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August 2021

We look forward to seeing you at the 2021 Fair & Rodeo! Stop by our booth and grab a reusable bag provided by Republic Services and a reusable straw. We will have a few other goodies as well.

UPCOMING

Washington State Bag Ban

Plastic bags are a major contaminant in Washington's recycling facilities, waterways, roadways, and environment. Washington's Plastic Bag Ban will reduce pollution by prohibiting single-use plastic carryout bags and charging a fee for acceptable bags in business establishments. Although this law was signed and effective January 1st, it was put on hold due to COVID. The Governor just announced that the Bag Ban will go into effect on October 1st, 2021. As a consumer you will want to bring your own bags and as a business owner you will want to ensure you know the rules so you are in compliance.

NO Single-use Plastic Carryout Bags	8¢ fee Large Paper Carryout Bags <small>Made with 40% recycled content</small>	8¢ fee Thick Reusable Plastic Carryout Bags <small>Made with 20% recycled content and a minimum of 2.25 mil thick film</small>	Fee optional Green or Brown Compostable Bags <small>Any green or brown tinted film bags must be compostable</small>
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[Learn more about the Bag Ban](#)

RECYCLING TIPS

Clamshell Packaging

We get asked all the time, "why is clamshell plastic packaging not accepted when they are a #1 plastic?" There are a few reasons. One reason is based on the way the products are made. Clamshells and bottles are made completely different and in order for them to be recycled (melted down) they must be separated out because the clamshell will turn to ash if heated at the same temperature. A second reason is related to the first. In order to separate the packaging, the technology must be in place. Technology is increasing and will eventually catch up but the ultimate way to help is to choose products that are not in the plastic packaging,

MIXED RECYCLING EMPTY, CLEAN, & DRY

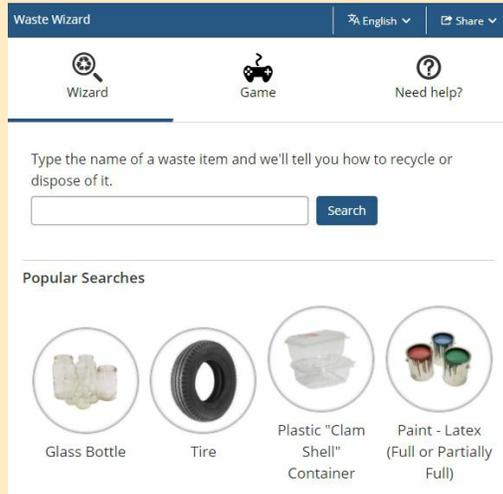
	CARDBOARD & PAPER
	ALUMINUM & TIN
	PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS

when possible.

Learn more about clamshell packaging difficulties

RECYCLING STORIES

Klickitat County Solid Waste in cooperation with the Washington State Department of Ecology has launched a new search tool and waste sorting game! Check them out and see if you can learn something new today.



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