

# Section 8

## Garbage and Recycling

Multifamily Apartments & Condos

# Recycle Right

Empty, Clean, and Dry

### RECYCLING

ONLY these items go in your blue recycling container.

**Plastic**



Bottles (no lids)



Jugs (no lids)



Tubs (no lids)

**Paper**



Mixed Paper



Paperboard and Boxes



Flattened Cardboard

**Metal**



Aluminum Cans



Metal Cans  
(no loose lids)

**Glass**

Glass bottles and jars go in the TRASH



### GARBAGE

These items are **NOT ACCEPTED** for curbside recycling in Tacoma.

**Reduce single-use items.** Learn how at [WasteFree253.org](http://WasteFree253.org)

  
Paper Plates, Napkins, and Paper Towels

  
Paper Cups

  
Plastic Cups

  
Plastic Utensils and Straws

  
Coffee Pods

  
Plastic Clamshell Containers

  
All Cartons

  
Foil Plastic Packaging

  
Frozen Food Containers

  
Pizza Boxes

  
Aluminum Foil

  
Styrofoam Containers

  
Prescription Bottles

  
Shredded Paper



**NO ELECTRONICS, HAZARDOUS WASTE**

**NO BAGGED ITEMS, PLASTIC BAGS & WRAPS, STYROFOAM, FOOD SCRAPS**

### DROP-OFF

These items are **NOT ACCEPTED** for curbside recycling in Tacoma. Drop them off at the Tacoma Recycle Center at 3510 S. Mullen St.



Styrofoam Blocks and Packaging Peanuts



Plastic Bags and Zipper Bags



All Batteries



Household Hazardous Waste



For more info, visit [tacomarecycles.org](http://tacomarecycles.org)  
 @tacomaes (253) 502-2100



# Garbage Disposal and Recycling Regulations

## Ref: Declaration Section 9.6

1. Waste from any off-site business or activity may not be brought onto PTCA property for disposal.
2. All garbage and other waste must be discarded or recycled only in appropriate containers in designated garbage pick-up areas within the Common Elements. Units are assigned to a specific Refuse/Storage Room and share a common high security key.
3. Disposal of large household items including but not limited to unwanted furniture, mattresses, carpets, construction/remodeling debris, and appliances must be removed from PTCA property immediately and are the responsibility of the resident or the resident's contractor. Large items cannot be pre-positioned or stored in any of our Common areas or Limited Common areas.

**Disposal of household waste and recycling information:** [www.tacomarecycles.org](http://www.tacomarecycles.org)

- **Kitchen Sink Garbage Disposal:** Very small amounts of non-greasy food waste may be safely disposed of by using your kitchen garbage disposal. Large amounts of leftovers, waste from fresh produce such as peelings and seeds, any type of cooking oil or grease, coffee grounds, eggshells, animal/fish bones and skin must be bagged, securely tied, and disposed of in the Green trash bins. Do not attempt to dispose of large amounts of food waste in your kitchen sink garbage disposal due to the potential for causing major sewer clogs and backups adversely impacting your Unit, the Common Elements and other Units adjacent to and below your Unit.
- **Green Bins:** Garbage such as food waste, frozen food paperboard boxes, pizza boxes, glass, Styrofoam, shredded paper, and other household garbage must be bagged, securely closed, and placed in the Green bins in the residents' assigned Refuse Room. Any large item that does not fit in a standard 13-gallon garbage bag is too large to be disposed of in the Green bins and must be removed from PTCA property by the resident or resident's contractor.
- **Blue Bins:** Recycling of clean, dry paper (no food, moisture, or grease residue), metal cans, plastic, magazines, and newsprint in the Blue bins in assigned Refuse Rooms is encouraged. Refer to the Tacoma Recycles poster on the cover page of this section and posted above each recycling bin for color photos of items Tacoma accepts for Blue bin recycling.
  - A limited number of GREEN (garbage) and BLUE (recycle) bins are also located in P1 and P2 garages.
- **Aluminum cans:** May be recycled in the small collection containers near the Blue bins on P1 and P2 or in the Blue bins.

- **Goodwill Bin on P1:** Recycle useable (unbroken) household items and clothing by donating your items in the Goodwill bin. A small bin adjacent to the large bin may be used to donate fragile items such as kitchen glassware or other small, breakable household items. Furniture, mattresses, electronics, and any household item that requires repair is not accepted by Goodwill.
- **Corrugated (heavy duty) cardboard boxes** such as moving boxes, cases holding canned foods and sturdy boxes used by delivery services (Amazon, FedEx) must be flattened and placed in the large cardboard container in the P1 garage for cardboard recycling. For your convenience there is a box cutter tool available at the bin.

**Disposal of Pet Waste of any kind is prohibited in the GREEN garbage bins located on residential floors. Refer to Section 13 Pets for complete details.**

- **Dog waste:**  
Always bag and tie dog waste and dispose:
  - in the In-Ground Pet Waste Located outdoors, to the right of the paved area as you approach the detached garages. **OR**
  - in the small Animal Waste cans located near the pedestrian doors on P1 and P2.
- **Cat Waste:**
  - Large bags of used cat litter must be double bagged, securely tied and disposed in the GREEN garbage bins on **P1 and P2 only**.
  - Scooped cat waste must be bagged, securely tied, and disposed in the small Animal Waste disposal cans located on **P1 and P2**. **Never** flush scooped cat waste down the toilet because kitty litter continues to absorb water and can eventually clog your toilet and the Common Element sewer pipes.
- **Bird droppings:** must be double bagged in plastic, securely tied, and disposed in the green bins on **P1 and P2 only**.

#### **Disposal of Other Waste:**

- Do not pour any liquids or dispose of any trash or other waste in the storm drains on PTCA property. Disposing of dirty water (even biodegradable soaps) and hazardous materials down storm drains is illegal because these substances are toxic to aquatic life.
- Remodeling/repair materials and/or debris removed from a unit because of remodeling/repair must be removed from PTCA property immediately by the resident or the contractor.
- Large household items such as unwanted furniture, appliances, and other items larger than normal household trash must be removed from PTCA property immediately by the resident.

- Hazardous household waste must be taken to the Tacoma Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 3510 S. Mullen Street. Disposal is free of charge. Dumping hazardous waste in refuse or recycling bins or anywhere else on PTCA property is prohibited. **Refer to Section 7 Environmental Protection for complete details on hazardous household waste disposal.**

## **Enforcement**

- ❖ Improper disposal of any type of waste is a violation, subject to PTCA fines.
- ❖ Improper disposal of hazardous household waste is subject to applicable PTCA, city or state fines.