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Staying green through recycling

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Joint Base Lewis-McChord has a robust recycling program. As a long term goal for a sustainable future, JBLM seeks to achieve Net Zero Waste by 2025.

“Consider most items as a resource, not a waste,” said James Lee, JBLM Public Works environmental division solid waste program manager.

Recycling centers are available for military ID cardholders and not for commercial use. The recycling centers take a wide variety of items: metals, glass, books, clothes and appliances, as well as cardboard, paper, organic waste, plastic and clean wood.

To capture as many items as possible, there are two locations for free drop in recycling, one at Lewis Main across from the Lewis Main Exchange on Nevada Avenue and another at McChord Field at Building 516 on South Gate Road.

Sheila Martin, JBLM Public Works solid waste and recycling outreach coordinator, encourages people to order recycling receptacles that can be placed in rooms or under desks and can then be emptied into the 90-gallon gray recycling totes.

Recycling can be confusing, as there are different requirements for each county. Some cities have their own special restrictions. The JBLM website, lewis-mcchord.army.mil, has a direct link to the latest JBLM recycling information, such as how to order additional containers and how to request support.

If living off base, use the county guide to solid waste programs for a recycling menu and remember:

- Light bulbs can be recycled.
- Toner cartridges are collected at recycling centers.
- Furniture can be donated for reuse, if in good shape, to either Lewis Main Thrift Store’s drop off location, Building 2070-2071, Pendleton Avenue, 253-964-0445; or the McChord Field Thrift Store drop off location, Building 717, Fourth and Battery Street, 253-982-2468.

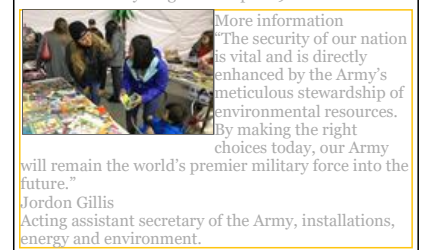
Off base, the Northwest Furniture Bank will take mattresses as well as other furniture, for a fee.

- If you live in JBLM housing, schedule a bulk item pick up. Be sure and contact Lewis-McChord Communities for details.
- JBLM residents can bring their household hazardous waste to the Environmental Building 1210 on Mann Avenue. Otherwise, take it to any Pierce County household hazardous waste drop-off location. Residents of Thurston County can use the HazoHouse at the Hawks Prairie Landfill.

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Randy Heick, left, and Steve Zipnis, LeMay employees, sort reusable and recyclable items at the Lewis Main Recycling center April 19.



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Recycling right, reducing use of resources and reusing items will help sustain the mission.

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