

Thurston County Solid Waste Disposal Facilities Rules & Procedures

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SECTION 1. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

These Solid Waste rules and procedures apply to the following facilities:

- **Rainier Drop-Box Facility** located at 13010 Rainier Acres Road SE, Rainier, WA 98576.
- **Rochester Drop-Box Facility** located at 16500 Sargent Road SW, Rochester, WA 98579. Collectively, Drop-Box Facilities
- **Waste and Recovery Center (WARC)** located at 2420 Hogum Bay Road NE, Lacey, WA 98516, including the transfer station, public tipping wall, public organics tipping area, HazoHouse, and Recycling Center.
- **HazoHouse** is a moderate risk waste collection facility serving Thurston County residential customers and Small Quantity Generator businesses.
- **Recycling Center** is a public drop-off center that accepts cardboard, mixed paper, aluminum and tin cans, certain types of plastic, and glass.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS AND REFERENCES

2.1 Commercial

Commercial means of or connected to commerce, trade, or business. Commercial also means not residential in nature.

2.2 Garbage

Garbage also means Municipal Solid Waste (MSW).

2.3 Small Quantity Generator (SQG)

SQG is a business that generates less than 100 kilograms (220 lbs.) of hazardous waste per month. To become an SQG with HazoHouse disposal privileges, a business must register in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. The business will need to complete and return an SQG registration form. The form can be found at: [HazoHouse Charge Account Contract Registration Form](#).

2.4 §8.12.020, §8.12.025 & §8.12.030

These codes refer to Thurston County Code sections [8.12.020](#), [8.12.025](#) and [8.12.030](#) which can be found at:

https://library.municode.com/wa/thurston_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TIT8HE_SA_CH8.12SALAOP. See [Fee Schedules](#) at the end of this document for current rates.

Thurston County Solid Waste website:

<https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste>

SECTION 3. VISITOR CONDUCT AND SAFETY POLICIES

3.1 General Safety Rules

- No bare feet
- No alcohol
- No smoking
- No cell phone use
- No roughhousing
- No animals out of vehicles
- No children out of vehicles
- No rodent-infested loads

3.2 Disposed Items

No one is permitted to take items that have been disposed or recycled.

3.3 Drop-Box Facilities Load Size Limit

Loads must be eight (8) cubic yards or less per day per customer. Larger loads will be directed to the WARC. All materials must be less than eight (8) feet in length. Waste **cannot** be dumped at the Drop-Box Facilities using vehicles with hydraulic or otherwise mechanized dump beds or trailers. **Customers must unload all materials by hand.**

3.4 Warehouse/Freight Trucks

Warehouse/freight trucks at the WARC are required to schedule an appointment in advance and must be able to describe the moisture content of their load (i.e. “wet”, “semi-wet”, or “dry”). Warehouse/freight trucks that do not have an appointment will be redirected to schedule an appointment at a later date or time. Certificates of disposal are available Monday through Friday and must be requested at the time of scheduling. **All customers are responsible for unloading their own vehicles** and must have a payment method readily available prior to entering outbound scales. See [Transfer Station Safety](#) and [General Policies](#) for details.

3.5 Rental Vehicles

Customers using rental vehicles at the WARC are required to present a copy of the vehicle’s rental agreement or driver’s license with current address. Customers unable to produce either rental agreement or driver’s license are not permitted to dispose of garbage or yard waste at the WARC.

3.6 Secured Load Requirement

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All loads entering disposal facilities need to be secured or covered to avoid dropping debris. The WARC provides an un-tarpping area on the entrance road shortly before reaching the inbound scale. Uncovered loads are subject to enforcement as prescribed by §8.12.080.

3.7 Transfer Station Safety

Customers required to unload large items, or specialty loads, at the transfer station are advised to wear a hard hat, high-visibility vest, and shoes that cover the entire foot. **Customers are responsible for bringing their own safety gear.**

SECTION 4. WASTE HANDLING POLICIES & PROCEDURES

4.1 General Policies

4.1.1 Thurston County encourages recycling when possible. For alternate recycling and disposal options to those listed below, visit the Thurston County Solid Waste website.

4.1.2 Thurston County reserves the right to refuse a load if unable to safely handle and dispose of waste due to quantity or nature of waste.

4.1.3 Customers are responsible for physically transporting and unloading waste to designated disposal area without staff assistance.

4.2 Aerosols

Empty aerosol cans are accepted at the WARC and Rainier/Rochester Facilities as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies. Full or partially full aerosol cans are accepted at the HazoHouse. Disposal is free to Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators are charged the applicable fee outlined in §8.12.030 and must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. See Fee Schedules at the end of this document for current rates.

4.3 Ammunition

Ammunition, including reloading material such as gun powder and black powder, is not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facility. For information on how to dispose of explosive materials call the Solid Waste Info Line at (360)867-2491 ext. 0.

4.4 Animals

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Dead animals under 60 pounds are accepted only at the WARC and animal must be double bagged. Diseased animals are not accepted. Dead animals are disposed of as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies.

4.5 Antifreeze

Antifreeze is accepted only at HazoHouse. Disposal is limited to five (5) gallons per vehicle per day. Disposal is free to Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators are charged the applicable fee outlined in §8.12.030 and must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. See Fee Schedules at the end of this document for current rates.

4.6 Appliances – Household and Commercial

All appliances are accepted at the WARC including commercial appliances. Only select residential appliances are accepted at the Drop-Box Facilities. **Customers must be prepared to unload appliances in the designated area without assistance from staff.** Reference the table below for more information. When possible, appliances will be recycled.

Appliance	WARC Accepts	Drop-Box Facilities Accept
Air Conditioner*	✓	
Commercial Appliance*	✓	
Oven and Stove	✓	✓
Dishwasher	✓	✓
Dryer	✓	✓
Freezer*	✓	
Furnace	✓	✓
Heat Pump*	✓	
Hot Water Heater	✓	✓
Hot Water Heater (Hybrid)*	✓	
Microwave/Toaster Oven	✓	✓
Refrigerator*	✓	
Washing Machine	✓	✓
Water Cooler*	✓	

* Appliances with refrigerant will be charged an additional handling fee

The Appliances disposal fee applies to all appliances. Refrigerated appliances will be charged an **additional** handling fee as outlined in §8.12.020. See Fee Schedules at the end of this document for current rates.

4.7 Asbestos

Asbestos and all asbestos-containing materials are accepted only at the WARC. Asbestos must be prepared and handled separately for disposal. Customers must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling the Solid Waste Info Line at (360)867-2491 ext. 0 during business hours. Appointments must be scheduled with the Tollhouse Lead/Supervisor for weekdays only, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A permit from the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) is required. Visit the Asbestos webpage of the ORCAA website at [Asbestos Demolition](#) to review the regulations and necessary permitting procedure for asbestos removal.

To dispose of asbestos, the following wrapping requirements must be met:

1. Thoroughly wet.
2. Double wrap in six-mil plastic (general-purpose, heavy-duty plastic) with no air pockets.
3. Seal with tape.
4. Remove asbestos residue from outside of the bag.
5. Mark each bag: "CAUTION, CONTAINS ASBESTOS FIBERS" with your name, address, and daytime phone number.

Customers are required to physically transport the asbestos from their vehicle to the disposal bin, by hand, without staff assistance. Asbestos will be charged the Asbestos disposal fee.

4.8 Automotive Products

Automotive liquid/fluid disposal is limited to five (5) gallons per vehicle per day. Disposal is free to Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators are charged the applicable fee outlined in [§8.12.030](#) and must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. See [Fee Schedules](#) at the end of this document for current rates.

Product	Disposal Location
Brake Fluid	Accepted at HazoHouse
<u>Antifreeze</u>	Accepted at HazoHouse*
<u>Batteries</u>	Accepted at HazoHouse*
<u>Fuel</u>	Accepted at HazoHouse*
<u>Motor Oil</u>	Accepted at HazoHouse*
<u>Tires</u>	Accepted at WARC* & Drop-Box Facilities*
<u>Vehicles</u>	*

*Conditions apply. Click product to see details on disposal.

4.9 Batteries

The WARC, HazoHouse, and Drop-Box Facilities accept only certain types of batteries. Reference the table below for more information. When possible, batteries will be recycled.

Battery Type	WARC/Hazohouse Disposal	Drop-Box Facilities Disposal
Alkaline from residential customers	Accepted as garbage only	Accepted as garbage only
Alkaline from commercial customers	Not accepted	Not accepted
Automotive lead acid	Accepted at HazoHouse	Accepted
Other lead acid	Accepted at HazoHouse	Accepted
Lithium	Accepted at HazoHouse*; 2 lbs. or less accepted per customer per day	Not accepted
Mercury	Accepted at HazoHouse*	Not accepted
Nickel-cadmium	Accepted at HazoHouse* (wet cell Ni-Cad not accepted)	Not accepted
Non-rechargeable	Accepted at HazoHouse*	Not accepted
Rechargeable	Accepted at HazoHouse*	Not accepted
Supercapacitors	Not accepted	Not accepted

* Customers must cover the battery contact points with tape or place each battery in an individual plastic bag.

All batteries must have the terminals covered with nonconductive tape or be placed separately into individual plastic bags. This includes batteries from electronic cigarettes and vaping devices. This does not include automotive and other lead acid batteries. Questions can be directed to the Solid Waste Info Line at (360)867-2491 ext. 0.

Disposal of automotive batteries at the Drop-Box Facilities is free, and HazoHouse battery disposal is free for Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators (SQG) utilizing the HazoHouse are charged the applicable waste fee outlined in §8.12.030. SQGs must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. See Fee Schedules at the end of this document for current rates.

Residential alkaline batteries disposed of as garbage are subject to the MSW disposal fee. Commercial customers with alkaline batteries should check Thurston County's Where Do I Take My online database at WhereDoITakeMy.org for disposal options.

4.10 Biomedical/Medical Waste

Biomedical waste, as defined in RCW 70A.228.010, is not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facilities unless otherwise noted in these rules.

Sharps: Properly prepared Sharps may be placed in garbage, subject to the MSW disposal fee. Sharps must be placed in either Sharps Containers or in heavy plastic containers with tight fitting lids sealed with tape and labeled “Sharps”.

Medication/Pharmaceuticals:

Prescription medication should be safely disposed at a medicine take-back site. A list of sites can be found at the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services website at: <https://www.thurstoncountywa.gov/departments/public-health-and-social-services/disease-control-and-prevention/unwanted-medications>. As a last resort, prescription medication can be disposed of as garbage subject to the MSW disposal fee and must be prepared for disposal following the steps outlined at the above website.

Over-the-counter medications in liquid form must be disposed of at the HazoHouse. Over-the-counter medications in solid form must be disposed of as garbage, subject to the MSW disposal fee.

4.11 Boats

Boats 20 feet and longer are not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facilities. Boats under 20 feet long are accepted only at the WARC. Boats will be disposed of as garbage and the Specially Handled Waste disposal fee applies. Customers must call the Solid Waste Info Line at (360)867-2491 ext. 0 during business hours in advance of disposal. If a customer intends to dispose of a boat on a Saturday or Sunday, the customer must call before close of business the Friday before the planned visit.

Customers must present a title, registration, or other paperwork proving the boat is registered in Thurston County and proving ownership or permission to dispose of the boat at the time of disposal. Canoes, kayaks, or vessels not propelled by a motor or sail do not require titles for disposal.

In advance of disposal, customers are responsible for removing any refrigerated units, propane tanks, batteries, fuel tanks, oils, and any other fluids. **Boats must be unloaded on the transfer station floor.** Please review the [transfer station safety policies](#).

4.12 Cannabis Waste

Uncontaminated solid cannabis waste, generated during cannabis production and processing or from law enforcement agencies, that has been deemed not dangerous and rendered unusable pursuant [WAC 314-55-097](#) is accepted at the WARC only. Cannabis waste is accepted for composting Monday through Friday and will be ground immediately upon dumping. The Yard and Garden Trimmings disposal fee applies. Customers must call the Solid Waste Info Line at 360-867-2491 ext. 0 during business hours, Monday through Friday, in advance of disposal to notify staff. If a customer brings cannabis waste for disposal on a Saturday or Sunday or fails to

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call ahead to notify staff of cannabis waste disposal, it will be disposed of as garbage. MSW disposal fee applies.

4.13 Chemicals & Cleaners – Household

Pool, garden, household, and hobby chemicals are accepted at the HazoHouse. Chemicals must remain in original containers and must not be empty or leaking. Disposal is free to Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators are charged the applicable fee outlined in §8.12.030 and must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. Empty containers can be disposed of at the WARC and the Drop-Box Facilities as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies.

4.14 Clothing & Books

Clothing, shoes, and textiles in good condition (clean, dry, free of mold, and in useable condition) are accepted free of charge at third-party clothing charity bins. These bins are located at the WARC Recycling Center and both Drop-Box Facilities.

Clothing in poor condition can be disposed of at the WARC and Drop-Box Facilities as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies.

Books can be disposed of at the WARC and Drop-Box Facilities as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies. Customers are encouraged to recycle book pages (cut away from covers and bindings) free of charge in the commingled recycling bins at the WARC and the Drop-Box Facilities.

4.15 Compressed Gas Tanks

Helium tanks, empty, punctured, and with valve stem removed, are accepted at the WARC for scrap metal recycling and the MSW disposal fee applies. **Valve stems and/or punctured tanks must be visible to tollhouse staff.**

Propane tanks five (5) gallons and smaller are accepted only at HazoHouse. This includes empty propane containers, standard barbecue tanks, compact camp stove propane canisters, and small propane cylinders used by plumbers and contractors. Disposal of tanks is limited to three (3) propane tanks per vehicle per day. Disposal of all acceptable propane containers is free for Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators are charged the Flammable Gases disposal fee outlined in §8.12.030 and must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. See Fee Schedules at the end of this document for current rates.

For disposal options of all other compressed gas tanks, call the HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 or visit the Thurston County Solid Waste website.

4.16 Construction & Demolition Waste (C&D)

Construction & Demolition waste including roofing debris is accepted at the WARC and Drop-Box Facilities.

C&D waste includes, but is not limited to, lumber, building scraps, concrete, bricks, asphalt, sheetrock, wire, pipe, fencing, rocks/soil, and insulation, as well as remodeling debris such as carpet, flooring, cabinetry, and bathroom fixtures.

Roofing debris includes, but is not limited to, asphalt shingles, wood shingles, and metal roofing.

Fees are site specific - See Fee Schedules at the end of this document for current rates.

WARC Disposal – The C&D fee applies when disposing of C&D (including roofing debris). Customers may be directed to unload on the transfer station floor. Please review the transfer station safety policies for using the transfer station floor.

Drop-Box Facilities Disposal – The applicable C&D or Roofing Debris disposal fee applies. Waste **cannot** be dumped at the Drop-Box Facilities using vehicles with hydraulic or otherwise mechanized dump beds or trailers. **Customers must unload all materials by hand.**

4.17 Contaminated Soil - Petroleum

Petroleum contaminated soil is accepted only at the WARC, and the Specially Handled Waste disposal fee applies. Customers must present a waste profile that has been accepted by Republic Services, the County contractor, proving permission to dispose. To obtain a waste profile, customers must contact Republic Services directly at 253-243-4629. Among other information, the waste profile will include a list of the soil's chemical properties.

Contaminated soil must be unloaded on the transfer station floor. Please review the transfer station safety policies.

4.18 Creosote-Treated Wood

Creosote-treated wood (railroad ties and poles) 20 feet and longer is not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facilities. Creosote-treated wood under 20 feet long is accepted only at the WARC, and the Specially Handled Waste disposal fee applies.

Creosote-treated wood must be unloaded on the transfer station floor. Please review the transfer station safety policies.

4.19 Drums/Barrels—Plastic and Metal

Empty drums are accepted only at the WARC. They must be drained and rinsed and have bungs and/or tops removed. Burn barrels must be emptied, and the contents bagged. Burn barrel contents are disposed of as garbage. The MSW disposal fee applies to burn barrel contents.

All drums are charged the MSW disposal fee. Plastic drums are disposed of as garbage and metal drums are recycled.

4.20 Electronic Cigarette and Vaping Devices

Electronic cigarettes and vaping devices are accepted at the HazoHouse. Remove oil cartridges before disposal. If possible, remove battery and cover with nonconductive tape. Place each device into a separate plastic bag. Disposal is free for Thurston County residents. Devices from Small Quantity Generators are not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste Facility.

4.21 Electronics

Electronics (excluding TVs and monitors) are accepted at the WARC and Drop-Box Facilities for disposal as garbage. The MSW disposal fee applies.

All TVs & Monitors are accepted for disposal only at the WARC. The CRT/TV fee applies. Each TV and monitor is charged an *additional* handling fee as outlined in [§8.12.020](#). See [Fee Schedules](#) at the end of this document for current rates.

Customers can also take select electronics to a free E-Cycle drop-off location. For a list of E-Cycle locations, call 1-800-RECYCLE or visit ecyclewashington.org.

4.22 Explosives, Fireworks & Flares

Road flares are accepted at the HazoHouse. Disposal is free for Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators are charged the applicable fee outlined in [§8.12.030](#) and must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. See [Fee Schedules](#) at the end of this document for current rates.

Signal and marine flares are not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facility.

Explosives and unused fireworks are not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facility.

[Ammunition](#), including reloading material such as gun powder and black powder, is not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facility.

4.23 Fire Extinguishers

Refill services may be limited to certain fire extinguishers. Call manufacturer to confirm compatibility. If fire extinguisher is not refillable, discharge the extinguisher into a bucket or garbage bag and dispose of all parts as garbage. Parts from fire extinguishers are accepted at the WARC and Drop-Box Facilities. The MSW disposal fee applies.

4.24 Fluorescent Bulbs

Intact fluorescent light tubes, light bulbs, and ballasts are accepted only at HazoHouse. Disposal is limited to ten total (10) tubes, bulbs, and ballasts per day per vehicle. Disposal is free for Thurston County residents.

Fluorescent bulbs from Small Quantity Generators are not accepted at HazoHouse. For disposal options, call the HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 or visit the Thurston County Solid Waste website.

If bulbs or tubes are broken, they must be disposed of as garbage, and the MSW disposal fee applies. Ballasts labeled “no PCBs” by the manufacturer should be disposed of as garbage at the WARC or Drop-Box Facilities, and the MSW disposal fee applies.

4.25 Fuel

Fuel, including but not limited to gasoline, diesel, kerosene, and propane, is accepted only at HazoHouse. Disposal is limited to five (5) gallons per vehicle per day. Disposal is free to Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators are charged the applicable fee outlined in [§8.12.030](#) and must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. See [Compressed Gas Tanks](#) Section for propane specific rules. See [Fee Schedules](#) at the end of this document for current rates.

4.26 Hot Tubs

Hot tubs are accepted at the WARC and Drop-Box Facilities as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies. Hot tubs will only be accepted for disposal at the Drop-Box Facilities when they have been cut into six (6) or more pieces.

4.27 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Household hazardous waste is accepted from Thurston County residents free of charge at HazoHouse. Waste is accepted in five-gallon or less containers only. Household Hazardous

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Waste (HHW) and Moderate Risk Waste (MRW) from outside of Thurston County is not accepted.

Hazardous waste from registered Small Quantity Generators (SQG) will be accepted by appointment only at HazoHouse. To do so, an appointment must be made at least one business day in advance by calling the HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. Disposal fees for SQG hazardous waste are outlined in §8.12.030; refer to the Fee Schedules at the end of this document for details.

HazoHouse accepts the following materials

- Aerosols
- Antifreeze
- Automotive care products
- All batteries EXCEPT household alkaline, wet cell Ni-Cad, or supercapacitor
- Chemicals and cleaners
- Electronic cigarette and vaping devices
- Flares (road)
- Fuels
- Fluorescent light bulbs, tubes, and ballasts
- Glues and adhesives
- Mercury-containing products
- Oils and oil filters
- Paints, primers, stains, sealers, and clear coatings
- Pesticides
- Propane containers (including empty)
- Solvents
- X-ray film and photofixer (used, silver)

HazoHouse does NOT accept the following materials.

- Alkaline batteries from households
- Ammunition and reloading material (gunpowder, black powder)*
- Asbestos
- Cooking Oil
- CRTs (cathode ray tubes)
- Electronics (computers, monitors, TVs, etc.)
- Empty or leaking containers (excluding empty propane containers)
- Explosives*
- Fire extinguishers
- Fireworks*
- Flares (signal and marine)*
- Biomedical/medical waste including medication/pharmaceuticals
- Radioactive waste
- Smoke detectors
- Supercapacitor batteries

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- Wet cell Ni-Cad batteries

Clicking material name redirects to material section.

*For information on how to dispose of explosive materials call the Solid Waste Info Line at (360)867-2491 ext. 0.

This list is not exhaustive. Staff will turn away materials HazoHouse is not equipped to handle or can be disposed of as MSW (household garbage).

4.28 Household Hazardous Waste Exchange Program

The Household Hazardous Waste Exchange Program is temporarily unavailable.

4.29 Liquid Waste

Liquid waste is not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facilities. This includes, but is not limited to, contents of septic tanks and porta-potties. Questions about these materials can be directed to Thurston County Public Health and Social Services at (360)867-2673. Loads from street cleaners/sweepers must be completely dry before disposal or they will not be permitted to unload.

4.30 Mattresses and Box-springs

Mattresses and box-springs are accepted at the WARC and Drop-Box Facilities as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies.

Disposal is limited to six (6) pieces total of mattresses and box-springs per vehicle per day.

4.31 Metal – Scrap

Ferrous scrap metal is accepted at the WARC for recycling and the MSW disposal fee applies. Customers must be prepared to separate scrap metal from any other garbage in their load when they reach the public tipping area.

Scrap metal is accepted at Drop-Box Facilities for disposal. It will be disposed of as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies.

4.32 Mercury-Containing Products

Accepted for disposal at the HazoHouse. Disposal is free to Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators are charged the applicable fee outlined in [§8.12.030](#) and must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. See [Fee Schedules](#) at the end of this document for current rates. For

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thermometers, place in original containers or in two (2) plastic sealable bags. Do not remove the mercury from items or crush fluorescent lamps that contain mercury. If bulbs or tubes are broken, they must be disposed of as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies.

4.33 Noxious Weeds and Problem Plants

Select noxious weed species, free of garbage and other organic material, are accepted free of charge at the WARC and both Drop-Box Facilities.

Weeds identified as problem plants are accepted at the WARC and both Drop-Box Facilities and disposed of as garbage. MSW disposal fee applies.

Noxious Weeds for Free Disposal		Problem Plants Charged MSW Fee
Butterfly Bush	Wild Chervil	Bamboo and Roots
Common Fennel	Gorse	Blackberry (all kinds)
Orange Hawkweed	Poison Hemlock	Ivy (all kinds)
Diffuse Knapweed	Meadow Knapweed	Palm Fronds
Spotted Knapweed	Spurge Laurel	Pampas Grass
Tansy Ragwort		Scotch Broom

To learn more, check out: [Education & Resources | Thurston County \(thurstoncountywa.gov\)](#) or [Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board](#)

4.34 Oil – Motor and Cooking

Motor oil and oil filters are accepted free of charge at HazoHouse. Motor oil is also accepted free of charge at Drop-Box Facilities. For additional disposal options, visit the Thurston County Solid Waste website. Oil drop sites are for uncontaminated oil only. Disposal is limited to five (5) gallons per vehicle per day.

For contaminated oil, which must be disposed of at HazoHouse, all customers must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours.

Cooking oil is not accepted at the HazoHouse. Residents should solidify used cooking oil with a commercial oil solidifier or stearic acid before placing it in the household garbage. MSW disposal fee applies.

Oil Type	Accepted at:		
	HazoHouse	Public Tipping Wall (WARC)	Drop-Box Facilities
cooking oil (solidified)		✓	✓
motor oil (uncontaminated)	✓		✓
contaminated motor oil	✓		
oil filters	✓		✓

4.35 Paint

Oil-based paint, latex paint, and paint products like primers, stains, sealers, and clear coatings are accepted only at HazoHouse. Disposal is free to Thurston County residents and Small Quantity Generators (SQG) through the PaintCare paint recycling program. SQGs disposing of paint that is not accepted by PaintCare are charged the applicable fee outlined in [§8.12.030](#). See [Fee Schedules](#) at the end of this document for current rates. To review PaintCare's acceptance list, visit paintcare.org. Disposal for all customers is limited to ten (10) gallons per vehicle per day. SQGs must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours.

4.36 Pesticides

Pesticides, including herbicides, are accepted only at HazoHouse. Disposal is free to Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators are charged the applicable fee outlined in [§8.12.030](#) and must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. See [Fee Schedules](#) at the end of this document for current rates.

Empty pesticide bottles and containers **cannot** be recycled. All empty pesticide containers are disposed of as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies.

4.37 Recyclables

The WARC and Drop-Box Facilities accept recyclables from Thurston County residential customers free of charge. Place items loose (without bags) in the marked on-site containers. All recyclables should be empty, clean, and dry. At the WARC recycling is limited to five (5) cubic yards per customer per day and at the Drop-Box Facilities recycling is limited to two (2) cubic yards per customer per day. Quantities above this amount can be disposed of as garbage. The MSW disposal fee applies.

Materials accepted:

- Cardboard (flattened corrugated).
- Mixed paper such as office paper, magazines, newspaper, cereal boxes, and mail.
- Metal cans.
- Glass bottles and jars.
- Plastic bottles, jugs, jars, dairy tubs, and buckets. Remove all lids and handles.

Materials not accepted:

- Plastic foam and Styrofoam.
Accepted at the WARC and the Drop-Box facilities as MSW. At the Drop-Box facilities, loads must be eight (8) cubic yards or less. MSW disposal fee applies.

Consult the “[Thurston County Recycling Guide](#)” or the Thurston County Solid Waste website for more information on accepted materials.

4.38 Solar Panels

Solar panels are accepted at the WARC as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies. Solar panels are accepted at the Drop-Box Facilities as construction and demolition waste and construction and demolition fees apply. Drop-Box Facility load size restrictions apply.

4.39 Storage Tanks

Storage tanks are not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facilities. This includes commercial and residential underground storage tanks and heating oil tanks.

4.40 Tires

Tires are accepted at the WARC for recycling and the Tires disposal fee applies.

Tires are accepted at Drop-Box Facilities for disposal. They will be disposed of as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies.

Only passenger vehicle tires, including pickup truck tires, are accepted. Tires may be left on the rims. Disposal is limited to five (5) tires per vehicle per day.

4.41 Vehicles

Cars, trucks, motorcycles, RVs, motorhomes, trailers (except as specified below), and major vehicle components are not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facilities.

Plastic car parts without vehicle identification numbers (VINs) can be disposed of at the WARC as garbage. The MSW disposal fee applies.

Campers and travel-trailers are limited to 20 feet long and are only accepted at the WARC. Campers and travel-trailers beyond this limitation must be deconstructed into smaller sections prior to disposal. The Specially Handled Waste disposal fee applies.

The customer must present the vehicle’s title and registration proving ownership and that the vehicle is registered in Thurston County before disposing.

In advance of disposal, customers are responsible for removing tires, refrigerated units, A/C units, propane tanks, batteries, fuel tanks, oils, and any other fluids. **Vehicles must be unloaded on the transfer station floor.** Please review the transfer station safety policies.

4.42 X-Ray Film and Photo Fixer

X-ray film and photo fixer (used, containing silver) are accepted at the HazoHouse. Disposal is free to Thurston County residents. Small Quantity Generators are charged the Toxic Solids/Liquids fee in §8.12.030 and must make an appointment at least one business day in advance by calling HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 during business hours. See Fee Schedules at the end of this document for current rates.

Radioactive waste is not accepted at any Thurston County Solid Waste facility.

4.43 Yard and Garden Trimmings and Food Waste

Uncontaminated yard and garden trimmings and unpackaged food waste are accepted for composting at the WARC only. Food waste is accepted Monday-Friday before 2 p.m. only. Customers bringing ten (10) or more cubic yards of food waste must call the Solid Waste Info Line at (360)867-2491 ext. 0 in advance to make an appointment. The Yard and Garden Trimmings disposal fee applies. Loads mixed with garbage will be disposed of as garbage and charged the MSW rate.

Uncontaminated means NO:

- rocks, sod, soil/dirt, or root balls
- treated, stained, or painted wood
- noxious or problem weeds
- palm fronds, pampas grass, and bamboo roots and canes
- stumps over 24 inches in diameter
- liquids, fats, oils, grease
- shredded paper
- pizza boxes
- compostable or biodegradable serviceware
- plastics of any kind, including compostable plastic
- bags of any kind (paper, plastic, compostable, biodegradable)

Acceptable items include:

- grass, leaves, brush prunings, and pine needles
- fruit, flower, and vegetable garden scraps
- beauty bark, shrubs, and weeds
- untreated lumber
- branches, limbs, and stumps that are less than 24 inches in diameter
- cedar boughs and Christmas trees
- hay and straw — that are free of oil and manure
- kitchen paper towels and napkins, coffee grounds/filters
- unpackaged food (Monday-Friday only)
 - fruits & vegetables

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- bread, pasta, pizza, rice
- dairy & eggshells
- meat & bones
- seafood & shells

Yard and garden trimmings and food waste taken to Drop-Box Facilities will be disposed of as garbage and the MSW disposal fee applies.

SECTION 5. FEES AND FEE SCHEDULES

Payment options:

Cash, check (starter checks not accepted), debit card, all major credit cards (Discover, Visa, AMEX and MasterCard only), and Apple Pay. *Checks must display name, address, and phone number. Payment by debit or credit card has an additional \$2.00 processing fee. Final charges are rounded to the nearest dollar.*

All rates include 3.6% state refuse tax where applicable.

A \$30 Non-Sufficient Funds fee will be charged for each returned check.

Waste and Recovery Center (WARC) Fee Schedule			
<i>Material</i>	<i>Per Ton</i>	<i>Minimum Fee for Less than 300 Pounds</i>	<i>Additional Per Item Fee</i>
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	\$119	\$18	NA
Construction and Demolition (C&D)	\$119	\$18	NA
Roofing Debris	\$119	\$18	NA
Specially Handled Waste	\$119	\$18	NA
Asbestos	\$143	\$22	NA
Appliances	\$119	\$18	NA
Refrigerated Appliances	\$119	\$18	\$18
Tires	\$119	\$18	NA
CRTs/TVs	\$119	\$18	\$18
Yard and Garden Trimmings Greater than 10 Cubic Yards	\$37	NA	NA
Yard and Garden Trimmings Less than 10 Cubic Yards	\$45	\$9	NA
Recyclables	No Charge		
Donations	No Charge		

Rainier and Rochester Drop-Box Facilities Fee Schedule	
<i>Material</i>	<i>Per Cubic Yard</i>
Municipal Solid Waste (MSW)	\$18
Construction and Demolition (C&D)	\$31
Roofing Debris	\$48

HazoHouse, Small Quantity Generator (SQG) Fee Schedule	
<i>Material</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Acids	\$1.19 per pound
Alternative - Fuel	\$0.28 per pound
Antifreeze	\$0.09 per pound
Bases	\$1.22 per pound
Batteries**	
Batteries, NiCd**	\$1.32 per pound
Batteries, Mercury**	\$3.50 per pound
Batteries, Lithium**	\$2.25 per pound
Batteries, Lead acid	No charge
Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs)*	See Below
Dental Amalgam Scraps (disinfected)	\$1.58 per pound
Flammable acids	\$2.19 per pound
Flammable bases	\$2.26 per pound
Flammable gases	\$1.36 per pound
Flammable liquids/fuels	\$0.28 per pound
Flammable solids	\$7.75 per pound
5-gallon drum**	\$80 per 5-gallon drum
Fluorescent tubes**	
Fluorescent tubes**	\$0.12 per foot
Compact fluorescent lamps**	\$1.20 each
HID lamps >3 feet**	\$2.50 each
HID lamps <3 feet **	\$3.00 each
4' Storage cartons**	\$4.75 each
8' Storage cartons**	\$9.50 each
Non-regulated materials	\$0.26 per pound
Oxidizers	\$2.10 per pound
Paint related material	\$0.77 per pound
Petroleum contaminated soils	\$0.26 per pound
Propane tanks (1 to 5 gallons)	No charge
Toxic liquids	\$1.53 per pound
Toxic solids	\$1.58 per pound
Used oil	No charge
Used oil – contaminated**	\$0.30 per pound
Used oil filters**	\$0.90 per pound
Water contaminated with oil**	\$0.18 per pound
X-Ray and Photo Fixer*	No Charge
*CRTs are not accepted at the HazoHouse. Additional information on E-cycle Washington: ecyclewashington.org *X-Ray and Photo Fixer is charged the Toxic Solids/Liquids fee. **Charges not currently in effect. Call HazoHouse at (360)867-2912 for more info.	

SECTION 6. RECORD OF UPDATES

Date	Name	Summary of Change
March 2023	Amanda Romero	Added: commercial definition; cannabis waste section; fuel section; noxious weeds and problem plants section; record of updates Updated: HazoHouse acceptance list Removed: polystyrene acceptance
January 2024	Laura Glover	Added Sections: Aerosols; Ammunition; Automotive Products; Chemicals & Cleaners – Household; Electronic Cigarette and Vaping Devices; Explosives, Fireworks & Flares; Fire Extinguishers; Mercury-containing Products; X-Ray Film & Photo Fixer Updated: Batteries; Biomedical/Medical Waste; Household Hazardous Waste(HHW); Noxious Weeds and Problem Plants; Oil – Motor and Cooking; Recyclables, Yard and Garden Trimmings and Food Waste, Fees and Fee Schedules
February 2024	Laura Glover	Changed “Commercial Vehicles” to “Warehouse/Freight Trucks.” Added hybrid water heaters & heat pumps to Appliances.
April 2024	Laura Glover	Deleted “Books” section. Changed language from “per customer” to “per vehicle”. Updated “Oil – Motor and Cooking” section.
October 2024	Laura Glover	“Vehicle” section changed to include deconstruction of 20ft trailers. “Recyclables” section updated to include recycling volume limits. “Asbestos” language returned to previous version and time updated.
December 2024	Laura Glover	Removed “Administrative” from document’s title. Change “Propane” section to “Compressed Gas Tanks” section; include helium and personal oxygen tanks. Updated General Policies.
January 2025	Laura Glover	Added language to “Appliances” section to include unloading responsibilities and “Compressed Gas Tanks” section to include visibility for tollhouse staff.
March 2025	Laura Glover	Added language to: Drop-Box Facilities Load Size Limit, Biomedical/Medical Waste, Clothing & Books, Household Hazardous Waste (HHW), Liquid Waste, Oil – Motor & Cooking, Yard and Garden Trimmings and Food Waste, HazoHouse (SQG) Fee Schedule Removed language from: Batteries, Compressed Gas Tanks, Electronic Cigarette and Vaping Devices, Fluorescent Bulbs, Household Hazardous Waste Exchange Program, Oil – Motor & Cooking, Yard and Garden Trimmings and Food Waste, Fee Schedule – Overpack Drums.