



Recycling and Compost Resources



The 4 C's

- Color
- Co-location
- Clear signage
- Capacity



Color



Garbage: Black/Gray



Recycling: Blue



Food Waste: Green

Co-location

Put garbage, recycle, and compost close together when possible



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Capacity

Summary of recommended guidelines for CAP:



Garbage: Gray bags

- 15-gallon bags come in a roll of 30
- 33-gallon bags come in a roll of 15



Recycling: Clear bags

- 15-gallon bags come in a roll of 30
- 33-gallon bags come in a roll of 15



Compost: Compostable liners, not sold by haulers

Clear Signage

- Easy to read
- Eye-level
- Obvious & simple



No plastic bags in recycling!



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Clear Alleys Program



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Clear Alleys Program

The City of Seattle is partnering with local waste collection companies and the downtown customers to reduce the storage of waste containers in the public right-of-way. The City of Seattle's Clear Alleys Program (CAP) aims to:

- Creating cleaner, safer business districts
- Reducing the incidence of uncivil behaviors and illegal activities in alleys
- Increasing the attractiveness of alleys for pedestrian use
- Allowing better alley access for business services (deliveries) and possible expansion of commercial activity

The [Director's Rule](#) (pdf) restricts permanent storage of waste containers in the public right-of-ways of the Downtown, Belltown, Pioneer Square, and Columbia City neighborhoods. Please refer to the program area map for [Downtown, Belltown and Pioneer Square](#) (pdf) or [International District](#) (pdf). This program affects you if your business or building apartment is in these neighborhoods and you store a dumpster, plastic cart, or any other container in the public right-of-way without a street use permit. If you do not store a container in the public right-of-way or have a street use permit, then this does not affect you directly.

Translated Documents

The following documents apply to the general program launched in 2009 and do *not* include the additions of the International District in 2013 or Columbia City in 2014.

Cambodian:

- [Director's Rule](#)
- [Summary of rule](#)
- [Cover Letter](#)
- [FAQ](#)

Chinese:

- [Director's Rule](#)
- [Summary of rule](#)
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Korean

- [Director's Rule](#)
- [Summary of rule](#)
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Spanish:



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How to Order Bags

- WM Customer Service:

855-894-9447 (ext. 777 to order bags)

- Our WM website to order bags if you are in our service area:

<https://www.wmnorthwest.com/seattle/seattlecaporder.html>

The screenshot shows the WM City of Seattle website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the WM logo, "City of Seattle", and links for Jobs, Contact Us, and Sustainability. A search bar is located on the right. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories: Residential, Apartments / Condos, and Commercial / Industrial. A third navigation bar includes Commercial Service, Recycling, Garbage, Compost Collection, Resources, Pay My Bill, and Home. The main content area features a large image of a green WM garbage truck with the slogan "Think Green, Think Clean. We run on clean burning natural gas." To the right of the image is the "Seattle Public Utilities" logo and a link to "Form Instructions". Below the image is the heading "Seattle's Clear Alleys Program (CAP)" and "Order Bags". A paragraph explains that users without an established account should call 1-855-894-9447. The "Your Account Information" section contains several input fields: "Customer ID *" (with a note that it's found in the upper right corner of a WM invoice), "Business/Apartment Name *", "Your Name **", "Email *", and "Phone *". To the right of these fields are two small thumbnail images: one titled "How to find my Customer ID" showing a WM invoice, and another titled "Map - Pioneer Square" showing a street map.

Thank you.

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