

# SKAGIT PLASTIC REDUCTION AND RECYCLING COALITION

*Protecting shorelines and oceans by  
reducing plastic waste in Skagit County*



**Eight million metric tons** of plastic goes into the oceans every year. Most trash in the ocean is washed into the ocean from the land via storm drains, rivers and streams. Some is blown by the wind out of trash bins, landfills or trucks. Some is just litter.

The **Skagit Plastic Reduction and Recycling Coalition** is a partnership between Friends of Skagit Beaches, Skagit County Solid Waste, and the Washington Department of Ecology. We are working to educate Skagit County residents on the issues of plastic waste in the environment and involve them in taking action to avoid single-use plastics and recycle plastic right.

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## SIMPLE SWAPS to reduce the use of single use plastic

Instead of using  
these single use  
plastics



plastic water  
bottle



plastic cutlery



plastic grocery  
bag



single use  
coffee cup

Make these simple  
swaps



bring your own  
water bottle



bring your own  
cutlery



reusable  
shopping bag



reusable coffee  
mug

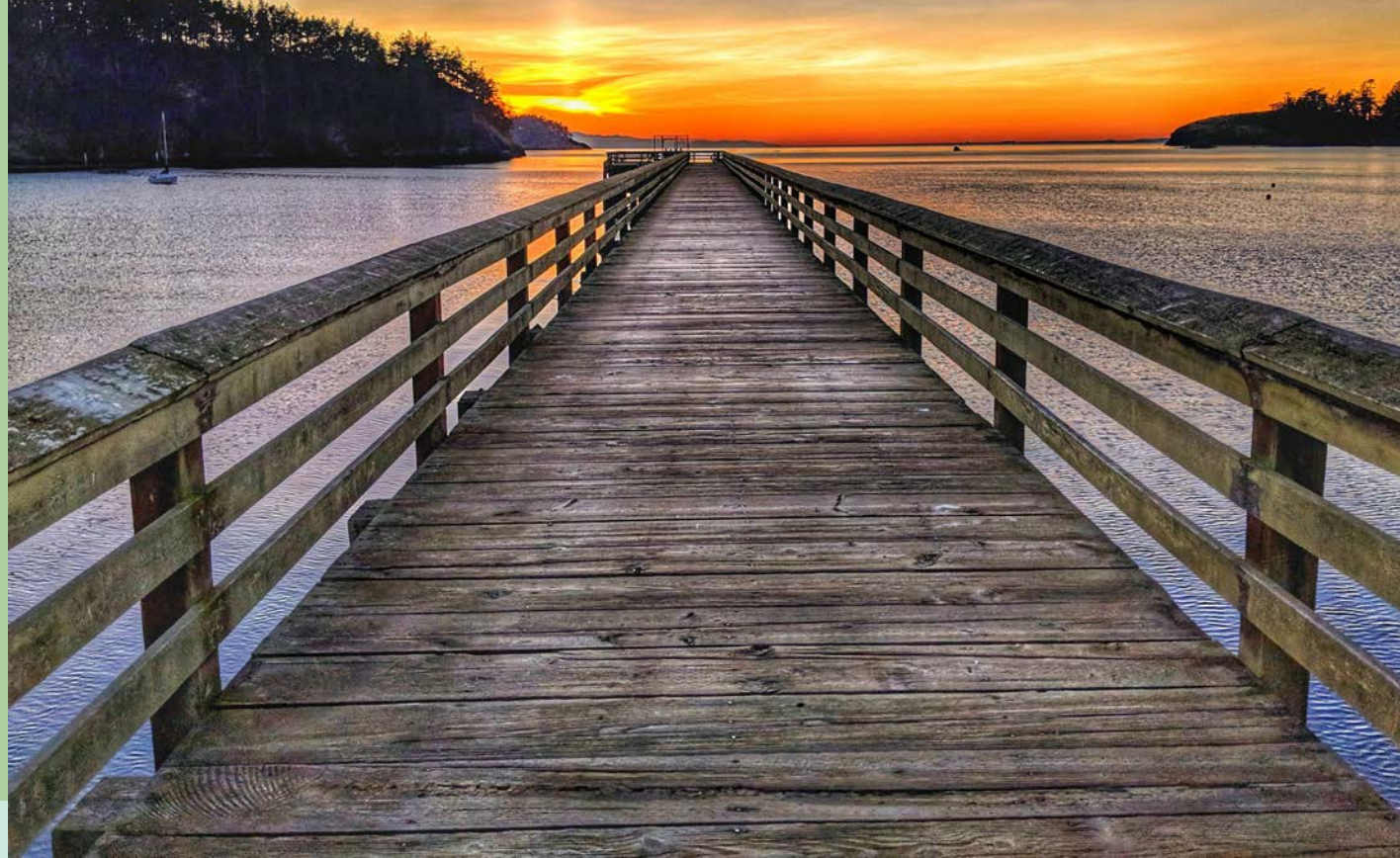
Help us by taking the Plastic Pledge at  
[www.skagitbeaches.org](http://www.skagitbeaches.org)

# RECYCLE RIGHT

Plastic is recycled by sorting items into specific types that are baled and sold to manufacturers who process it into new products. Recycling the various types of plastic is dependent on two things:

**Recyclability** - whether the type of plastic can be reprocessed into a reusable material

**Marketability** - whether manufacturers can reprocess it economically into a product to sell



## Currently in Skagit County

**Curbside** recycling accepts clean plastic **bottles, jars, jugs, and dairy tubs**.

**Transfer station** recycling drop-off accepts clean plastic **bottles and jugs, but NOT jars or tubs**.

Just remember the **SHAPE** of the container is what's important, not the number in the triangle

# RECYCLE RIGHT IN SKAGIT COUNTY

*Keep informed about what shapes of plastic items you can and cannot recycle. Guidelines can change as new recycling methods and manufacturers enter the marketplace.*

For curbside recycling in Skagit County, check out the Waste Management guidelines at: [wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty/guidelines/recycling.htm](http://wmnorthwest.com/skagitcounty/guidelines/recycling.htm)

For plastics that are taken to the Skagit Count transfer station, check out the Skagit County recycling guidelines here: [www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/recyclelocations.htm](http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/PublicWorksSolidWaste/recyclelocations.htm)

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