

SUSTAINABILITY IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

...but not everyone knows what to do!

The City of Fife wants to help you **Go Green**, with this household guide for waste reduction. If you know of other ways our residents can Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, please let us know; we'll pass it along. Working together, we CAN make a difference!

What Do I Do With...?

For detailed recycling and disposal information of hazardous waste, including fluorescent bulbs, electronics, batteries, cleaners, etc. within Pierce County, please visit www.piercecountywa.gov/recycle and follow the link to Household Hazardous Waste.



Free electronics recycling coming!

A new Washington state law goes into effect on January 1, 2009 requiring manufacturers to provide free recycling of computers, TVs and monitors. In the meantime, visit www.takeitbacknetwork.org.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Calculate the impact of your household waste, including paper towels, magazines, and milk jugs, at www.kcecoconsumer.com - click on Waste Calculator.

Recycle Food Scraps in your Yard Waste Container.

Did you know that you can recycle all biodegradable food scraps with your yard waste? How convenient is that?!

How much garbage do I generate?

The average resident makes about 17.5 lbs of garbage per week, or about 1,000 lbs per year! Go Green by recycling more.

Recycle These Clean Items:



Mixed Paper (staples in paper okay)
brochures, catalogs, cardboard, magazines, envelopes (windows okay), newspapers, paperback books, phonebooks



Paper Food Containers
paper cups, milk & juice cartons, frozen food boxes



Glass

bottles and jars - all colors, NO lids, labels okay



Plastics

bottles, jugs, dairy tubs - NO takeout containers, lids, caps, or styrofoam



Metal

aluminum and tin cans - labels okay, clean scrap metal

Do Not Recycle These Items:



plastic bags, styrofoam, lids, caps, bubble wrap, plastic utensils, cups, or straws, ceramic dishes, aerosol cans, aluminum foils, greasy or sharp metal, laminated paper, food wrappers, waxed cardboard, food-soiled paper

Reduce Use of Natural Resources - Switch off computer monitors when not in use (screensavers do not save energy), turn out lights when you leave the room, use durable dishware instead of a disposables, reuse or donate items in good condition, use environmentally-friendly packing materials, look for products with recycled or recyclable packaging.