

# OYC Waste Management Guidelines

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## **Introduction**

These guidelines provide recommended practice for recycling waste at OYC facilities. Proper waste management is essential for OYC to be a responsible member of our community and to maintain OYC's "Clean Marina" status.

These guidelines cover:

1. **Recycling of non-hazardous waste at the OYC Mainstation**
2. **Recycling of non-hazardous waste at the OYC Island Home Outstation, and**
3. **Hazardous waste management**

Please note that recycling practice differs somewhat at the OYC Mainstation (Thurston County/City of Olympia) and at our Island Home Outstation (Mason County).

## **1. Recycling and (Non-Hazardous) Waste Disposal at the OYC Mainstation**

The OYC contracts with the City of Olympia Public Works Department to collect waste at the OYC Mainstation. Note that City of Olympia recycling policies may differ from practice at your residence.

### **WHERE**

Waste disposal facilities are located in the fenced area at the northeast corner of the OYC parking lot. There are several plastic containers marked for recyclables (paper, metal, and plastic) and a dumpster for non-recyclable, non-hazardous waste.

### **WHAT**

Please observe the **Posters** in the disposal area describing acceptable recycling materials and waste.

- **Mixed paper**-- including newspaper, cardboard, magazines, milk & juice cartons;
- **Metals**-- drink cans and other metal cans, pots and pans (No Lids)
- **Recyclable plastics** include clean bottles, jugs, tubs, buckets, and rigid plant pots;

***Some plastic products are not accepted for recycling and should be placed in the dumpster.***

Non-recyclable plastics include:

- Plastic-coated paper (i.e.: milk and juice cartons)
- Plastic bags,
- Food clamshells, containers and trays from take-out food, deli items, or produce,
- All lids and caps, and
- Styrofoam

**Glass**--please note that **glass is not picked up by the City of Olympia for recycling**. Please take glass home for recycling, drop off glass at the **City drop-off site**, 1000 10th Ave SE (Open 24/7) or other City-sponsored sites, or dispose of glass in the dumpster.

### **HOW**

**Recyclable materials** may be comingled and should be placed in any of the plastic containers.

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## 2. Recycling and (Non-Hazardous) Waste Disposal at the OYC Island Home Outstation

The OYC contracts with Mason County Public Works to collect OYC outstation waste. Note that Mason County recycling practice is different from the Mainstation.

### WHERE

Waste disposal facilities are provided at the mainland end of bridge to Island Home. There is a:

- Dumpster for non-recyclable, non-hazardous waste,
- Bin for recyclable cardboard and paper waste, and
- Bin for recyclable glass, metal, and plastic waste.

Small recycle bins placed in and around the Outstation clubhouse.

### WHAT

- **Glass, metal, and some plastics** (as above) may be recycled at Island Home. Please place these in designated recycle bins (**do not mix** with cardboard and paper).
- **Paper and cardboard** may be recycled at Island Home in designated bins (**do not mix** with glass).

### HOW

**Glass and paper are not co-mingled.** Each must be recycled in separate bins.

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## 3. Hazardous Waste Management

The OYC Mainstation maintains a convenient facility for disposal of certain hazardous wastes commonly generated by boat maintenance activities. OYC contracts with ARCOM Oil to recycle used oils, oil filters and antifreeze. In addition, the Thurston County Health Department provides periodic transport of hazardous waste to the Thurston County Hazo-House as a courtesy to OYC

### WHERE

Disposal containers for some common hazardous waste sources are located adjacent to the storage shed to the West of the Mainstation caretaker residence (behind Bayview Thriftway). Facilities for other types of hazardous waste (batteries, flares, sewage, etc) are outlined in the "EXCEPT" section, below.

### WHAT

There are multiple containers for different types of hazardous waste:

- **WASTE OIL TANK** for non-volatile waste petroleum products including:
  - Motor Oil
  - Hydraulic Fluid such as Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF)
- **WASTE COOLANT BARREL** for antifreeze and waste coolant water (not mixed with bilge water).
- **WASTE OIL FILTER BARREL** for uncrushed oil filters
- **GREEN BIN** is available for disposal of other potentially hazardous materials in labelled containers:
  - **Contaminated Diesel or Kerosene**
  - **Anti-fouling or Oil-based paints**
  - **Adhesives, Sealers, and Sealants**
  - **Contaminated Bilge Water**
  - **Used zincs**
  - **Used Glycol Antifreeze** solution (not mixed with bilge water or other contaminants)
    - **Note:** OYC maintains a separate waste coolant barrel (see above)

### HOW

*Please follow these important procedures:*

- **Do not mix materials**--Mixed materials cannot be recycled. Keep waste products separate.
- **Use Original Containers Where Possible** to identify waste materials.
  - **Otherwise, Label Materials Carefully** (use wire ties & tags provided in the bin).
- **Use Leak-proof containers**--Screw top plastic jugs such as bleach bottles, old oil bottles, etc. Milk jugs and other containers with snap-off caps risk spilling during transport.
- **Oil-soaked absorbent pads**--Squeeze out and recycle excess oil as above, place in a plastic bag, label, and dispose in the Green Bin.
  - Alternatively, absorbent pads may be re-used: wear nitrile gloves and squeeze out excess oil from the pad into a container. Dispose of the oil in the waste oil tank. The pads may be placed back in the bilge and will continue to absorb excess oil.

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- **OYC Hazardous Waste (GREEN BIN)**
  - **Contaminated Diesel or Kerosene**  
Drain into a suitable container, seal and **label**.
  - **Anti-fouling or Oil-based Paints:** Seal in original (or other **labelled**) container.
  - **Adhesives, Sealers, and Sealants:** Seal in original (or other suitable **labelled**) container.
  - **Contaminated Bilge Water:** Drain into a suitable container, seal and **label**.
  - **Used Zincs:** Place in the collection bucket inside the bin.
  - **Used Glycol Antifreeze Solutions:** Drain into a suitable container, seal and **label**. Please do not mix with bilge water or other contaminants.

## EXCEPT

PLEASE **DO NOT** use the Hazardous Waste Bin for:

- **Contaminated gasoline, paint thinner, naphtha, or other highly flammable products**  
*Please take these products directly to the Thurston County Hazo House for disposal.*
- **Fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamps**  
*Due to risk of breakage, please take these products directly to the Thurston County Hazo House for disposal.*
- **Propane Tanks & other compressed gasses**  
*Even when empty, propane tanks contain residual explosive material; please take these products directly to the Thurston County Hazo House for disposal.*
- **Latex Paints**  
*Please let dry until solid and place in dumpster.*
- **Liquid waste in containers larger than 5 gallons**  
*Please take these products directly to the Thurston County Hazo House for disposal*
- **Expired Flares or Marine Pyrotechnics**  
*Expired flares pose a significant ignition risk and cannot be discarded anywhere on OYC premises. Bring expired marine pyrotechnics to the annual OYC Safety and Environment Day (in the Spring); they will be turned over to the Thurston County Sheriff for appropriate disposal.*
- **Holding Tanks and Porta-potties**  
Pumpout stations for holding tanks are at Percival Landing and on the Visitor Dock at Swantown Marina. Mobile pumpout services are also available:

*Pelican Pumps*  
360-402-8231

*NW Mobile Pump Out*  
253-225-7660

- **Batteries**  
Large lead-acid, AGM, etc. batteries should be removed off-site and recycled at a suitable facility. Nearby recycling locations include:

*Batteries Plus*

*I n t e r s t a t e*  
*Batteries*

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2905 Capital Mall Dr. SW

Olympia, WA 98502

3480 Martin Way  
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Olympia, WA  
98506

o **Other Hazardous Waste:**

The Thurston County Hazo-House accepts a variety of hazardous waste:

*Thurston County HazoHouse*

2418 Hogum Bay Rd NE, Lacey, WA 98516

(360) 786-5494

<http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/solidwaste/hazardous/haz-hazohouse.htm>

**4. OYC Hazardous Waste Facilities-Island Home Outstation**

There are no facilities for hazardous waste disposal at the OYC outstation. Please return all such waste to the Mainstation for disposal.

**QUESTIONS?--Contact any OYC Environmental Awareness Committee member**