

Solid Waste Collection

The City of Mount Vernon Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division, provides weekly garbage collection/disposal services to all residential and commercial customers within the City limits. For residential garbage service the City will provide a grey plastic wheeled cart. These carts are available in four sizes; 20, 35, 65, and 95 gallon depending on the amount of waste you produce on a weekly basis. To start or stop garbage collection services, to increase or decrease the size of your cart, or any other garbage related questions please call (360) 336-6218.

Assistance in caring for the garbage cart that is assigned to your address will help control operational costs and keep your garbage rates to a minimum. Washing the cart out occasionally will help keep it clean, discourage pests, and control odors.

Garbage service fees include a state refuse tax of 3.6%

Cart Placement Requirements

Before 6:00 a.m. on your collection day, place your garbage, recycle, and yard waste carts out for pick up (alley or curb). Make sure all carts are 3' away from each other, any mail box, light post, fire hydrant, or parked vehicle and at least 18" away from any street placed basketball hoop. For curbside pickup, make sure they are at the curb near the driveway, adjacent to the curb, with the handles towards your house, the arrow on the lid towards the street. Curbside customers must remove the carts from the street within 24 hours after collection. For alley pickup, place the side of the cart next to the fence or property line with the arrow on the lid facing up or down the alley. Alley customers may leave their carts in the alley if they so wish, provided they do not block the alley in any way. A return trip charge may be applied if carts are not out on time or not accessible for pick up.

- Do not paint or deface the cart.
- Do not remove insert from 20 gallon carts.
- Do not put hot ashes in the cart.
- Do not remove the cart from the property.
- Do not park "head in" to the curb on collection day, MVMC 10.04 - restricts "head in" parking on any city street.
- An additional return trip fee of \$15.00 may be assessed if your garbage container is not accessible on collection day, MVMC 12.8.120.

If you move, contact City Hall at (360) 336-6218, we will pick up the cart when the property becomes vacant.



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2016 Holiday Collection Schedule

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1, 2016

Collect on Monday, January 4, 2016

Martin Luther King Day

Monday, January 18, 2016

Collect on Tuesday, January 19, 2016

Presidents Day

Monday, February 15, 2016

Collect on Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Memorial Day (recognized)

Monday, May 30, 2016

Collect on Tuesday, May 31, 2016

Independence Day

Monday July 4, 2016

Collect on Tuesday, July 5, 2016

Labor Day

Monday, September 5, 2016

Collect on Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Veterans Day

Friday, November 11, 2016

Collect on Day Monday, November 14, 2016

Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 24, 2016

Collect on Wednesday, November 23, 2016

***if your normal collection day is Thursday, be sure to put your garbage out a day EARLY**

Friday, November 25, 2016

Collect on Monday, November 28, 2016

Christmas Day (recognized)

Monday, December 26, 2016

Collect on Tuesday, December 27, 2016

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL:

Computers, televisions, and other electronic equipment contain heavy metals and other hazardous materials that should not go into a landfill. **Beginning January 1, 2010, recycling is free for the following products under Washington's E-cycle law: Computers, (desktops and towers), Laptops, Computer Monitors, and Televisions.**

RECYCLE LOCATIONS:

Mount Vernon Goodwill Store

102 Valley Mall Way — (360) 848-0646

Goodwill is open for electronics drop-off from 8 am - 7 pm Monday - Saturday, & from 9 am - 5 pm Sundays

Look for the E-Cycle Washington logo at participating vendors. For recycling locations for the above products, please visit the 1800recycle.wa.gov website. Peripherals, such as cell phones, mice, printers, copiers, and scanners are not covered.

Used Building Material Recycling:

Habitat for Humanity Re-Use Store

1022 Riverside Drive 360-428-9402

Open Monday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Accepts all types of new and reusable appliances, cabinets, countertops, doors, electrical supplies/fixtures, flooring, furniture, hardware, lighting, paint/paint supplies, plumbing, roofing, windows and more. If you would like to donate an item, please contact the store for program details and a list of unacceptable items. 360-428-9402

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Skagit Co. Household Hazardous Waste Collection Ctr:

14104 Ovenell Road, (360) 424-9532

Accepts used motor oil, paints, pesticides, herbicides, antifreeze, fluorescent bulbs, and rechargeable batteries. Please contact the collection center prior to disposal for their business hours and an expanded list of acceptable and unacceptable material. The recycling service is offered at no charge to Skagit County residents, but there is a fee for commercial businesses.

Used Motor Oil:

Mount Vernon O'Reilly Auto Supply

1715 Riverside Drive, (360) 424-6131

Accepts used motor oil free of charge.

Appliance Recycling:

Jaco Environmental 1(800) 414-5072

Offers curbside pick up service of old appliances. Fees are based on the number of appliances recycled and whether they contain any Freon.

YARD WASTE DROP OFF FACILITY

1010 Shop Lane (just east of old location)

SUMMER HOURS 2016 (March through October)

Wednesday through Friday, 11:00 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

WINTER HOURS 2016 (November through February)

Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

The City of Mount Vernon Solid Waste Division offers Mount Vernon citizens a yard waste drop-off facility located at 1010 Shop Lane, just east of the Public Works shop at 409 E Fir Street. If you live within the City limits and are currently signed up for garbage service, you may use the facility to dispose of anything organic; grass, leaves, fruits, vegetables, brush, branches, etc.

You must purchase a punch card prior to disposal of yard waste (with the exception of Halloween pumpkins and Christmas trees, which are free). Punch cards may be purchased at City Hall or the Yard Waste Facility during regular business hours. Punch cards may be purchased in \$5, \$10, or \$20 sizes. One punch allows the disposal of one cubic yard of brush or 64 gallons of yard debris.

*** PLEASE NO COMMERCIAL LAWN CARE PROVIDERS *
NO SOD, DIRT, ROCKS, CONCRETE, OR ANIMAL WASTE**

The facility also accepts all kinds of scrap steel for free (washers, dryers, bed frames, barbecues minus the propane tank, stoves, bicycles, etc.) And for a small fee we also accept any non-painted or stained dimensional wood (2x4's, 4x4's, plywood, fence boards, decks etc.) Please keep non-organic items separate from yard waste.

Home composters are still available to Mount Vernon residents for \$25 each and can be purchased at the Yard Waste Facility during yard waste hours. For any yard waste related questions please call (360) 336-6218.

FOR LARGE ORGANICS DISPOSAL PROJECTS

PLEASE CONSIDER:

Skagit Soils

13260 Ball Road, Mount Vernon — (360) 424-0199

Accepts clean yard waste, tree trimmings, grass clippings, and other organics for composting. Also accepts scrap sheet rock, sod, dirt, and rocks; please keep separate from yard waste.

T&T Recovery/Lauts

13084 Ball Road, Mount Vernon — (360) 757-4000

Accepts brush, construction debris, pallets, scrap sheet rock, stumps, and wood

2016 Recycling Calendar

Residential Recycle Collection:

The City of Mount Vernon contracts with Waste Management for every other week residential recycling services. Blue recycle carts are provided by Waste Management and are available in 35-gallon, 64-gallon, and 96-gallon sizes. Recycle costs are included in your monthly City Sewer/Garbage bill at \$3.40 per household regardless of cart size. For more residential recycle information call Waste Management at (800) 592-9995.

Yard waste cannot be disposed of in your grey garbage cart or your blue recycle cart. An extra charge may be assessed if yard waste is placed in either of these carts.

SHREDDED PAPER AND/OR CONFETTI

Shredded paper and/or confetti will no longer be acceptable in recycle carts; however, it may be placed in a yard waste container or taken to the City's yard waste drop off facility at 1010 Shop Lane (just east of old location).

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	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6		31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Feb	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27		21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29	1	2	3	4	5		28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Mar	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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May	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4		27	28	29	30	1	2	3
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Jun	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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	Recycling	Collected on shaded weeks on garbage day
	Yard Waste	Collected from subscribers weekly Mar-Nov, every other week Dec-Feb on garbage day
	Holidays	Collection delayed one business day if your collection day falls on January 1, MLK Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day, or December 26. Thanksgiving if your normal day is Thursday, put your recycling out a day early if your normal day is Friday, put your recycling out the following Monday

Please place containers at the curb by 6:00 AM:

- * Three (3) feet apart with lids opening toward street
- * At least three (3) feet from cars, trees, mailboxes
- * Wheels as close to the curb as possible

Please take containers in as soon as possible after collection

Estas instrucciones para reciclar también están disponibles en español, wmnorthwest.com/mtvernon * 1-800-592-9995 (7AM-5PM M-F)

All-in-One Recycling Guidelines

Please empty recyclables out of bags and boxes into your recycling cart. Place cart lid opening toward street. Remove from street after collection.

Yes, these go in your recycle cart:

- ✓ Flattened Cardboard (limit 2' x 3')
 - ✓ Magazines and catalogs
 - ✓ Mail (including window envelopes)
 - ✓ Paper food boxes
 - ✓ Frozen food boxes
 - ✓ Plastic jars, bottles, and jugs (No lids or caps)
 - ✓ Plastic dairy tubs (yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.) (No lids)
 - ✓ Scrap metal (limit 2' x 2', 35 lbs.) (No wood, plastics, rubber or grease)
 - ✓ Glass bottles and jars (No lids or caps)
 - ✓ Aluminum cans
 - ✓ Steel or tin cans
 - ✓ Paperback books
 - ✓ Newspaper
 - ✓ Phone books
 - ✓ Milk cartons
 - ✓ Juice boxes
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Waste Prevention is Even Better Than Recycling!
Before you buy, use or discard an item, ask yourself:

Garbage In, Garbage Out!

Recycling that contains garbage will be charged as extra garbage.

NO

- ⊗ Prescription vials
 - ⊗ Food wrap
 - ⊗ Styrofoam packing
 - ⊗ Aerosol cans
 - ⊗ Light bulbs
 - ⊗ Knives or scissors
 - ⊗ Ceramics or dishes
 - ⊗ Food wraps, residue, or garbage
 - ⊗ Plastic bags (Can be recycled at grocery store)
 - ⊗ Styrofoam peanuts (Can be reused at mailing houses)
 - ⊗ Paper towels, plates, or napkins
 - ⊗ Disposable diapers or rags
 - ⊗ Plastic take-out containers
 - ⊗ Plastic trays (bakery, meat, etc.)
 - ⊗ Plastic cups, plates or utensils
 - ⊗ Toxic containers (oil, antifreeze, pesticides, etc.)
 - ⊗ Aluminum foil or foil trays
 - ⊗ Sharp or greasy scrap metal
 - ⊗ Needles or syringes
 - ⊗ Mirrors or window glass
 - ⊗ Shredded paper and or confetti *
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- Reduce:** Can I buy this with less packaging?
- Recycle:** Can I recycle this after I use it?
- Reuse:** Can I or someone else use this again?
- Buy Recycled:** Can I get this item with recycled content?