



Burton/Evergreen Neighborhood Association



Newsletter

On the Web!!!!

**Burton-Evergreen
Neighborhood is now on the
web.**

**Find this Newsletter under
Burton-Evergreen group on the
Vancouver Office of
Neighborhoods**



Bag the Brainstorming Meeting!

Meeting!

***A Burton-Evergreen
meeting will be
announced later.***



Upcoming Event!

Debris Clean Up Day!

**Where: 15815 NE 18th Street
At the East Park Church
Parking Lot.**

When: June 28th, 2024

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

**Volunteers needed! Please join
us in this adventure.**

**Contact: Russ Scofield at
360-907-1117**



Notice!!!!

**Mr. Scofield and Mrs.
Scofield were so kind to
attended the 2025
Neighborhood Recycling
Meeting at the Ft Vancouver
Library. Please read the
attached news about recycling
and composting.**

Properly Dispose of Plastic Bags and Film

Many people looking to recycle as much possible will put plastic bags or film into their recycling carts. In reality this does a lot more harm than good. While you can't recycle plastic bags and film curbside, you do have options.

First, the biggest change you can make is to reduce the amount of plastic you use. Bring reusable bags to the grocery store, or reuse any plastic bags and bubble wrap you have. Any bags or film that you can't reuse, bring back to most grocery stores for recycling. Find the collection bin usually near an entrance. Plastic bags placed there will be recycled along with any other film plastic the store produces. This how to make sure that film plastic is recycled without choking up any sortation machinery.

Plastic bags, shrink wrap, bubble wrap and any other types of "stretchy" plastic aren't recyclable curbside. These "film plastics" will get tangled in the machinery that is used to sort our recyclables. Sortation machines are often shut down multiple times a day so that workers can climb in and cut out the plastic film by hand. This slows the recycling process down and puts the workers at risk. It's estimated that film plastics are responsible for a 25% reduction in efficiency.

Use the Recycling A-Z directory to find locations where you can bring plastic bags to be recycled www.RecyclingA-Z.com or use the RecycleRight app.

Recycling Made Easy

Recycling can seem confusing, but it doesn't have to be. Look up an item to see if it goes in recycling with the A - Z Directory in the RecycleRight app or webtool.

Some helpful Curbside Reminders

Plastic Bags

Plastic bags or any kind of stretchy film plastic should **never** go in your recycling cart. It will clog the sorting equipment at the processing center. Instead, take plastic bags to a local grocery store. Many stores participate in plastic bag and film wrap collection in Clark County, find them using the RecycleRight app.

Batteries

Batteries should never go in either your recycle or garbage carts. Instead, tape both ends of the batteries and put them in a clear, sealed, plastic bag and place them on top of your recycle cart. Larger batteries, like car batteries, should be taken to a facility for proper disposal, find drop-off sites using the RecycleRight app.

Motor Oil and Antifreeze

Did you know motor oil and antifreeze can be recycled curbside? Pour them separately into a clear, one-gallon jug and label them either 'Motor Oil' or 'Antifreeze'. **Do not** dilute them or mix any other liquids in. Place them next to your cart so that your driver can see them for pick-up.

Curbside Organics Collection

Attention Vancouver and Ridgefield residents! Did you know you can put food scraps in your yard debris cart? That same teal/green cart you use for leaves and grass-clippings can now hold food scraps. From chicken bones to coffee grounds and everything in between; if it was once food, it can go into your organics bin. For more details and to sign up if you don't subscribe to the organics service, visit Waste Connections' webpage at www.wcnorthwest.com/organics.

In your kitchen, use a small kitchen pail (or any other container) to collect your food scraps or plate scrapings, then empty into your organics cart. Organics collection is every-other-week (alternating with recycling), roll your cart out the night before or before 6 a.m. on collection day and you're good to go!

Concerned about smell? Remember to keep your organics cart out of direct sunlight so things don't start breaking down prematurely. You can also try sprinkling some baking soda into your cart or keeping your food scraps in your fridge or freezer until you're ready to put them in the cart for collection. Set your cart out each time, even if it's not full.

Recycling Ins and Outs

Recycling doesn't have to be confusing, here are some helpful tips on what is/isn't recyclable in your blue cart.

Paper: Should be larger than a postcard and clean. Food soiled paper like paper plates and the bottoms of pizza boxes are not recyclable.

IN: Egg cartons, newspaper, cereal boxes and paper milk cartons *are* recyclable.

OUT: Frozen food packaging, boxes that held beverage cans/bottles, paper cups and shredded paper are *not* recyclable.

- These are treated with chemicals so that they don't disintegrate when they become wet. This "wet strength" prevents the material from pulping at the papermill with the rest of the paper.

Metal: Should be larger than your fist, clean, and dry. Loose lids and scrap metal are not recyclable curbside.

IN: Aluminum cans, clean food cans and *empty* aerosol cans are recyclable.

OUT: Lids and bottle caps, scrap metal and electronics are *not* recyclable curbside.

Plastic: Ignore the numbers! Recycle plastics based on size and shape. It should be clean, larger than your fist, and be in the shape of a bottle, jug, jar or tub.

IN: Don't crush your plastic, it should maintain its basic shape when it goes into your cart.

For plastic lids or bottle caps: if it screws on, it stays on, if it pops off, it stays off.

OUT: Any plastic bags or film are *not* recyclable curbside and should be thrown away. The same applies for any plastic that is not bottle, jug, tub or jar.

Glass: Glass should always be kept in a separate bin from the rest of your recycling. Set it out next to your blue recycle cart for collection.

IN: Food grade glass bottles and jars only.

OUT: Baking dishes, ceramics, lightbulbs and other glass cookware and items are *not* recyclable curbside.