREE...

- Aluminum cans
- TVs, Monitors, CPUs, Laptops
- Fluorescent light bulbs of all types
- Vehicle batteries

...AND THESE FOR A SMALL FEE:

- Household batteries
- Motor oil, antifreeze, cooking oil
- Large and small appliances
- Small electronics & peripherals
- Green waste





NO MORE OPAQUE PLASTIC BAGS (BLACK OR WHITE) IN THE RECYCLING BIN!

BY WAY OF EXPLANATION:

The recycling center we are now working with, a Waste Management facility in Woodinville WA, does not accept co-mingled recycling in tied up plastic bags.

In fact, opaque plastic bags, tied shut, DO NOT GET OPENED UP---THEY GO RIGHT INTO THE GARBAGE!

They do this for the safety and protection of their employees---unless the bag is clear, they can't see what is in it. It could contain sharps or other dangerous materials.

Please bring your recyclables loose, or in recyclable containers like a cardboard box, or a brown paper shopping bag. CLEAR plastic bags are ACCEPTABLE.

If you must use black or white plastic bags, we will ask you to tear them open at the transfer station and discard the bags separately in our garbage bin (we will take these at no charge). Or better yet, reuse them!

We will still accept small plastic bags, i.e. produce and bread bags, but they must be put in clear plastic bag and tied shut.

NOTE: SHREDDED PAPER must also be put in clear plastic bag and tied to closed.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING COOPERATION AND PATIENCE WHILE WE CONTINUE
OUR EFFORTS TO CLEAN UP THE ORCAS WASTE STREAM, ON THE WAY TO A
ZERO-WASTE FUTURE!

