

RESIDENTIAL ORGANICS REPORT

December 2008

(Formerly Known as Yard Waste Report)

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Tonnage Breakdown

Curbside

December 2008: 2,465 Tons 7.1% decrease vs. same period in 2007
Cumulative Curbside: 53,364 Tons 3.3% increase vs. same period in 2007

Self Haul

December 2008: 401 Tons 38.9% decrease vs. same period in 2007
Cumulative Self Haul: 11,893 Tons 16.5% decrease vs. same period in 2007

Total Organics

December 2008: 2,866 Tons 13.4% decrease vs. same period in 2007
Cumulative Total: 68,257 Tons 0.8% decrease vs. same period in 2007

Approximate Average Pounds per Signed-up Account¹ January – December 2008:
86 pounds per month 4% decrease vs. same period in 2007

Curbside Account¹ Sign-up Status as of December 2008

	Can YW Sign-ups	Dumpster YW Sign-ups	Total YW Sign-ups	Total Eligible Accounts	% Total YW Sign-ups
North End	53,783	804	54,587	74,521	73.3%
South End	52,699	1,299	53,998	85,069	63.5%
Citywide	106,482	2,103	108,585	159,590	68.0%

Basics of Curbside Organics Program

SERVICE: Every other week pickup. Organics subscribers are provided with a 96 gallon wheeled cart. This is a new feature of the program. Carts were delivered March – August 2005.

MATERIALS: Leaves, grass clippings, prunings 4 inches or less in diameter. Starting in June 2005, vegetative food waste and food soiled paper are allowed in the cart. It is illegal to put leaves, grass clippings and prunings in the curbside garbage can.

FEES: \$5.35 per month for up to 4 units per collection. A unit is equal to a 32 gallon can or bag (the city-provided 96 gallon cart equals 3 units). Additional units are \$1.50 each.

Basics of Self Haul Program

SERVICE: Two city-owned Recycle and Disposal Stations accept yard waste during regular operating hours. The North RDS also accepts food waste and food soiled paper. Yard waste must be separated and cannot be disposed of as garbage.

FEES: **Cars:** \$15.00 per trip (compared to \$25.00 per trip for garbage).
Trucks: \$85.00 per ton (compared to \$130.00 per ton for garbage).

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 RESIDENTIAL ORGANICS PROGRAM

ORGANICS TONNAGE DATA									SIGN-UP DATA	
Year	Month	Self Haul North ¹	Self Haul South ¹	Self Haul Total*	Curbside North/WM	Curbside South/USD	Curbside Total	Total Organics	Curbside Sign-Ups	Pounds per Account
2007	1	395	506	901	1,523	1,500	3,023	3,924	102,595	59
2007	2	463	544	1,007	1,410	1,235	2,645	3,653	102,674	52
2007	3	499	630	1,129	1,827	1,734	3,561	4,690	102,988	69
2007	4	685	789	1,474	2,970	3,011	5,981	7,455	103,470	116
2007	5	673	783	1,456	3,313	3,405	6,717	8,173	104,029	129
2007	6	711	735	1,446	3,070	3,099	6,169	7,615	104,507	118
2007	7	705	713	1,417	2,479	2,582	5,061	6,479	104,926	96
2007	8	606	678	1,284	2,253	2,125	4,379	5,663	105,287	83
2007	9	554	597	1,151	1,848	1,898	3,745	4,897	105,516	71
2007	10	575	626	1,201	2,352	2,391	4,743	5,944	105,679	90
2007	11	556	568	1,123	3,068	2,825	5,893	7,016	105,812	111
2007	12	309	347	657	1,333	1,321	2,655	3,311	105,812	50
2008	1	291	256	547	1,256	1,241	2,497	3,044	105,796	47
2008	2	353	370	723	1,170	1,143	2,313	3,036	105,835	44
2008	3	419	538	956	1,761	1,713	3,474	4,430	106,070	66
2008	4	445	540	985	2,390	2,260	4,649	5,634	106,461	87
2008	5	601	770	1,371	3,814	3,733	7,547	8,918	107,010	141
2008	6	606	748	1,355	3,547	3,647	7,193	8,548	107,559	134
2008	7	579	727	1,305	2,884	3,012	5,896	7,201	107,980	109
2008	8	515	609	1,124	2,013	2,013	4,026	5,149	108,190	74
2008	9	485	614	1,098	2,314	2,380	4,693	5,792	108,426	87
2008	10	513	510	1,023	2,601	2,431	5,031	6,055	108,506	93
2008	11	488	516	1,004	3,352	3,227	6,579	7,583	108,573	121
2008	12	235	166	401	1,247	1,218	2,465	2,866	108,585	45
Total 2008:		5,530	6,363	11,893	28,348	28,016	56,364	68,257	2008 Avg	87
Total 2007:		6,730	7,516	14,246	27,447	27,126	54,573	68,820	2007 Avg	87
Total 2006:		6,953	7,323	14,276	26,125	25,414	51,539	65,816	2006 Avg	85
Total 2005:		6,598	7,328	13,925	22,009	20,595	42,603	56,529	2005 Avg	74
Total 2004:		7,729	7,177	14,905	19,670	18,815	38,485	53,391	2004 Avg	69
Total 2003:		7,559	6,597	14,156	17,094	16,830	33,923	48,079	2003 Avg	62
Total 2002:		7,844	6,522	14,366	17,086	17,417	34,503	48,869	2002 Avg	70
Total 2001:		8,279	6,755	15,034	18,412	18,578	36,990	52,024	2001 Avg	NA
Total 2000:		8,280	5,752	14,031	18,240	15,797	34,037	48,068	2000 Avg	66
Total 1999:		8,186	5,506	13,692	28,080	11,657	39,737	53,428	1999 Avg	78
Total 1998:		8,122	4,912	13,034	28,286	12,260	40,546	53,580	1998 Avg	79
Total 1997:		8,574	5,563	14,137	30,017	13,113	43,130	57,267	1997 Avg	84
Total 1996:		7,341	4,186	11,527	27,491	11,842	39,333	50,860	1996 Avg	76
Total 1995:		7,567	4,596	12,163	29,122	11,622	40,745	52,907	1995 Avg	75
Total 1994:		7,045	4,952	11,997	26,099	10,974	37,073	49,070	1994 Avg	72
Total 1993 ² :		8,019	5,423	13,442	30,113	12,582	42,695	56,137	1993 Avg	78
Total 1992 ² :		6,430	5,124	11,553	24,547	10,243	34,790	46,343	1992 Avg	61
Total 1991:		8,814	5,908	14,722	28,103	11,100	39,203	53,924		
Total 1990:		7,339	5,625	12,964	25,936	10,845	36,780	49,744		
Total 1989:		6,495	4,753	11,249	22,812	8,845	31,657	42,905		

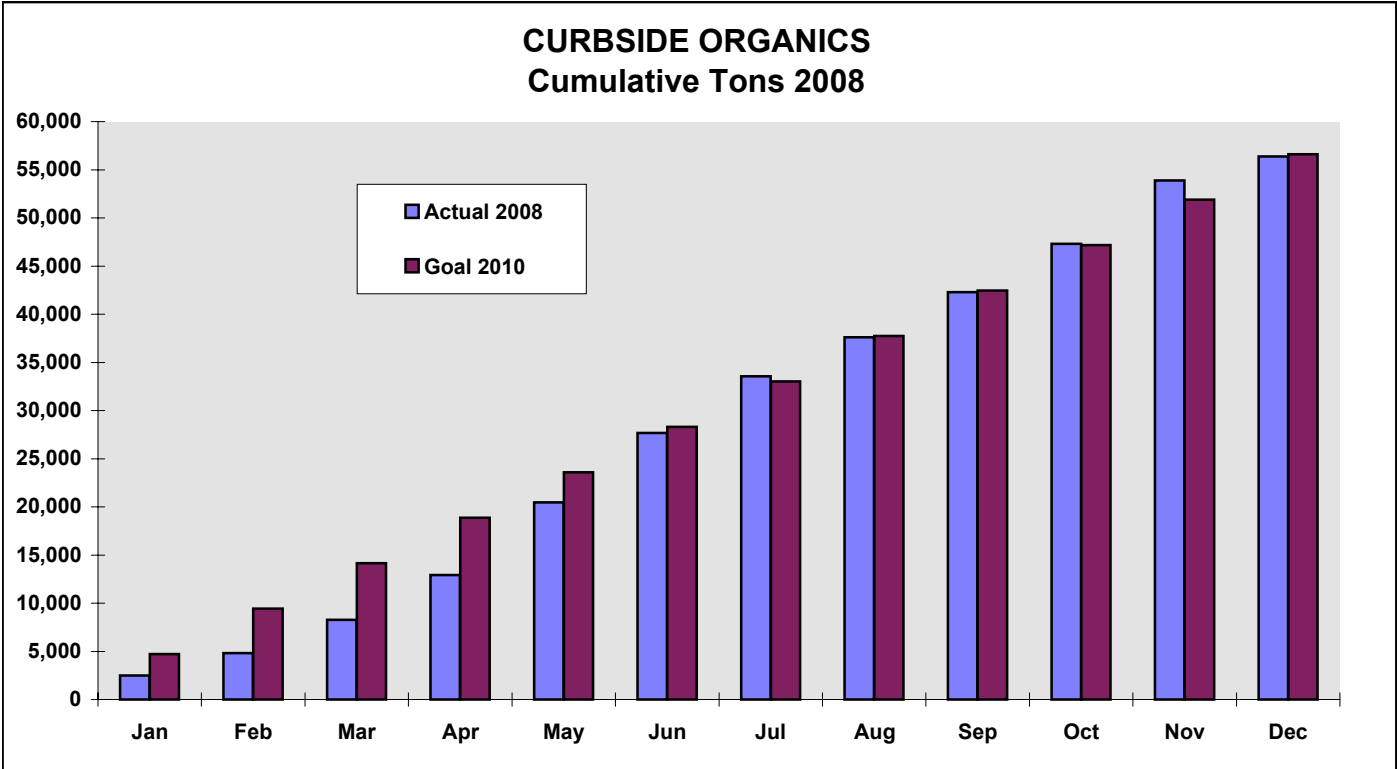
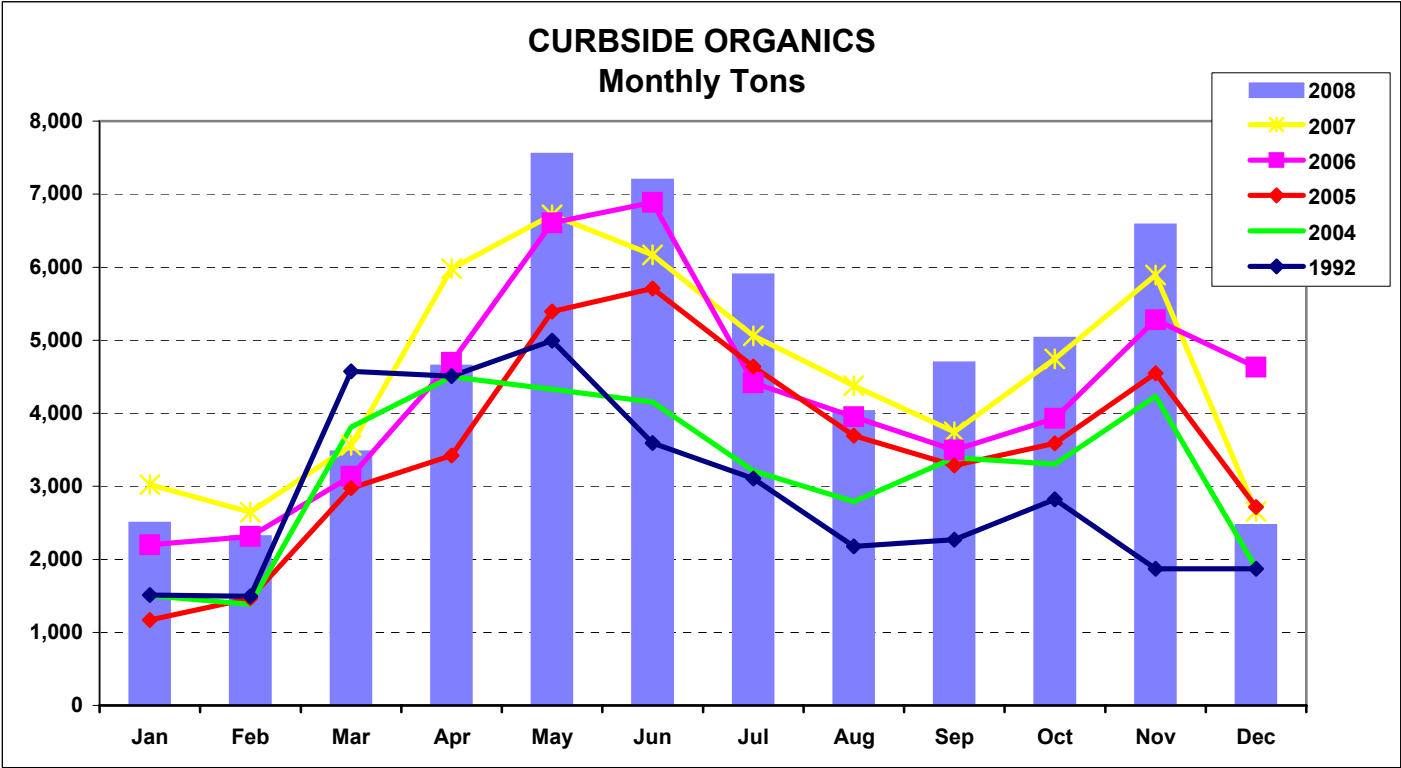
1) Self haul includes cars and trucks. Cars are not weighed at the stations so car tons are estimated based on the number of cars.

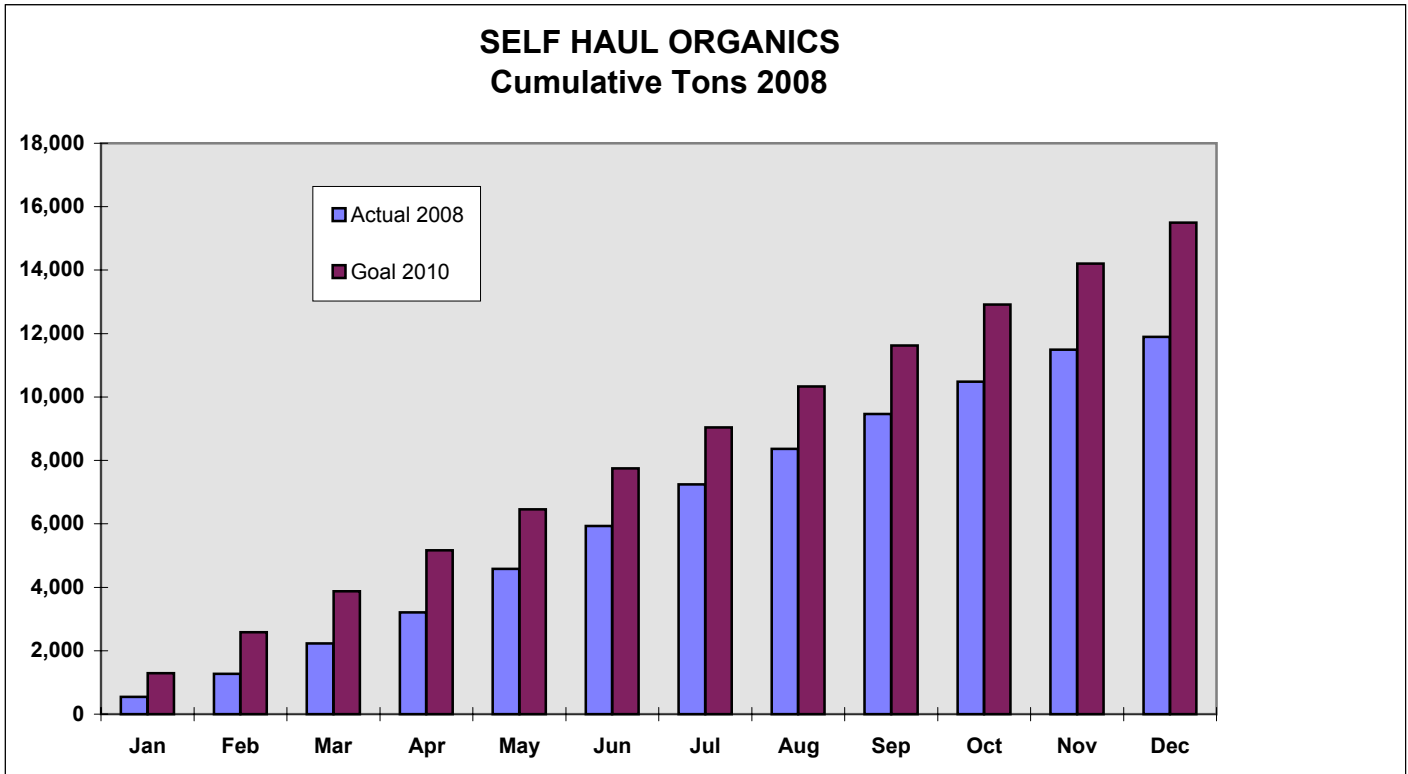
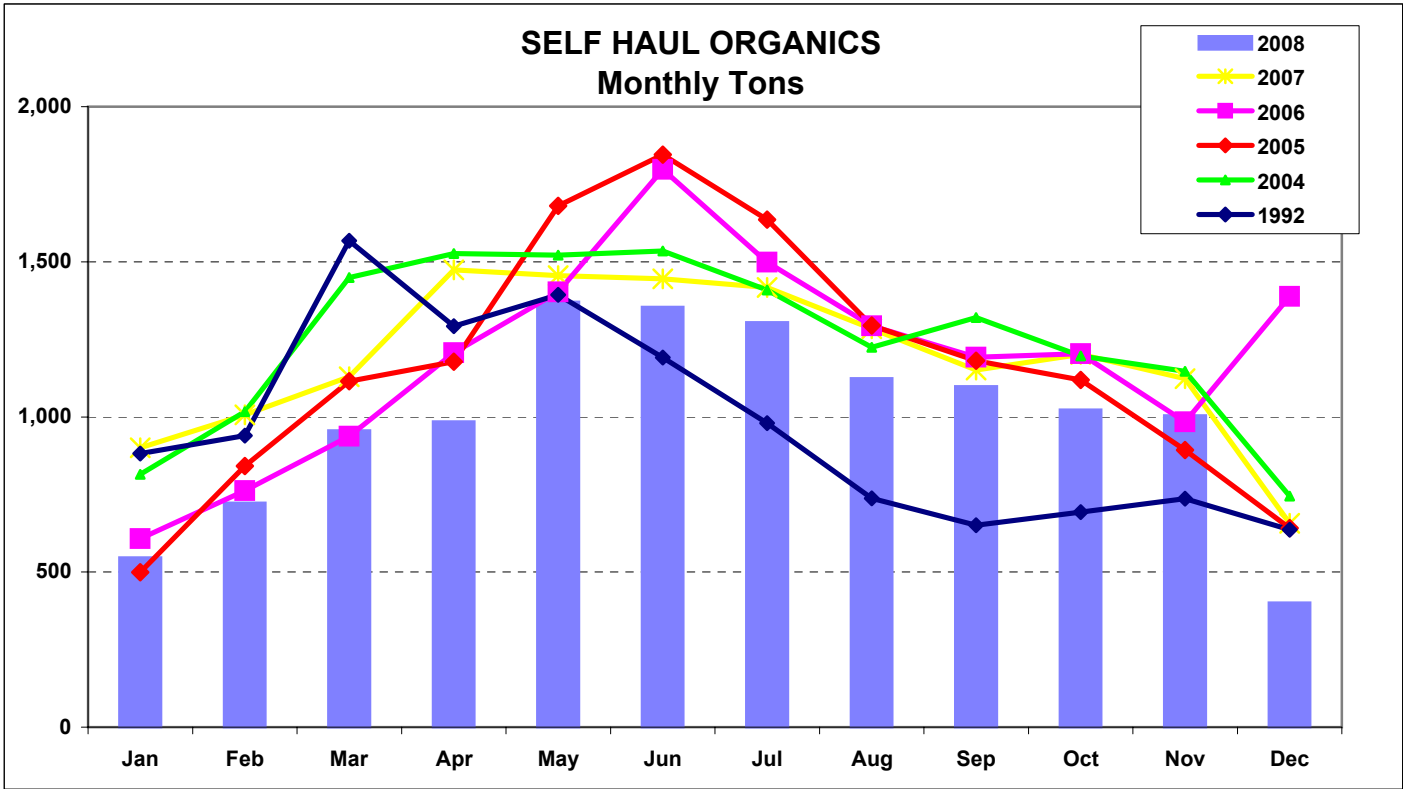
The average weight of cars bringing yard waste is 258 pounds per car based on sampling conducted in 1995.

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.





TOTAL CURBSIDE ORGANICS SIGN-UPS

