“WHERE DOES IT GO?” — GARBAGE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING AT THE LOPEZ DUMP

Find proper disposal instructions below for recyclable items, hazardous waste, large items, and other items with special disposal instructions. If an item is NOT listed below, please include it with your regular garbage.

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Item	Disposal
Aerosols	These are pressurized containers that hold flammable or otherwise toxic chemicals. Common aerosols include WD-40, shaving cream, spray deodorant, hair spray, and spray paint. These cannot be recycled and should not be included in your regular garbage. You can safely dispose of aerosols for free at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up. Empty aerosol cans can be included in your regular garbage.
Aluminum cans	Aluminum cans are free to recycle. Must be clean and empty. Use a magnet to determine if the item is aluminum or steel — steel cans are magnetic, aluminum cans are not.
Aluminum foil	Clean aluminum foil is free to recycle. Please flatten/fold. • **NO** tinted, colored, painted, or stained foil • **NO** grease or food residues
Ammunition	Bring ammunition, explosives, and flares to the Sheriff’s office.
Antifreeze / coolant	Bring up to **5 gallons per day** for free disposal. Must be uncontaminated — not mixed with motor oil or other fluids. Notify the kiosk attendant on arrival. Bring mixed fuels/fluids to a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Appliances Appliances, continued	**Small metal or mostly-metal appliances** are free to recycle at the Lopez Dump. This includes countertop appliances like toasters, toaster ovens, and microwaves. Please remove all glass and plastic parts as able and include those with your regular garbage. **Small plastic or mostly-plastic appliances** should be included in your regular garbage. This includes countertop appliances like coffee makers. If they are fully functional, Take It Or Leave It may accept them for reuse. See guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/tioli. *(Appliances continued on the next page.)* **Large, non-refrigerated appliances** can be disposed of at the Lopez Dump for **$30.00 each**. This includes ranges, dish washers, washer/dryers. Notify the kiosk attendant on arrival.

	Refrigerated/freon appliances like refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners can be disposed of at the Lopez Dump for **$56.00 each**. Notify the kiosk attendant on arrival. TVs can be recycled for free. Notify the kiosk attendant on arrival.
Automotive fluids	Bring up to **5 gallons per day** of these uncontaminated automotive fluids to the Lopez Dump for free disposal: motor oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, diesel fuel, and hydrophilic fluid. Notify the kiosk attendant on arrival. Bring an additional **5 gallons per day** of uncontaminated anitfreeze/coolant to the Lopez Dump for free disposal. DO NOT put antifreeze/coolant in the motor oil container; put it in the container labeled “Antifreeze/Coolant.” **Do not bring mixed/contaminated** automotive fluids to the Lopez Dump — dispose of these for free at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Batteries	Most car batteries and household batteries are free to recycle, with exceptions. Notify staff or volunteer on arrival. Review exceptions and guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/recycling. ● Positive terminals must be covered with non-conductive tape ● **NO** damaged or defective batteries ● **NO** batteries over 11 lbs or 300 watt hours (except car batteries)
Bubble wrap 	Limited quantities of reusable bubble wrap may be accepted for reuse in the recycling area or at Take It Or Leave It, depending on capacity. ● **NO** packing pillows / other plastic films — see “Plastic Films” ● **NO** packing peanuts or other packing materials If not accepted for reuse, include with your regular garbage.
Cardboard (corrugated) 	Clean and dry corrugated cardboard can be recycled for free. Corrugated cardboard has at least one wavy layer (pictured left). ● Must be clean and dry ● **NO** waxed cardboard ● Tape and staples OK For non-corrugated paper products, see “Paper & paper products” below.
Cleaning products, corrosives, degreasers, & solvents 	Cleaning products may contain hazardous materials like bleach, ammonia, aerosols, lye (sodium hydroxide), sulfuric acid, other corrosives, solvents, and VOCs. They can be liquid, powder, foam, petroleum-based, or aerosol. It’s very important to NOT include these with your regular garbage. Dispose of these products for free at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up. **Empty hazardous material containers cannot be recycled**, even if clean. Include these with your regular garbage.

Clothing & textiles	Clothing and textiles may be accepted at Take It Or Leave It for reuse. Review guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/tioli. Items not accepted at TIOLI should be included in your regular garbage.
Construction & demolition waste	Review construction & demolition waste disposal guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/construction-waste.
Corks	Corks cannot be recycled at the Lopez Dump. Some corks may be accepted at Take It Or Leave It for reuse. Review guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/tioli. Ridwell is a company that offers a mail-in recycling subscription for some hard-to-recycle items, including corks. Learn more at ridwell.com.
Electronics	Televisions, computers, monitors, laptops, tablets, e-readers, and cell phones can be recycled for free. Keyboards, remotes, cords, and other accessories cannot be recycled. They may be accepted at Take It Or Leave It for reuse, if approved by TIOLI staff. Review guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/tioli. **Please remove batteries** before including in your regular garbage or donating at TIOLI — see "Batteries" above. **Printers, scanners, and fax machines** cannot be recycled or brought to Take It Or Leave It. Pay for these with your regular garbage. If your item still works, consider these alternatives to disposal: • Lopez Rocks "Offered" Page: https://www.lopezrocks.org/page.php?handle=21 • Lopez Island Buy Nothing Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/113034492371607 • Lopez Island Community Trading Post: https://www.facebook.com/groups/197085997163984/ **Inkjet cartridges** can be recycled for free. **NO** toner cartridges; Inkjet only.
Motorized equipment	Empty of all fluids then bring to the Lopez Dump for disposal. Notify the kiosk attendant and pay **$15.00 each**. This includes gas-powered and electric equipment like trimmers, chainsaws, walk-behind mowers, and similarly-sized motorized equipment. Riding lawn mowers may be accepted for a larger fee if capacity allows.
Explosives & flares	Bring unwanted ammunition, explosives, and flares to the Sheriff's office.
Fire extinguishers	These are hazardous — please do not bring to the Lopez Dump. Safely dispose of fire extinguishers at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Fluorescent tubes & bulbs (spent) 	These are a hazardous waste because they contain mercury — do not include these in your regular garbage. Fluorescent bulbs (spiral shape, see image left) are also called CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Lamps). As of June 1, 2026, Washington State's LightRecycle program allows LSWDD to accept spent fluorescent bulbs and tubes for recycling at no charge to the customer.

Food waste	There is no municipal food waste collection or disposal on Lopez. For resources or support with composting food waste at home, email sarahr@lopezsolidwaste.org.
Furniture	All furniture should be paid for like regular garbage – see a complete list of disposal fees at lopezsolidwaste.org/garbage. Once paid for, furniture may be accepted at Take It Or Leave It for reuse, if approved by TIOLI staff. Review guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/tioli. If you don't want to pay to dispose of furniture, consider these alternatives: ● Lopez Rocks "Offered" Page: https://www.lopezrocks.org/page.php?handle=21 ● Lopez Island Buy Nothing Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/113034492371607 ● Lopez Island Community Trading Post: https://www.facebook.com/groups/197085997163984/
Gasoline	Do not bring to the Lopez Dump. Safely dispose of gasoline and other used fuels for free at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Glass bottles & jars	Glass **bottles and jars** can be recycled* for free. Must be clean and empty. No lids or corks. Some glass items may be accepted for reuse at Take It Or Leave It, if approved by TIOLI staff. Review guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/tioli. *These are not actually recycled — they are used on-island as inert landfill. Glassware, glass dishes, Pyrex, windows, and other types of glass **cannot** be used in this way and should be included with your regular garbage.
Light bulbs	**Fluorescent tubes and bulbs (CFLs)** are hazardous — do not include these in your regular garbage. See "Fluorescent tubes & bulbs" above. **HID (high-density discharge)** lamps like car headlights also contain mercury — do not include in your regular garbage. Bring these to a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up. **LED light bulbs** can be included in your garbage or recycled for $2 per tube / $1 per bulb. Notify the kiosk attendant on arrival. All other household light bulbs should be included in your regular garbage.
Mattresses & sofa beds	Mattresses and sofa beds can be disposed of at the Lopez Dump for a fee: ● Mattress pad (12.5"+) – $12.00 each ● Twin/single mattress – $17.00 each ● Full/double mattress – $22.00 each ● Queen/king mattress – $30.00 each ● Sofa bed (sofa/couch with pull-out bed) – $35.00 each If you don't want to pay for disposal, consider these alternatives: ● Lopez Rocks "Offered" Page: https://www.lopezrocks.org/page.php?handle=21 ● Lopez Island Buy Nothing Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/113034492371607 ● Lopez Island Community Trading Post:

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Mercury	Mercury is hazardous; do not include it in your regular garbage. Safely dispose of mercury for free at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Metal household objects	Metal and mostly-metal household objects like pots, pans, and tools can be recycled for free at the Lopez Dump. Please sort by type of metal. See all guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/recycling. Many reusable metal items may be accepted for free at Take It Or Leave It. TIOLI staff must inspect all items, and can reject any item for any reason, including but not limited to condition, seasonality, and capacity. Review guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/tioli. Please do not bring Teflon (non-stick) items to Take It Or Leave It.
Metal scrap	Metal scrap can be recycled for free. Please sort by type of metal. See all guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/recycling.
Motor oil	Bring up to **5 gallons per day** of the following uncontaminated automotive fluids to the Lopez Dump for free disposal: motor oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, diesel fuel, hydrophilic fluid. Notify kiosk attendant on arrival. **If mixed with water or other fuels/fluids**, please do not bring it to the Dump — dispose of it for free at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Yard waste (green waste)	Please do not bring yard waste (green waste) to the Lopez Dump. You can drop off yard waste for a small fee at Midnight's Farm: midnightsfarm.com.
Paints & paint products (i.e. primers, stains, shellacs, varnishes)	On Sundays, bring **up to 5 gallons** of qualifying paint products to the Lopez Dump for free recycling. See a complete list of qualifying products and restrictions at lopezsolidwaste.org/paint-care. Notify the kiosk attendant on arrival. **NO** leaking, unlabeled, and unsealed containers. Bring resins, thinners, wood preservatives, and other hazardous materials to a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up for free and safe disposal. Interested in paint for reuse? Ask a staff member during operating hours.
Paper & paper products	Clean and dry paper can be recycled for free, with exceptions: ● **NO** plastic layers or liners (remove plastic bags from cereal boxes) ● **NO** cups or containers intended to hold food or liquids ● **NO** wax or plastic cartons ● Envelopes with plastic windows OK ● Magazines OK ● Shredded paper OK — secure in paper bag with tape or staples ● Remove plastic book jackets/covers before recycling books
Plastic bottles & jugs	Many #1 and #2 plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs (items with threaded tops) can be recycled for free. Must be clean and empty. ● ONLY items with threaded tops ● **NO** lids or caps ● **NO** darkly tinted bottles/jugs — ask a staff member or volunteer ● **NO** prescription bottles ● **NO** hazardous waste containers, even if clean/empty Ridwell is a company that offers a mail-in recycling subscription that accepts

	hard-to-recycle items including prescription bottles, multi-layer plastic, and some plastic films/bags. Learn more at ridwell.com.
Plastic films	Plastic films **cannot be recycled** at the Lopez Dump and should be included in your regular garbage. Ridwell is a company that offers a mail-in recycling subscription program that accepts some plastic films for recycling. Learn more at ridwell.com. You can also bring clean plastic films to the Safeway in Anacortes and deposit them in the bin labeled “Plastic Film Only” in front of the store.
Poisons, including pesticides & fungicides	These are hazardous materials and should not be included in your regular garbage. You can safely dispose of pesticides, fungicides, and other poisons at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Photo chemicals	These are hazardous — please do not bring to the Lopez Dump. Safely dispose of photo chemicals at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Pool chemicals	These are hazardous — please do not bring to the Lopez Dump. Safely dispose of pool chemicals at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Prescription bottles	Prescription bottles cannot be recycled at the Lopez Dump. Ridwell is a company that offers a mail-in recycling subscription for prescription bottles. Learn more at ridwell.com. To safely dispose of **medications**, visit fda.gov or call the Sheriff’s Office.
Preservatives (wood preservatives)	These are hazardous — please do not bring to the Lopez Dump. Bring wood preservatives to a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Propane tanks (empty)	**Small camp-style propane cylinders** — Do not bring to the Lopez Dump. Bring these to a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up for free disposal. **BBQ-style propane tanks** up to 10 gallons — Recycle these at the Lopez Dump for **$9.50 each**. Must be empty. Notify the kiosk attendant on arrival.
Refrigerated appliances (all sizes)	Dispose of these at the Lopez Dump for **$56.00 each**. Notify the kiosk attendant on arrival.
Resins	These are hazardous — do not bring to the Lopez Dump. Safely dispose of resins for free at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Shredded paper	Recycle for free, secured in a paper bag closed with tape or staples.

Solvents & thinners	These are hazardous — do not bring to the Lopez Dump. Safely dispose of solvents and thinners for free at a Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up.
Steel cans	Steel cans are accepted for free recycling at the Lopez Dump. Must be clean and empty. Use a magnet to determine if the item is aluminum or steel — steel cans are magnetic, aluminum cans are not.
Tires	Tires up to 16.5” in diameter can be disposed of at the Lopez Dump for **$15.00 each**. Do not bring tires larger than 16.5”.
Wires & cables	Metal wires and cables can be recycled at the Lopez Dump for free. Cords like those attached to consumer electronics cannot be recycled; include with your regular garbage. Functioning items may be accepted at Take It Or Leave It; review guidelines at lopezsolidwaste.org/tioli.

All items recyclable at the Lopez Dump are listed above. If an item is NOT listed, please include it with your regular garbage, or ask a staff member. If you have a reusable item, consider these alternatives to disposal:

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