



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—toner cartridges, old paint, solvents and cleaning products, for example—are also considered hazardous waste.

All garbage and chemicals—including solid and hazardous waste—can impact your health and safety. We work to protect you and your family—and the environment—by ensuring such waste is collected, stored, processed, and disposed of properly, according to local and state regulations.

WHO'S RESPONSIBLE?

Whether you're the owner, occupant, or operator of the property, you are responsible for the proper and legal disposal of all solid waste that you generate or collect. Violations can result in a fine or community service.

DISPOSING OF WASTE

GARBAGE. It must be disposed of weekly unless approved by the health district. Methods include approved landfills, recycling and garbage facilities, and curbside collection.

ILLEGAL DUMPING. It is against the law to bury or dump garbage or other solid waste on any Kitsap property (even your own or with an owner's permission).

PET WASTE. Pet droppings must be disposed of weekly. Double-bagged, they can be placed in the garbage.

RODENT CONTROL. Discourage rodents from nesting by eliminating their food source. Dispose of all garbage and fallen fruit, and remove piles of debris. Contact us—or a pest control company—for more suggestions.



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JUNK VEHICLES. A junk vehicle is one that is: more than three years old; extensively damaged or inoperable; and has only scrap value. Kitsap regulations allow no more than six junk vehicles; these must be screened from view and have fluids removed. Those in the process of repair that are properly stored are not considered junk vehicles.

COMPOST. Composting yard waste and produce scraps is encouraged. If it attracts pests or creates a foul smell, it will be considered a nuisance and subject to fines.

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

HAZARDOUS WASTE. Pesticides, paints, solvents, and other hazardous materials used at home or at a small business may NOT be disposed of in the garbage. Take these to the County Household Hazardous Waste Facility; or contact Kitsap County Public Works for instructions: 360-337-5777.

QUESTIONS?

Call us at 360-337-5235, or see us online under Environment.