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#1 - Temporary Closure of Book Donation Bins at Thurston County Solid Waste Facilities

TEMPORARY CLOSURE

of book donation bins at
Thurston County Solid Waste Facilities

*These book donation
locations are closed
effective immediately:*

- Waste and Recovery Center in Lacey
- Rainier Drop-box
- Rochester Drop-box



For information on reuse or recycling alternatives for used books, residents can visit WhereDoITakeMy.org or contact 360-867-2491

Thurston County Public Works has temporarily closed the book donation bins at its drop-box facilities in Rainier and Rochester, and the Waste and Recovery Center (WARC) in Lacey.

The closure comes after the department was informed Discovery Books, the service provider for the bins, would no longer be servicing them for the foreseeable future.

Effective immediately, the book donation bins at all three sites are closed to the public until further notice. Thurston County Public Works encourages residents to retain any books they wish to donate until services are resumed.

Public Works apologizes for the inconvenience and is exploring alternative options to resume the book collection service. The department will provide updates as they become available.

For information on reuse or recycling alternatives for used books, residents can visit WhereDoITakeMy.org or contact 360-867-2491.

#2 - Obtain Birth and Death Certificates Online and In-Person



NEEDING A BIRTH CERTIFICATE?

- For individuals born in WA State
- Photo ID Required
- \$25.00 per certificate
- Drop-in Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm
(no appointment needed)

Call for more info:

360-867-2618

or order online:

www.thurstoncountywa.gov/birth-and-death-certificates

Thurston County Public Health and Social Services can issue birth certificates for people born in Washington State from 1907 to present and death certificates for most deaths occurred in Washington from 2008 to present. Only individuals with a specific qualifying relationship to the subject of the record can receive a birth or death certificate. Identity and proof of qualifying relationship documentation is required.

Obtain certificates in person, by mail, or online. The fee for each certificate is \$25. Customers can come in person for same-day service to the Public Health and Social Services office located at 412 Lilly Road NE Olympia, WA 98506. The lobby is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or order online at: www.thurstoncountywa.gov/birth-and-death-certificates

#3 - Free Compost Giveaway Event Tomorrow, May 4

Free Compost Giveaway Event

Saturday, May 4
11am-2pm
Hawks Prairie Park & Ride
2548 Hogum Bay Rd NE, Lacey

Register online at Community.ThurstonSolidWaste.org
or call (360) 867-2491



This event is brought to you by these community partners:



Thurston County is hosting a FREE compost giveaway event for county residents tomorrow, Saturday, May 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Community members are welcome to self-load up to one 1/2 cubic yard of compost from the Hawks Prairie Park N Ride, located at 2548 Hogum Bay Rd NE in Lacey. Please bring a shovel and be prepared to load your compost into your vehicle.

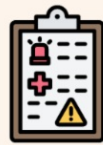
This event is in partnership with Brady Trucking Co., Inc., Intercity Transit, and the Master Recycler Composter Program of Thurston County.

You must pre-register by completing the form at community.thurstonSolidwaste.org or by calling (360) 867-2491.

Compost offered at this event started as food and yard waste from residents and businesses in Thurston County. It was then processed into a finished compost product by Brady Trucking Co., Inc. in Shelton, WA, which is generously donating it to help celebrate Earth Day (April 22) and International Compost Awareness Week (May 5-11).

#4 - May Emergency Preparedness Classes

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



✓ **Prepare in a Year!**

Tuesday, May 14 | 4:30-5:30 pm

Learn 12 steps for disaster preparedness. It's as simple as completing one activity a month. By the end of 12 months, you'll be much better prepared.

✓ **Home Fire Safety**

Tuesday, May 21 | 4:30-5:30 pm

Learn how to prevent fires at home prevent and minimize loss of life, injuries, and property loss.

Presented by the Olympia Fire Department.



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[Thurston County Emergency Management](#) and the [Olympia Fire Department](#) are offering two emergency preparedness classes this month. The first class, Prepare in a Year! will be held Tuesday, May 14, from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Participants will learn 12 steps for disaster preparedness. The second class, Home Fire Safety, will be held Tuesday, May 21, from 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Participants will learn how to prevent fires at home, prevent and minimize loss of life, injuries, and property loss.

Both classes will be held at the [Olympia Timberland Library](#), located at 313 8th Avenue Southeast, Olympia.

Everyone is welcome to attend. No cost or registration required. Questions? Contact

#5 - National County Government Month - Why I Work for Thurston County



Thurston County is finishing up our celebration of [National County Government Month \(NCGM\)](#)!

To celebrate NCGM, we interviewed several Thurston County employees, asking them "Why do you work for Thurston County?" Every week this April, we highlighted several staff members where they share why they work for Thurston County.

This week, we interviewed [Matt](#), Executive Aide in the Board of County Commissioners Office, [Cherie](#), Public Outreach and Education for Emergency Management, [Maggie](#), Environmental Health Specialist for Public Health and Social Services, and [Thyda](#), Administrative Services Manager for Public Defense. Watch all the interviews on the [Thurston County YouTube channel](#).



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