YARD WASTE REPORT

December 2002

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Tonnage Breakdown

Curbside
December 2002: 1,591 Tons 48.1% increase vs. same period in '01
Cumulative Jan - Dec 2002: 34,503 Tons 6.7% decrease vs. same period in '01

Self Haul
December 2002: 859 Tons 11.2% increase vs. same period in '01
Cumulative Jan - Dec 2002: 14,366 Tons 4.4% decrease vs. same period in '01

Total Yard waste
December 2002: 2,450 Tons 32.7% increase vs. same period in '01
Cumulative Jan - Dec 2002: 48,869 Tons 6.1% decrease vs. same period in '01

Selected Statistics
Curbside Yard Waste Subscriptions as of December 2002:
Garbage Can Service: 87,925 subscriptions 57% of 153,723 total eligible accounts
Dumpster Service: 1,851 subscriptions 31% of 5,552 total eligible accounts
Total: 89,776 subscriptions 56% of 159,596 total eligible accounts

Approximate Pounds per Subscribed Account for Curbside Yard Waste Program:
January - December 2002: 72 pounds per month

Basics of Curbside Yard Waste Program
SERVICE: Every other week pickup December through November and monthly pickup December through February.

MATERIALS: Leaves, grass clippings, prunings (must be 4 inches or less in diameter)
It is illegal to put yard waste in the curbside garbage can.

FEES: $4.25 per month for up to 4 bags in bundles every other week. Each additional bag/bundle is $1.50 each. The $1.50 fee for extra bag/bundles became effective December 2000. Prior to that, residents paid a fixed fee for collection of up to 20 bags/bundles per month.

Basics of Self Haul Transfer Station Program
SERVICE: Two City-owned transfer stations accept yard waste during the regular operating hours of the stations. Yard waste must be separated and cannot be disposed of as garbage.

FEES:
Cars: $11.05 per trip (compared to $13.35 per trip for garbage).
Trucks: $70.60 per ton (compared to $96.25 per ton for garbage).

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1 An "account" refers to billing for combined water, sewer, and garbage. An apartment building with 5 or 500 units would show up as one account, as would a single-family residence.
## CITY OF SEATTLE YARD WASTE PROGRAM

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1) Self haul includes cars and trucks. Cars are not weighed at the stations so car tons are estimated based on the number of cars. The average weight of cars bringing yard waste is 258 pounds per car based on sampling conducted in 1995.

2) Note that the fairly large increase in tonnage from 1992 to 1993 is due to two factors:
   a) 1992 tonnage was the lowest since 1989 due to the drought and lawn watering ban which extended from June 1 - November 2, 1992.
   b) 1993 tonnage was high due to abundant precipitation in the spring and summer months.