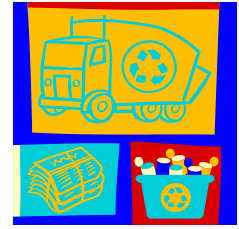


# RECYCLING HELP

**City of Tacoma Recycling Center (Tacoma Landfill)**  
**is located at 3510 S.. Mullen St., Tacoma, WA**



## Disposing of Old Electronics

Recycle old TVs; computers, monitors and tablets for free at E-Cycle Washington locations, including the Goodwill donation station at the City's Recycling Center.

## Disposing of Styrofoam Blocks

Recycle clean, dry, white Styrofoam packing blocks (all tape removed) for free at the City's Recycling Center.

## Tacoma Light Bulbs Recycling



**Types of Light bulbs** – There are two main types of bulbs that need recycling; compact fluorescents and fluorescent lamps. Compact fluorescents include CFLs, HIDs (High Intensity Discharge), and circular lamps. Fluorescent bulbs can include straight and U-bend bulbs and HIDs. Light bulbs are made of a glass shell and contain a small amount of liquid and evaporated mercury, phosphor powder, and metal end-caps with heated filaments. When an electric current passes through mercury vapor inside the bulb it generates ultraviolet energy. On the inside of a bulb a phosphor coating transforms the ultraviolet energy into visible light. A four- foot fluorescent bulb contains 5 to 50 mg. of mercury.



**Light Bulb Recycling in Tacoma** - Every year millions of fluorescent bulbs are disposed of in Seattle/Tacoma's landfills amounting to an estimated 100,000 pounds of mercury waste. Mercury-containing bulbs are hazardous substances. Recycling light bulbs is an easy way to keep hazardous waste products from your household and business out of Tacoma's landfills.

## Paper Shredding

Do you shred? Shredding is a simple, effective way to protect yourself from identity fraud. ID theft costs Washington state residents nearly two billion dollars a year.

To make it even easier to shred, bring up to three grocery bags of your old documents to a FREE shredding party. Check out the calendar for upcoming shredding dates.

## Disposing of Old Prescription Drugs

- Do not flush unwanted prescriptions down the toilet
- Do not give unwanted prescriptions to anyone
- Go through your medicine cabinet and dispose of any unused or expired medications
- Dispose of your unused or expired medications at a permanent disposal site
- Secure your personal medications in a locked cabinet or drawer

### Local Safe Disposal Sites:

<b>Tacoma Police Department - Sector Two</b> 5140 N 26th St., Tacoma WA 98407 Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. <i>Accepts controlled substances</i>	<b>University Place Bartell Drugs Pharmacy</b> 2700 Bridgeport Way W., University Place, WA 98466 Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. <i>No controlled substances</i>	<b>University Place Police Department</b> 3631 Drexler Dr W., University Place WA Monday-Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. <i>Accepts controlled substances</i>
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