



## GARBAGE & CHEMICALS

### HOW TO LEGALLY STORE AND DISPOSE OF WASTE

We humans generate a lot of waste, from everyday garbage and grass clippings to unusable furniture; from construction debris to appliances beyond repair. Scrap metal and junk vehicles, too, are solid waste. Some items such as oil-based paint, solvents, and some cleaning products may be considered hazardous waste.

Solid and hazardous waste (garbage and chemicals) that are improperly stored or disposed of can impact your health and safety. We work to protect you, your family, and the environment by ensuring waste is collected, stored, processed, and disposed of properly and according to local and state regulations.

#### WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Whether you're the owner, occupant, or operator of a property, you are responsible for the proper and legal disposal of all solid waste that is generated or collected on the property. Violations can result in the issuance of a civil infraction, which may result in you appearing in court or paying a fine.

#### DISPOSING OF WASTE

Garbage must be disposed of weekly at an approved solid waste facility unless approved by the Kitsap Public Health District. If you don't know where your local solid waste disposal or recycling facility is, please call the Health District or Kitsap County Public Works at 360-337-5777.

**ILLEGAL DUMPING.** It is against the law to bury or dump garbage or other solid waste on any Kitsap property, even if it's your own property or you have the owner's permission.

**PET WASTE** must be disposed of weekly. Pet droppings can be double-bagged and placed in your regular garbage for disposal.

**RODENT CONTROL.** Discourage rodents from nesting by eliminating excessive vegetation



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and their food source and securing any possible entry points to your home. Dispose of all garbage and fallen fruit, and remove piles of debris and excessive vegetation. Contact a pest control company if you need more suggestions.

*JUNK VEHICLES.* A junk vehicle is an older vehicle that is damaged or inoperable and has little value. They are considered solid waste and should either be disposed of (they usually can be sold for scrap) or stored in a garage or other legal structure.

*COMPOST.* Composting yard waste and produce scraps is encouraged as long as the compost pile does not create a nuisance. If it attracts pests or creates a foul smell, it will be considered solid waste and subject to solid waste regulations.

*BURNING* garbage or any solid waste is illegal. Burning natural vegetation (branches and brush) is permitted only outside county burn ban areas. Contact your local fire department about restrictions and any required permits for your area.

*HAZARDOUS WASTE.* Pesticides, oil-based paints, solvents, and other hazardous material used at home or at a small business may NOT be disposed of in the garbage. Take these to a household hazardous waste facility; or contact Kitsap County Public Works for instructions at 360-337-5777. Latex paints are not considered hazardous waste and may be dried out before being placed in your regular trash.

*MEDICINES* can be taken to your closest Kitsap County Sheriff's office for disposal. There are also pre-paid mail envelopes available at many pharmacies to safely mail medicines to a facility that can ensure proper disposal. It is not safe to flush them down the toilet or dispose of them in the trash where they may ultimately end up in our ground or surface waters.

*BIOMEDICAL WASTE* such as syringes and lancets, once placed in a sharps container, may be taken to any of the county solid waste facilities and disposed of for free. Please put them in a specially designed sharps container or a heavy plastic container such as a bleach or detergent bottle before taking them to the facility. Contact Kitsap County Public Works at 360-337-5777 if you need the location of a facility near you. Sharps and other biomedical wastes may not be placed into the regular garbage, but must be managed separately. Biomedical waste generated by a business must be disposed of through a commercial biomedical waste vendor.

### QUESTIONS?

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