

Recycling and Garbage: Putting the Pieces Together

Your Waste

Residents, institutions, and commercial establishments in Spokane County generate over 563,000 tons of solid waste annually. Beginning in 1988, Spokane County, the City of Spokane, other regional cities and Fairchild Air Force Base signed interlocal agreements to manage all of the County's garbage. The Spokane Regional Solid Waste System (System) was created to carry out the guidelines in the Spokane County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan. The major pieces of the plan are:

- Waste Reduction/Reuse
- Recycling (including Composting)
- Energy Recovery - Waste to Energy Facility
- Landfilling

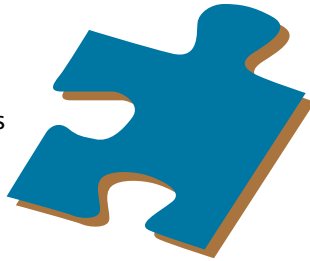
Two groups provide decision-making and input for this plan:

- **The Spokane Regional Solid Waste System Liaison Board**
A board of 6 elected officials that meets every other month.
- **The Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)**
An advisory committee of citizens and elected officials that meets monthly.

For more information on these groups, call (509) 625-6580.



The pieces to the puzzle are on these pages so that you can be part of the solution!



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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Reduction is the most effective method of controlling waste. During the past 35 years, the average amount of garbage each person creates has increased to over 4 pounds per day. Waste reduction is the most preferred method of waste management and goes a long way toward protecting the environment. The less waste you generate, the less you have to deal with — whether reusing, recycling, or throwing away.

Reuse — repairing items, donating to charity and community groups, or selling them — also reduces waste. Reusing products is even better than recycling because items do not need to be completely reprocessed.

Recycling turns materials from waste into valuable commodities. In addition, it generates a host of environmental, financial, and social benefits. Recycling is one of the best environmental success stories of the late

20th century. Nationwide, recycling diverted 72 million tons of material away from disposal in 2003. Recycling services are outlined on pages R4 and R5.

Reducing, reusing, and recycling not only benefits our community environmentally, it also provides economic gains. Reuse and recycling activities contribute to local revenue, job creation, business expansion, and the local economic base. Sorting and processing recyclables sustain 10 times more jobs than disposal. Reuse and manufacturing new products from old offers the largest economic payoff in the recycling loop. See page R11 for more information on reducing, reusing, and recycling.

Once County residents have reduced, reused and recycled all they can, the remaining garbage is burned at Spokane's Waste to Energy Facility. See page R2 to learn how Waste to Energy works!

For more information, visit www.solidwaste.org or call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800.



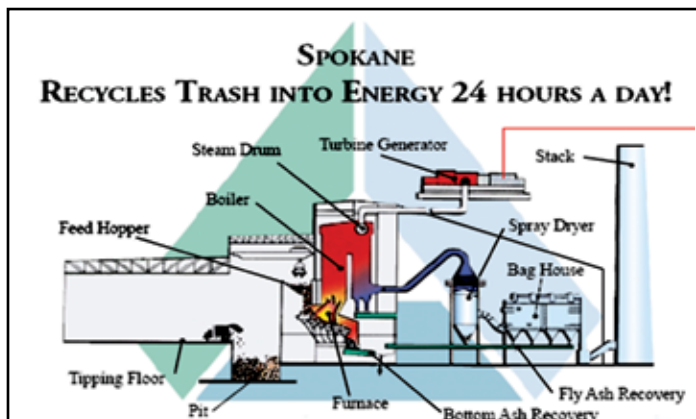
Energy Recovery at the Waste to Energy Facility

Spokane's Waste to Energy Facility is an integral piece of the Regional Solid Waste System. The Facility burns municipal solid waste and recovers energy in the form of electricity. It is owned by the City of Spokane and operated by Wheelabrator Spokane Inc.

With an increased awareness toward energy production and consumption, it is worth noting that this facility produced 171,400 megawatt hours (MWh) of electricity in 2006. After using enough electricity to meet the in-house demands of operating the facility, a total of 140,675 MWh was sold to Puget Sound Energy with net revenue to the System of \$12,096,850

Background

Prior to 1991, Spokane County's garbage was landfilled within the County. However, landfilling contaminated our sole source aquifer. In 1991, as a part of the integrated solid waste management plan, the Waste to Energy Facility began burning the county's garbage.



Day-to-Day Plant Operations

The plant burns approximately 800 tons of garbage per day, 365 days per year. Two large boilers, operating at 2,500° F, reduce the garbage to ash, a 90% reduction by volume and a 72% reduction by weight. The ash is treated with Wesphix process (heavy metal encapsulation process) and is sent for disposal in a monofill at the Roosevelt Regional Landfill in Klickitat County.

Burning trash at such high temperatures destroys organic products in the waste stream such as bacteria, pathogens, volatile organic compounds, and other harmful elements. Emissions are safe and are well within air quality standards. In fact, the particulate emissions are less than 10 EPA-approved wood burning stoves.

Metals Reclamation

Ferrous metals are mechanically and magnetically removed on-site from the ash, baled into 1-ton bales and sent to market where they are made into fence posts and rebar. This process recycles the still-valuable metals, and it avoids the added costs of dumping this material into the ash landfill.



Landfilling

- Ash Landfill (for the residue from the Waste to Energy Facility) – current landfill is located near Roosevelt, Washington.
- Solid Waste Landfills – some non-burnable material is taken by the System for landfill disposal
- Construction, Demolition and Landscaping – see page R9 for privately operated sites.



System Programs and Services

Education Programs

The Regional System provides school and community programs, displays, and informational brochures. Call (509) 625-6535 to schedule.

One Man's Trash...

This quarterly publication from the Solid Waste System is inserted in the local newspapers, generally on the first Thursday of January, April, July, and October.

Tours

- FREE walk-in tours of the Waste to Energy Facility are offered every Wednesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
- This fun and educational tour takes approximately 90 minutes.

- Participants need to be at least 8 years old and should wear closed-toe shoes. Half of the tour is an outside walking tour, so be sure to dress appropriately.
- Call ahead if a tour is needed on a day other than Wednesday or Thursday, if your group has special needs, or if your group includes 10 or more.
Reservations: (509) 625-6580.

Information

The Recycling Hotline has a person to answer your phone calls Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Messages left after hours are returned on the next business day.

Web site

For up to date information on programs and services, visit www.solidwaste.org.

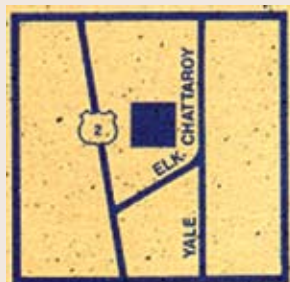
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System Facilities

All facilities accept the following:

- Recyclables
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Clean Green/yard debris
- Garbage



North County

Recycling Center/ Transfer Station

N. 22123 Elk-Chattaroy Rd.
(intersection Elk-Chattaroy Rd. and Hwy. 2)



Valley Recycling

Center & Transfer Station

3941 N. Sullivan Rd.
South of Trent across from
Spokane Industrial Park



Waste To Energy

Facility Recycling Center/Disposal Site

2900 S. Geiger Blvd.
West of Spokane across
from the Washington State
Patrol

Hours:

Waste to Energy Facility & Transfer Stations

All facilities and services are available during the following hours:

Regular Hours: All facilities are open seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (October 1-March 31).

Extended Hours: System sites are open later on the following days between April 1 and September 30.

- Wednesdays – 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (all three sites)
- Thursdays – 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (Valley only)
- Saturdays – 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (all three sites)
- Sundays – 7 a.m.-7 p.m. (all three sites)

Closed for these holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day.

Fees:

Waste to Energy Facility & Transfer Stations

- Recyclables Drop-off: FREE. See page R4.
- Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off: FREE. See page R6.
- Clean Green Debris: Rates can vary. See page R7.
- Garbage: \$98 per ton (4.9¢ per lb.), with a minimum charge of \$7 for 140 lbs. or less.
- Commercial rate at Transfer Stations: \$103 per ton

Other Disposal Options:

Yard Debris/Clean Green

Backyard/home composting is a great idea! See page R7.

Construction and Demolition Debris

See page R9.

Recyclables

Residents may choose to take recyclables to any of the local recyclers. See page R5.

White Goods/Appliances

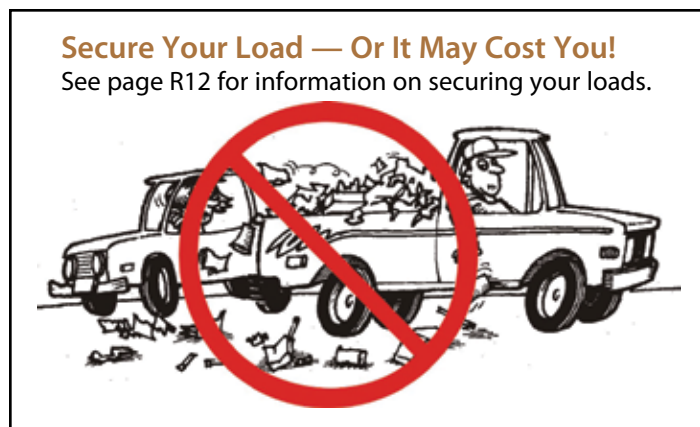
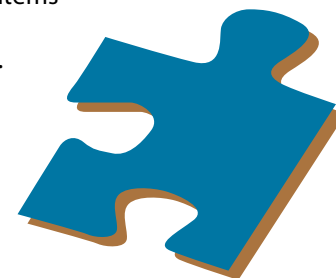
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Special Waste Disposal

Special Waste Disposal includes secured burns or loads requiring special handling. Call (509) 625-6580 or (509) 625-6800 for information on approval and scheduling.

Non-processibles

Non-burnable or oversized items are accepted at all System facilities as regular garbage.



Secure Your Load — Or It May Cost You!

See page R12 for information on securing your loads.

For more information, visit www.solidwaste.org or call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800.



Your Recycling Services

Acceptable Curbside Materials

Always set your curbside recycling bin out by 6 a.m. on the same day as trash pick up.

Aluminum cans: Rinse and flatten. **NO foil, foil trays, or scrap metal. NO cans used for paint or chemicals.**

Batteries: Place household batteries in plastic bags on top of bin. Vehicle batteries should be placed next to bin.

Cell phones: Seal cell phones and phone chargers in a plastic bag along with household batteries. Place on top of bin. Be sure to delete all personal information before recycling.

Corrugated cardboard and brown paper bags: Flatten cardboard and bundle into pieces no larger than 2' x 2'. **NO cereal boxes, pizza boxes, waxed cardboard.**

Glass bottles and jars: Rinse and remove lids. Labels may be left on. **NO drinking glasses or window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, or ceramics.**

Magazines (dry and clean only): Bundle or bag. **NO plastic bags, large catalogs or junk mail.**

Newspaper (dry and clean only): Bundle or bag. Newspaper advertising inserts okay. **NO plastic bags.**

Phone books (dry and clean only): OK in curbside bins.

Plastic bottles and jars, Code 1 (PETE) and uncolored Code 2 (HDPE): Rinse and flatten. Discard lids. Check the neck! Only recycle plastic bottles with necks smaller than their bases. **NO plastic bags, tubs, plastic wrap, plastic plates, or bottle lids. NO motor oil bottles or bottles that contained toxins.**

Tin (steel) cans: Rinse cans. Remove label, place lid inside can, and flatten. **NO aerosol spray cans (put in trash) or empty paint cans (cans containing dried paint go in the trash).**

Take cans of oil-based liquid paint to the Household Hazardous Waste drop-off sites at either of the transfer stations or the Waste to Energy Facility (see Collection Sites on page R3).



Buy-Back Centers

See page R5 for a list of private recycling buy-back centers in Spokane County. Materials accepted and amounts paid may vary at each center. Call before you go.

Community Drop-off Bins

Various schools and service groups throughout the County have drop-off bins, usually for aluminum cans and/or newspaper.

System Recycling Centers

You can drop off the following items at System Recycling Centers located at the Waste to Energy Facility and System Transfer Stations (see page R3 for location information):

- All materials same as in curbside programs (follow material preparation instructions under Curbside Recycling at left)
- #2 colored plastic bottles and jars
- Scrap metal — both ferrous (iron) and non-ferrous (other metals)



Curbside Recycling Questions

What if it's raining or snowing?

Protect newspaper and put it in a paper bag. Cover your bin with a board, trash can lid, etc.

What if I have more recyclables than will fit in my bin?

Set extra recyclables in a brown paper bag next to the blue recycling bin and away from the garbage can.

What if I need to start collection service, the bin is lost, or I am having problems with my service?

Call your garbage hauler. See page R8 for contact info.

Where can I take my clean, corrugated cardboard?

Pieces no larger than 2' x 2' can be put into your curbside recycling bin. It can be flattened and taken to the WTE/Transfer Station. It may be taken to one of the private recyclers in Spokane County (most accept flattened corrugated cardboard).

Why didn't they pick up the plastic in my bin?

Lids must be removed from plastic bottles and jugs. The only plastics that go in the blue curbside bin are Code 1 and uncolored Code 2 bottles and jars. Milk jugs are an example of uncolored Code 2. Curbside collection does not pick up colored Code 2 bottles or jars, Code 3-7 plastics, or any tubs, plates, or bags. Colored Code 2 bottles and jars are accepted at the WTE/Transfer Stations.

For more information, visit www.solidwaste.org or call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800.



Spokane County Recycling Centers

1-Glass 2-Aluminum Cans 3-Tinned Cans 4-Newspaper 5-High Grade Paper 6-Computer Paper 7-Mixed Waste Paper 8-Magazines 9-Corrugated Boxes
 10-PETE Code 1 11-HDPE Code 2 (Colored) 12-Milk jugs (Code 2 uncolored) 13-Ferrous Metal 14-Non-Ferrous Metal /-Call for details

CENTRAL SPOKANE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	OTHER
Earthworks Recycling 1904 E. Broadway 534-1638	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Batteries, appliances, foam peanuts, scrap x-ray film, phone books, aluminum foil, pallets, bubble wrap, shredded paper, computers, electronics, fluorescent tubes for a fee. CALL FIRST
Pacific Recycling 1114 N. Ralph St. 535-1673	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	Appliances CALL FIRST . Car bodies, phone books, household batteries. No auto batteries.
Action Recycling/Phoenix Metals 911 E. Marietta Ave. 483-4094		*		*					*					*	Scrap x-ray film, gold & silver, phone books, auto batteries. No household batteries.
Spokane Recycling 3407 E. Main Ave. 535-0284	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Clean carpet pad (foam type), clean plastic bags, stretch film, phone books. Computers and electronics for a fee.
WEST SPOKANE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	OTHER
Clark's Recycling 1730 W. Sinto Ave. 328-4086		*		*										*	Stainless steel.
NORTH SPOKANE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	OTHER
Du-Mor Recycling 6404 N. Perry St. 489-6482		*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*		*	*	*	Phone books, household & auto batteries. Computers, electronics, and fluorescent tubes for a fee.
SPOKANE VALLEY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	OTHER
Clark's Recycling 11913 E. 1st Ave. 922-2264		*		*										*	Stainless steel.
American Recycling 6203 E. Mission Ave. 535-4271		*	*	*					*				*	*	Appliances (MUST CALL FIRST, NO FREON). Auto bodies, scrap iron, household batteries. No auto batteries.
Dickson Recycling 907 N. Dyer Rd. 535-6146		*	*										*	*	Scrap copper, brass, aluminum, etc.
SPOKANE COUNTY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	OTHER
Cheney Recycling Facility 100 Anderson Rd., Cheney 235-1456	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			Phone books, motor oil, household batteries, car batteries, styrofoam peanuts, shredded paper.
Medical Lake Recycling 851 S. Lefevre St. 299-7715	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			DROP OFF 7 Days - Auto & household batteries. Phone books, oil, antifreeze, yard waste.
Pollution Prevention & Recycling Center Bldg. 2420, Fairchild AFB 247-2885 ONLY with access to FAFB.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			Household Hazardous Waste, auto & household batteries, oil, antifreeze, phone books, shredded paper, packing paper, plastic bags, books.
CITY/COUNTY DROP-SITES	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	OTHER
Waste to Energy Facility - Recycling Center 2900 S. Geiger Blvd. 625-6800	*	*	*	*				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Household Hazardous Waste, household & auto batteries, phone books, old appliances (for a fee).
Valley Recycling -Transfer Station 3941 N. Sullivan Rd. 625-6800	*	*	*	*				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Household Hazardous Waste, household & auto batteries, phone books, old appliances (for a fee).
North County Recycling - Transfer Station 22123 Elk-Chattaroy Rd. 625-6800	*	*	*	*				*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Household Hazardous Waste, household & auto batteries, phone books, old appliances (for a fee).

SPOKANE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE SYSTEM

808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201

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For more information, visit www.solidwaste.org or call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800.



Your Household Hazardous Waste

Many common items in our household (disinfectants, pesticides, toilet cleaners, oil-based paints, and motor oil) contain hazardous chemicals. You can identify hazardous products by reading the labels. "Danger," "Warning," or "Caution" indicate potential hazards if the product is misused, spilled, or disposed of improperly. It is important to handle these products with care to prevent harm to yourself, other living things, and our environment.

Handle and Store with Care

Read and follow the instructions for safe product use and never use more than the manufacturer recommends. Avoid mixing products; mixing may cause a poisonous reaction. Keep unused portions in their original containers. Always leave the original label on the container for identification purposes and in case of accidental poisoning or spills.

Disposal

At the time of disposal, these products are called Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). When hazardous waste products are thrown into the garbage, onto the ground, or down any drains, they can contaminate our air and water and pose a threat to human health and wildlife.

Disposal of hazardous waste from households is not regulated, but the System does provide responsible disposal. Household hazardous waste is accepted in the Recycling Centers at the Transfer Stations and the Waste to Energy Facility.

When transporting HHW for proper disposal, use the original container or clearly marked, closed containers. All waste must be in 5-gallon or smaller containers.

Drop-off Sites

The System provides FREE Household Hazardous Waste drop-off for all Spokane County residents. Residents may take their HHW to either of the two transfer stations or to the Waste to Energy Facility. See Page R3 for hours and location.

Business Hazardous Waste

Business waste CANNOT be accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste facilities. Businesses generating less than 220 pounds of dangerous waste or 2.2 pounds of acute hazardous waste per month may make an appointment for convenient, once-a-month disposal on the last Tuesday of every month at the Valley Transfer Station. General info: (509) 625-7898; fee info and appointment: (800) 547-2436

For businesses generating more than the above amounts, disposal is regulated by the Washington Department of Ecology. Call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800 for an Ecology-approved list of service contractors.

Accepted waste includes:

- household batteries
- motor oil/antifreeze
- fertilizers/pesticides
- car batteries
- paints and solvents
- fluorescent lights

Remember: Paints, oils, and garden supplies often retain their usefulness for years and can be reused. County residents, after signing a release, may take items from "the free table" at each of the HHW collection sites.

Disposal Recommendations for Residential Sharps & Pharmaceutical Waste

You can prevent injury and illness by following some simple steps when disposing of residential or home health care sharps and pharmaceuticals.

Sharps

All needles, syringes, lancets and other sharp objects should be placed in a puncture resistant container (coffee can, liquid detergent or bleach bottle) with a label noting the container holds sharps, needles, etc. NEVER FLUSH SHARPS DOWN TOILETS. Once secured in a container, sharps can be disposed, free of charge, at the Household Hazardous Waste area at the Transfer Stations and the Waste to Energy Facility (see page R3 for locations and hours).

Residents served by the City of Spokane and Empire Disposal may secure sharps in a puncture proof container, label it and place in residential garbage cans for curbside pickup. Do not place sharps containers in recycling bins.

Residents served by Newman Lake Garbage, Sunshine Recycling & Disposal and Waste Management are prohibited from putting any sharps in garbage cans or recycling bins. Contact your garbage hauler for disposal options.

Pharmaceuticals

DO NOT flush over the counter medications or pharmaceuticals down toilets or pour down drains. Secure medications in plastic bags and dispose free of charge at any of the three transfer stations in the Household Hazardous Waste section. Spokane County residents may place pharmaceutical waste in residential garbage cans for curbside pickup.

All residents are encouraged to contact their pharmacists for additional recommendations and information on safely disposing of pharmaceutical waste. Some prescription containers may be recyclable. Check with the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800 for current information before disposing of the empty container in the trash.

Bandages

Soiled bandages, disposable sheets, and medical gloves should be placed in securely fastened plastic bags before placing them in the garbage can with household trash.

For more information, visit www.solidwaste.org or call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800.

Your Yard Debris

What is Clean Green?



Clean Green yard and garden debris includes:

- leaves
- weeds
- brush
- prunings
- grass clippings
- pine needles and pine cones
- sod less than 3 in. thick (without rocks)
- woody materials up to 3 in. in diameter and 6 ft. in length.

Clean Green debris is **NOT**:

- dirt
- rocks
- animal waste
- food or vegetable waste
- garden tools or furniture

Curbside Collection

Garbage haulers may offer optional curbside collection subscription service for residential Clean Green debris pick-up. Haulers transport the Clean Green to Spokane Regional Solid Waste System transfer stations and the Waste to Energy Facility. Call your garbage hauler for details. Fees vary.

Haulers and areas of service are listed on page R8.

Hauling Your Own Clean Green Debris/Yard Debris

Citizens and yard services may haul Clean Green/yard debris to transfer stations and the Waste to Energy Facility during their open hours. See page R3 for hours. Fees vary and are current as of September 2007.

• **October 1-March 31 (all hours):**

The first 100 pounds are free; amounts over the first 100 pounds are charged at 35 cents/20 lbs.

• **April 1-September 30, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.:**

Minimum charge of \$5 for up to 280 pounds; amounts over the first 280 pounds are charged at 35 cents/20 lbs. Exception: on days when the sites are open late, this rate is in effect until 3 p.m. only.

• **April 1-September 30, 3 p.m.-7 p.m.**

(on days sites are open late)

The first 100 pounds are free; amounts over the first 100 pounds are charged at 35 cents/20 lbs. (Clean Green fees are reduced after 3 p.m. on days with extended hours.)

Senior Citizen (+62) Reduced Rate (Mon.-Fri. all hours):

The first 100 pounds are free; amounts over the first 100 pounds are charged at 35 cents/20 lbs.

For more information, visit www.solidwaste.org or call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800.

Home Composting

Home composting is an economical and convenient alternative to bagging yard debris for disposal or hauling it to transfer stations. Composting, a form of "natural recycling," takes ordinary green and brown yard waste and transforms it into a superior soil amendment that improves the health of plants. Compost enhances the waterholding ability of soil and it is an attractive mulch that promotes weed and erosion control. Use compost on your yard and garden to improve your soil and plants. Save money and resources! Worm bins can be used to dispose of kitchen scraps. More information is available on composting, worm composting, and the benefits of using compost in your garden. Call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800.

Master Composters

This volunteer program is sponsored by the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System. Training classes are held every spring. Volunteers offer Compost Fairs at the Arbor Day (April) and Fall Leaf (October) Festival at Finch Arboretum. Call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800 for details.

The Green Zone - N. 222 Havana

The Green Zone is a public learning center that supports "earth-friendly" ideas and alternatives compatible with the Inland Northwest lifestyle. Water conservation, aquifer protection strategies, and xeriscaping are among The Green Zone's offerings. The Compost Demonstration Site features many styles of compost bins, including some built from recycled plastic lumber.



Clean Green/ Yard Debris Questions

Where does all the Clean Green go?

All Clean Green material from the System is composted at a large-scale composting facility.

Where can I get information about Home Composting or the Master Composter program?

Call the Recycling Hotline, (509) 625-6800. Brochures on "Composting," "Worm bins," and "Grasscycling" are available free of charge.

What if I want yard debris picked up at my home?

Call your hauler for curbside information.



Your Garbage Service

Garbage from residences, institutions, and commercial establishments needs to be disposed of properly. The burning of garbage in burn barrels, stoves, or fireplaces is illegal in the State of Washington. Spokane County's garbage is safely disposed and incinerated at the Waste to Energy facility. Specific Construction and Demolition debris can be disposed at different sites (see page R9).

Service Providers & Curbside Service Information

In Spokane County, designated haulers provide residential and commercial garbage collection, recycling, and/or yard debris collection service in specific areas. Cities in the County require weekly collection. Variable trash can sizes may be available.

New residents to the area should contact the appropriate provider to start services. The service provider will inform you of your collection day, services available, and the cost of those services. Always have your garbage at the curb by 6 a.m. on your designated pick-up day.

Empire Disposal, Inc.

Serves Spangle, Rockford, Fairfield, Waverly, Latah, and the southeast portion of Spokane County.

(509) 397-3200 or (866) 865-3200

Newman Lake Garbage Service

Serves the area around Newman Lake north of Trent.

(509) 924-4312

Solid Waste Management

Serves City of Spokane residents.

www.spokanecitysolidwaste.com

(509) 625-7878

Sunshine Disposal & Recycling

Serves the cities of Airway Heights, Cheney, Deer Park, Fairchild AFB, Medical Lake, unincorporated Spokane County (west of the City of Spokane and north of Deer Park), and commercial waste and recycling in Millwood, Liberty Lake, Spokane Valley, and unincorporated eastern Spokane County.

www.sunshinedisposal.com

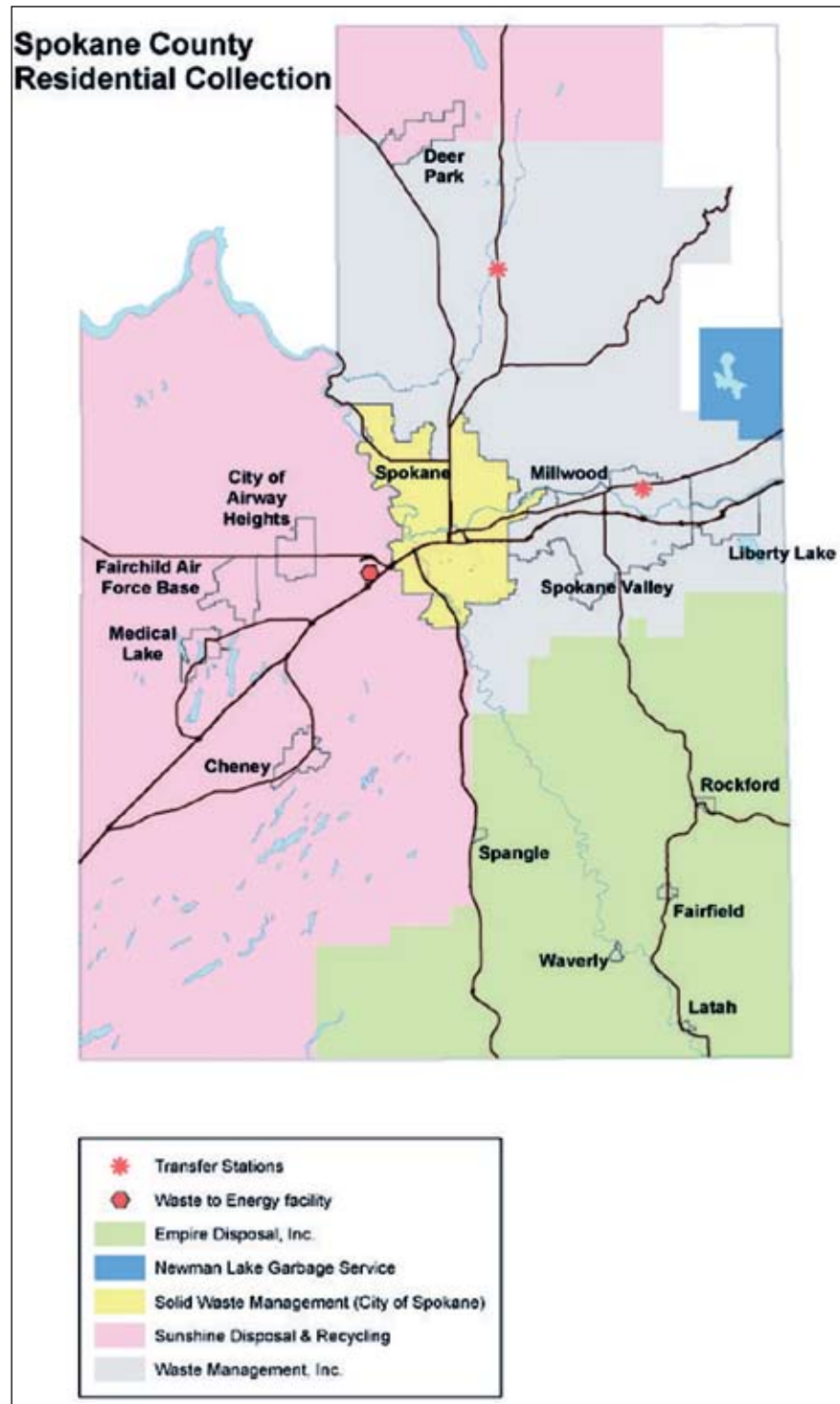
(509) 924-5678

Waste Management

Serves the cities of Spokane Valley, Liberty Lake, Millwood, and most of the unincorporated areas of Spokane County (east of the City of Spokane).

www.wastemanagement.com

(509) 924-9400



For more information, visit www.solidwaste.org or call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800.

Construction, Demolition, & Land Clearing (CDL)



Construction, demolition, and land clearing (CDL) debris consists largely of common materials, such as wood, asphalt, concrete, rock, gypsum, and various metals that have multiple potential uses. Many of these materials can be cost-effectively recovered, processed, and used as raw materials for new (or renewed) end uses. Additional materials can be salvaged. For example, concrete and asphalt pavement can be crushed and used as base material for new construction or as aggregate in new concrete. Wood waste can be processed and sold for landscaping mulch or used to produce new wood products. It is often used for hog fuel. Gypsum from wallboard can be ground and used to manufacture new wallboard and fertilizer. Architecturally valuable timbers, hardware, doors, and windows can be salvaged and reused with minimal or no processing.

Collection Services

For information, call the Recycling Hotline, (509) 625-6800.

Salvage Services

The Spokane Regional Solid Waste System can help you locate potential sources for deconstruction and salvage services. Contact the Waste Reduction Assessment Program (WRAP), (509) 625-6536.

Job-Site Assistance

If you need help setting up a job-site recycling program, information is available without charge from the Spokane Regional Solid Waste System office. WRAP (see page R10): (509) 625-6536

Construction and Demolition Sites

Busy Bee Landfill and Wood Recycling Co.:
14910 W. Craig Rd., Airway Heights
(509) 244-5049, (509) 981-0517, or (509) 990-1055

Diversified Recycling Industry:
8716 N. Green Lane, Spokane
(509) 467-2823

Graham Road Recycling & Disposal:
1820 S. Graham Rd., Medical Lake
(509) 244-0151

Inland Asphalt Chester Landfill (Valley):
44th & Sands, Dishman-Mica
(509) 927-9747



The following list of accepted materials and facilities is based on June 2007 Recycling Hotline files. **Always call first.**

Materials Accepted

Asphalt

Busy Bee Landfill and Wood Recycling Co.: (509) 244-5049
Graham Road Recycling & Disposal: (509) 244-0151
Inland Asphalt Chester Landfill (Valley): (509) 927-9747

Building Materials

Refer to the **Dex Yellow Pages** under the heading "Building Materials, Used"

Clean Fill Dirt and Rocks

Busy Bee Landfill and Wood Recycling Co.: (509) 244-5049
Diversified Recycling Industry: (509) 467-2823
Graham Road Recycling & Disposal: (509) 244-0151
Inland Asphalt Chester Landfill (Valley): (509) 927-9747

Concrete

Busy Bee Landfill and Wood Recycling Co.: (509) 244-5049
Graham Road Recycling & Disposal: (509) 244-0151
Diversified Recycling Industry: (509) 467-2823
Inland Asphalt Chester Landfill (Valley): (509) 927-9747

Scrap Metals

Action Recycling: non-ferrous only: (509) 483-4094
American Recycling Corp.: (509) 535-4271
Busy Bee Landfill and Wood Recycling Co.: (509) 244-5049
Clark's Recycling: (non-ferrous only) (509) 922-2264
or (509) 328-4086
Dickson Iron & Metal: (509) 535-6146
Du-Mor Recycling: (509) 489-6482
Earthworks Recycling: (509) 534-1638
Graham Road Recycling & Disposal: (509) 244-0151
Pacific Steel and Recycling: (509) 535-1673

Sheetrock (Gypsum, Drywall, or Plasterboard)

Graham Road Recycling & Disposal: (509) 244-0151

Wood Waste (including pallets)

ABCO Wood Recycling: (509) 482-0663
Busy Bee Landfill and Wood Recycling Co.: (509) 244-5049
Cannon Hill Industries: (509) 465-8227
Diversified Recycling Industry: (509) 467-2823
Earthworks (pallets only): (509) 534-1638
Graham Road Recycling & Disposal: (509) 244-0151
Lee's Pallet Service: (509) 467-4238
Pallet Services: (509) 533-6684

For more information, visit www.solidwaste.org or call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800.



Commercial Services

Waste Reduction Assessment Program (WRAP)

More than half of the waste generated in Spokane County comes from businesses and institutions.

There are opportunities for these entities to reduce their commercial waste. Much of the general waste that businesses discard as garbage could easily be hauled away as recyclable material at a much lower cost.

FREE business waste assessments are offered to Spokane County businesses, schools, hospitals and institutions interested in reducing their disposal bills and increasing their recycling efforts. This Waste Reduction Assessment Program (WRAP) is both voluntary and non-regulatory.

Services range from mailing a general information packet outlining the recycling options to conducting a complete physical assessment of a business's solid waste (not hazardous waste). By identifying practices that result in unnecessary waste generation, the program assists businesses in determining the cost effectiveness of a reduction and recycling program. Upon completion of a waste assessment, an individualized report is provided, to help your business start reducing waste.

If preferred, a business could conduct its own assessment. A manual can be provided along with the general packet of information. Disposal and refuse expense history can also be provided in a table and graph format providing a truer baseline for making decisions. The assessment contractor is available to meet with staff and help in training. All information is confidential.

For information and scheduling, please call (509) 625-6536.

Collection Service

Commercial customers use the same haulers as residential customers. Those haulers provide garbage and recycling collection. See page R8 for a complete listing.

Private Recyclers

See page R5 for a complete listing of Recycling Centers. Businesses can either haul their own recyclables, or contract with a willing center for collection.

Yard Debris Reminder

Don't forget Clean Green yard debris options for businesses that handle their own outside maintenance. See page R7 for information on yard debris disposal.

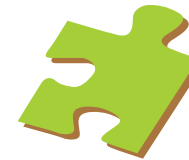
Business Hazardous Waste

See page R6 for details.

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Electronics Recycling



E-Recycling (Electronic Recycling) is a popular, informal name for the reuse and recycling of electronic products. Unwanted electronics is one of the fastest growing segments of the solid waste stream. Many common electronic products such as computers, TVs, VCRs, stereos, copiers, fax machines, and telephones can be reused, refurbished, or recycled. The following is a partial list of local sources for computer refurbishing and recycling. Check the **Dex Yellow Pages** under "Recycling Services" for a more complete listing. **Always call first.**

Computers and Peripherals

- Du-Mor Recycling (Spokane): (509) 489-6482
- Earthworks Recycling (Spokane): (509) 534-1638
www.earthworksrecycling.com
- Recycle Techs (Spokane): (509) 926-1605
www.recycletechs.com
- Spokane Recycling: (509) 535-0284
www.spokanerecycling.com

Toner/Printer Cartridges

The following is a partial list of local sources for toner/printer cartridge recycling. Check the **Dex Yellow Pages** under "Recycling Services" for a more complete listing. **Always call first.**

Earthworks Recycling (Spokane): (509) 534-1638
www.earthworksrecycling.com

Kershaw's Inc (Spokane): (509) 456-6500

LaserCycle: (509) 921-1040

MCPC (Spokane): (509) 624-9101

Office Depot (Spokane): (509) 536-7600

Spokane Technologies (Spokane): (509) 838-3539

Staples (Spokane): (509) 328-6495, (509) 466-8989, or (509) 927-8291

Cell Phones

Most major cell phone retailers will take any used cell phone, whether or not it came from them and whether or not you buy a new one from them. **Remember to cancel your cell phone service and delete any stored information before recycling or donating the phone.**

The following companies accept cell phones. **Always call first.**

- Du-Mor Recycling: (509) 489-6482
- Earthworks Recycling: (509) 534-1638
- Recycle Techs: (509) 926-1605
- Spokane Recycling: (509) 535-0284

Consider donating your old cell phones to

- Spokane County Domestic Violence Consortium: (509) 835-4500
- Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs (SNAP): (509) 456-7111, Ext. 242
- YWCA Alternatives to Domestic Violence: (509) 326-1190

Waste Reduction



Why Is Waste Reduction Important?

During the past 35 years, the amount of waste each person creates has increased to over 5 pounds per day. The most effective way to reverse this trend is to prevent waste in the first place. Waste reduction is the most preferable method of waste management and goes a long way toward protecting the environment. Waste reduction, often called waste prevention, means consuming and throwing away less. All products purchased, or at least their packaging or containers, will eventually require disposal. Packaging alone now accounts for 33% of all our garbage. If each person in Spokane County reduced waste by only 1 pound each week, the amount of reduction countywide would total over 11,000 tons a year.

Waste Reduction Essentials

Produce less waste.

For example, choose reusable dishes and flatware instead of disposable paper plates and plastic flatware.

Reduce toxic substances in waste.

For example, choose nontoxic household cleaners instead of those that contain hazardous ingredients.

Watch what you buy!

Waste reduction starts at the shopping center. When you go shopping, follow these guidelines:

- Buy durable products instead of those that are disposable or cheaply made.
- Buy recyclable products. Know what can be recycled in this area, then choose that kind of packaging and recycle it through curbside collection or recycling centers.
- Repair/restore items rather than replace them. For example, have shoes resoled, have a chair reupholstered.
- Reuse items. Reusing margarine tubs to store frozen foods or to pack lunches, for instance, reduces the need for foil or plastic wrap.
- Avoid excess packaging when buying products. Buy products in bulk and buy just the amount you need. Larger sizes reduce the amount of packaging, but smaller sizes reduce leftover waste. (One important exception: when buying household hazardous chemical products, buy the smallest size you need.)
- Buy only what you need. You will save money and throw away fewer things.
- Buy recycled-content products and packaging. This supports the actual recycling industries and eases the burden on our environment.



Paper or plastic? The next time you're asked this question, be good to the environment and say, "Neither." Use a durable shopping bag instead. These bags are available at most grocery stores; your store may even give you a discount for using them.

For more information, visit www.solidwaste.org or call the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800.

Another Option



Find a new home for your used furniture, building materials, appliances, sports equipment, and more.

The www.2good2toss.com waste exchange website is a no-cost, online service for Spokane County residents. Click on the Spokane icon for directions on how to use this service. Each listing contains a description of the reusable materials along with contact information and any cost or delivery information. The maximum amount that can be charged for an item is \$99. The exchange of items is carried out directly between the interested parties. Those using the site should remember to inspect any used item before buying it.

Check the **Dex Yellow Pages** under "Thrift Stores," "Furniture-Used," and related headings to find other great reusable items.

New this fall: Event Recycling!

A Washington State law requiring recycling receptacles at official gatherings and sports facilities took effect on July 22, 2007. An official gathering is defined as "any event where

authorization to hold the event is approved, recognized, or issued by a government, public body, or authority — including fairs, musical concerts, athletic games, festivals, tournaments, or any other formal or ceremonial event."

The Spokane Regional Solid Waste System has a lending library of event recycling containers that organizations may check-out for use at public events.

Containers are designed to collect aluminum cans and plastic pop and water bottles.

To request these containers or to learn more about event recycling, contact the Recycling Hotline, (509) 625-6800, or visit www.solidwaste.org.



Frequently Asked Questions

What can I bring to the recycling area at the transfer stations or WTE Facility?

Newspapers, Code 1 & 2 plastic bottles and jars (all colors), glass bottles and jars (clear, brown and green), aluminum cans, tin cans, phone books, corrugated cardboard, brown bags, magazines, and scrap metals. See page R4.

What else can I recycle?

There are more things to recycle than paper, cans, and bottles, including many construction and demolition materials (see page R9), motor oil and antifreeze collected at System HHW sites (see page R6), and Clean Green yard debris (see page R7.)

Can I take appliances to the transfer stations? Can I recycle them free of charge?

Appliances are accepted at the transfer stations and at the Waste to Energy Facility. **Do not** take them to the recycling area. White goods/large appliances are required to cross the scales at the regular solid waste rate because they need special handling. The appliances are recycled as scrap metal after the refrigerant is recovered and other hazardous components (mercury switches, capacitors with PCBs) are removed by trained staff.

Where can I dispose of tires?

A few tires can be put out with the trash for curbside pickup (for an extra charge) or taken with a load of trash to the Waste to Energy Facility or Transfer Stations. For other options, call the Recycling Hotline, (509) 625-6800.

How do I determine if a load is uncovered or unsecured?

Even if garbage or yard debris is bagged or in cans with snapping lids and in a truck bed, the bags or cans need to be secured so that they don't fly out. If a load is heavy, make sure that there is no way that the object could become airborne and thrown from the vehicle. Large objects can be secured with ropes and loose items should be covered with a tarp so that nothing spills from the load. Loads not meeting this criteria can be assessed a \$5 fee by the scale house attendant.

What if I have leftover Household Hazardous Waste items?

The "free" reuse table, located in the HHW collection area of the Transfer Stations and WTE Facility, is a good way to allow someone else to use unneeded HHW products. County residents, after signing a release, may take items home.

TIPS

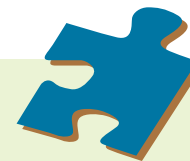
Reducing Yard Debris - Grasscycling

It is estimated that grass clippings make up about 90% of the total yard trimmings generated in the Spokane area between mid-April and October. Grasscycling, or allowing the finely chopped grass clippings to remain on the lawn, improves your lawn's health and lowers your disposal costs. It is a simple, natural approach to lawn care.

TIPS

Reducing Hazardous Waste

- Buy only the amount needed.
 - Choose the least toxic product available.
 - Use up products or share leftovers with others.
 - Use "Safer Subs" — non-toxic alternatives.
- Contact the Recycling Hotline at (509) 625-6800 for free brochures.



Where can I take waste oil and antifreeze?

Take these and other household hazardous wastes to the Recycling Centers at the Waste to Energy Facility or Transfer Stations and drop them off FREE of charge at the Household Hazardous Waste shed. Materials must be in 5-gallon or smaller containers that are clearly marked and have lids. Do not mix HHW items. Do not bring business hazardous waste to the HHW area. See page R6.

Where do I take leftover paint and empty paint cans?

Empty paint cans are regular trash and should be discarded as such. If there is very little paint left in the can, let the paint dry out and discard the can. If there is still usable or unusable paint in the can, take it to the Household Hazardous Waste area and drop it off free of charge.

What does garbage disposal cost?

Garbage disposal costs \$98/ton. Citizens pay for what their garbage weighs. The minimum charge is \$7.00 for up to 140 lbs. Commercial haulers pay \$103/ton at Transfer Stations.



Remember... Secure Your Load — Or It May Cost You!

Loads being delivered to disposal sites must be covered with a tarp or secured with a rope or other means to prevent spillage. This applies to all three sites.

As of January 1, 2006, a \$5 fee is charged for all unsecured or uncovered loads. Notification of this fee will be made prior to unloading your vehicle and added to your disposal charge. This fee is dictated by RCW 70.93.097 and Spokane County Ordinance 6-0419. For more information, call the Recycling Hotline, (509) 625-6800.

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