

# Yard and food waste accepted at Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station



 **King County**  
Department of  
Natural Resources and Parks  
Solid Waste Division

## Yard waste

- Branches, brush, twigs
- Grass clippings
- Holiday trees
- Leaves
- Weeds

Branches and trees must be less than eight feet long, and branches and tree trunks must be no more than four inches in diameter. **These materials will NOT be accepted with yard or food waste:** Rocks, sod, soil, glass, metal, plastic, plastic bags, or pet waste.

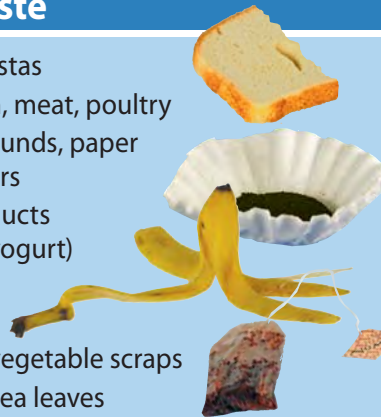


## Food waste

- Breads, pastas
- Bones, fish, meat, poultry
- Coffee grounds, paper coffee filters
- Dairy products (cheeses, yogurt)
- Egg shells, nutshells
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Tea bags, tea leaves

**These materials will NOT be accepted with food or yard waste:** Glass, metal, plastic, plastic bags, compostable utensils, or food-soiled paper products such as pizza boxes, take-out containers, and paper plates, napkins or towels.

Food waste can be collected in a small kitchen countertop container with a compostable bag liner. Visit <https://cedar-grove.com/compostable/accepted-items/bags> to see brands of compostable bag liners approved by Cedar Grove. Approved bag liners are sold by these Vashon retailers: Island Home Center & Lumber, Thriftway, and Vashon IGA.



## Waste prevention is best

Visit King County's Food: Too Good to Waste website – [your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/waste-prevention/too-good-to-waste.asp](http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste/waste-prevention/too-good-to-waste.asp) – for information and tips about how to reduce food waste.

## Unsecured loads will be assessed a fee

Please remember that unsecured loads of garbage, recyclable materials, or yard and food waste will be assessed a \$25 fee, per King County Code 10.12.040.

Each load delivered to King County recycling and transfer stations must be securely fastened to a vehicle with tarps, rope, straps, netting, or chains to prevent any part of the load or the covering from becoming loose, detached, or leaving the vehicle while the vehicle is moving.

**Secure Your Load For Safer Roads!**



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Alternative Formats On Request  
206-477-4466 | TTY Relay: 711

## Did you know?

- An estimated **70 percent** of the garbage transported from Vashon Island and buried in King County's Cedar Hills Regional Landfill could have been reused, recycled, or composted.
- Yard and food waste can be turned into compost (a valuable soil amendment good for plants and water quality) or potentially into a source of clean energy such as fuel or electricity.
- **Good job Vashon!** More than 1,600 tons of yard and food waste from Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station was composted in the first two and a half years of the program.

## How does it work?

- Drive to the scale house where vehicles will be weighed in and out.
- From the scale house, proceed to the yard and food waste area, and place yard and food waste in the designated area next to the "Yard and food waste" sign.

## Fees for yard and food waste

- Minimum fee: \$12 per entry; covers up to 320 lbs.
- Per ton fee: \$75

These fees are **lower** than the garbage fees, and are the same fees charged for yard waste at other King County recycling and transfer stations.

Depending on the actual weight, customers will be charged either the minimum fee or the actual weight based on the per ton fee.

**Yard and food waste mixed with garbage or recyclable materials will be disposed as garbage and charged at the garbage fee.**

*(See other side for details)*

**Zero Waste Vashon (Z WV)** and **King County Solid Waste Division (SWD)** partnered in 2015 to start this program to collect yard and food waste at **Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station (VRTS)**.

## King County SWD:

- Arranges for transportation of the yard and food waste to privately owned Cedar Grove Composting, Inc. in Maple Valley.
- Tracks quantities and types of yard and food waste delivered to Vashon Recycling & Transfer Station.

## For more information

- Visit [www.kingcounty.gov/vashon](http://www.kingcounty.gov/vashon)
- Visit [zerowastevashon.org](http://zerowastevashon.org)
- Contact King County Solid Waste Division at 206-477-4466

