2016 Solid Waste Outreach Collateral
Where does it go?

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#### Recycling
- Place clean and empty items loose in cart, not bagged or in boxes.
- **No Food, No Liquids, No Single-Use Bags**
- **Clean**
  - Paper
  - Cardboard & boxes
  - flattened cardboard
  - Coated paper
  - Glass bottles & jars
  - Aluminum
- **Dirty**
  - Lids (3 inches or wider)
  - Scrap metal (less than 26 x 26 x 26)
  - Plastic bottles, jars, tubs
  - Plastic toys, cups, containers
  - Plastic plant pots
  - Plastic bags (bunched together)
  - Pill bottles (no prescription labels)

#### Food + Compostables
- **No Plastic Bags, No Plastic, No Metal, No Glass, No Animal Waste**
- Compostable containers & items
- Shredded paper
- Paper towels & napkins
- Uncutted paper bags
- Grease cardboard pizza boxes
- Uncutted paper plates

#### Garbage
- **See back page for reuse & recycling options.**
- **No Food, No Recyclables, No Yard Waste**
- Foam containers
- Plastic squeeze bottles
- Unusable ceramic & glassware
- Utensils
- Incandescent light bulbs

### Other Collection Services
- **Beyond the Curb**
  - Visit www.seattle.gov/util/lookitup to recycle these items at local drop-off locations.
  - Electronics & cell phones
  - Batteries
  - Mattresses
  - Fluorescent bulbs & tubes
  - Clothing, furniture & household goods
  - Foam packaging
  - Medications
  - Construction materials
  - Clean wood

### Hazardous Materials
- Not allowed in recycling, yard waste and garbage.
- Products marked "CAUTION," "WARNING," "DANGER" or "POISON" may require hazardous waste disposal.
- Safe hazardous material disposal information: 206-296-4692 or www.HazWasteHelp.org

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### Residential Collection Calendar

#### Other Collection Services

- **Used Oils**: No Charge
- **Bulky Items & Electronics**: Fee
- **Drop-off to Recycle**
  - Electronics, CFL Lightbulbs, Batteries and Medicine
- **Clothes, Styrofoam, Furniture, Appliances, Mattresses**
- **Hazardous Materials**

#### Rates Effective April 1, 2016

### 2016 Services & Rates

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**Extra Garbage**
- Extra garbage is collected on a per bag basis.
- Extra bags are charged at $3.50 per bag.
- **Extra Recycling**
- Extra recycling is collected on a per bag basis.
- Extra bags are charged at $3.00 per bag.

**Other Collection Services**
- **Bulky Pick-up**
- **Bulky Item with GFL Tag**
- **Electronics**
- **Used Oils**
- **Hazardous Materials**
- **Drop-off to Recycle**

**Compost So Life Goes On**

Put Containers Out Before 7am

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**Check the address label for your collection day or go to www.seattle.gov/util**
New items for 2016
Curbwaste & Conserve

EASY TIPS FOR COLLECTING FOOD SCRAPS

You don't need a special container to collect kitchen food scraps.

- Consider using a container you may already have at home, such as a plastic ice cream container, or
- Purchase an inexpensive juice pitcher or other lidded container from a thrift store.

It’s not necessary to line your washable container, but using a paper bag, paper towel or compostable bag can make clean up easier.

Remember, do not use plastic bags for your food waste. Plastic CAN NOT be composted.

If you're worried about odors or fruit flies:

- Put a lid on your container
- Empty your container often
- Wash your container after emptying it
- Store food scraps in the freezer or refrigerator until collection day

Food waste is NOT allowed in the garbage.

For more tips, visit: www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste or call (206) 684-3000.

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Tips and Programs for Seattle Residents

Spring 2016

CurbWaste & Conserve

COMPOST SO LIFE GOES ON.

In 2013, Seattle residents living in apartments, condos and houses put 89,000 tons of food and yard waste into their green Food & Yard Waste cart instead of the garbage. These food scraps, paper towels, pizza boxes, bones and eggshells were made into compost and returned to nourish the soil of local parks and gardens. Why waste a good thing?

Food waste is not allowed in the garbage.

Please put food and compostable paper, food ordered online, common results (food box) into the Food & Yard Waste cart.

Tips for successful composting:

- Compost happens when the food is broken down by soil bacteria.
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FREE RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP APARTMENT AND CONDO RESIDENTS COMPLY WITH THE FOOD WASTE AND YARD WASTE PROGRAM.

Click here to view the City’s website and to learn more about the program.

APARTMENTS/CONDOS (with 5 or more units): You can qualify for a one-time $100 utility bill credit, training and educational materials.

Sign up and learn more at: www.seattle.gov/util/apartmentfoodwaste or call (206) 684-8717.

For questions, contact the City at 206-684-3000. For additional information, visit www.seattle.gov/util.
Compost Food Waste @Work

You can compost food scraps, coffee grounds, and paper towels at home, now you can compost at work.

Businesses are prohibited from putting food waste, compostable food packaging, and recyclables in the garbage. Significant amounts of recyclables in the garbage could result in a fine of $500.

Avoid penalties, reduce garbage costs and improve your workplace food waste collection system.

Visit www.seattle.gov/util/gybusiness for a list of food waste collection services and free posters, signage and stickers.

Green Your Business

Give Damaged Clothes New Life!

Do you toss damaged clothes, shoes and household items in the trash because you don't think they can be donated? We've got great news! Items that aren't wearable can now be recycled into new products rather than going in the trash. Many of the same organizations that take your gently-used clothes can also pick up and捐赠 items— all in the same bag.

Many Uses for Damaged, Unwearable Clothes

Damaged items can be turned into wigs, crafts, home insulation, sound proofing and insulation for automobiles and appliances. Even single-use items like plastic, glass and other items that are normally thrown away are accepted. Many single-use items can be matched with other "single-use" sold to support students affected by the Hurricane Harvey. Learn more at: www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-matching-fund

Convenient Drop-Offs or Pick-Ups

There are many ways to donate these items, from taking them to a nearby collection site or drop box, to arranging for a pick-up. Learn more at: www.greenpointseattle.gov/Threadcycle.

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What's New in Recycling?

Seattle residents can now recycle even more.

- LARGEST PLASTIC ITEMS
- UP TO 30 X 30 X 30
- CAN BE SET IN YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER.
- ITEMS BIGGER THAN 30 X 30 X 30 NEED TO BE BROKEN DOWN. "SET THEM IN A PLASTIC BAG OR REUSABLE CONTAINER AND SET NEXT TO YOUR RECYCLING CART.
- PLASTIC CAPS ON EMPTY PLASTIC BOTTLES
- TO RECYCLE PLASTIC BOTTLES, PUT THE PLASTIC CAP ON AN EMPTY PLASTIC BOTTLE AND DROP IT IN YOUR RECYCLING CART. LEAVE CAPS ON OR ATTACHED TO A BOTTLE GO IN THE GARBAGE.

Cooking Oil

Follow these instructions to recycle used cooking oil.

1. Pour the old oil into a soap bottle with a tight
- fitting, screw-on lid.
2. Label the bottle with your name and address.
3. Set the bottle, tightly sealed, next to your recycling cart.

Questions about what to recycle?

Visit www.seattle.gov/recycle for more information.

Spring into Gardening Action

Don't just spring out of bed, Spring Into ACTION and follow these 4 tips to a successful gardening experience:

- PLANT EARLY
- AND PLANT RIGHT
- PLANT in early spring allows plants to take advantage of spring rains. Choose the right location for your plants so they can take advantage of the rain.

- MULCH DEEP
- To keep your garden beds and plants healthy, add 2 to 3 inches of compost to your garden beds to keep moisture in the soil and prevent weeds from growing.

- CHECK FOR IRRIGATION LEAKS
- Check your hose connections for leaks. Turn on your sprinkler to see if any water leaks out of the sprinkler head. If your sprinkler system is designed around a sprinkler head, turn it on and look for sprinkler heads that are spraying water out of the sprinkler head. Look for dripping automatic valves.

- IRRIGATE WHEN NECESSARY
- Spring and fall are not the best times to water. Watering is best in the spring and fall. If you have an automatic irrigation system, get a $100 rebate for a Winter-Save controller that turns the water back on in the spring and irrigates when necessary. Qualification details are online at: www.seasoningsaver.org.

Garden Questions?

CALL THE GARDEN HOTLINE
(206) 633-0224

How can I find good soil or compost for my garden bed? I'm battling slugs and snails and was just told to use compost in the future.

Home gardeners and landscape professionals can get expert advice.

Call the Garden Hotline at (206) 633-0224. Monday—Saturday, 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Visit www.seattle.gov/gardening for classes, events, and videos. Email your questions anytime.

We offer advice on managing pests and encouraging helpful insects, reducing water use, managing rain water, planting for wildlife, building soil, matching chemical-free gardening and lawn care, and much more.

Spring Clean Your Neighborhood

Spring is almost here and that means the time for Seattleites to get up and take part in the city's largest spring-cleaning neighborhood clean-up program—Spring Clean. Now in its 30th year, Spring Clean is the first in a series of neighborhood clean-up activities. Help pick up litter, storm drain debris, or paint graffiti in your community. All Spring Clean projects are in public property. The City of Seattle supports volunteers with FREE bags, gloves, safety vests, and waste disposal.

Get started today! Call (206) 233-7182 or register online at www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean.

Small Sparks Fund

Join us in supporting our parks, the Department of Neighborhoods. You could get a grant for up to $5,000 for a community cleanup. The deadline for applications is six weeks before your event. Learn more at: www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-matching-fund.

Free Auto Leaks Workshop

Oil and other fluids leak from your car and can find their way to Puget Sound and other waterways. Polluting wildlife and habitat.

Seattle Public Utility Department’s Automotive Maintenance Program offers FREE workshops to help you prevent those leaks. Participate in a FREE Auto Leaks Workshop this spring! You’ll have your car inspected by a certified automotive technician and learn to spot and fix leaks.

Upcoming Classes:

- Saturday, May 14, 2016
- Saturday, June 25, 2016
- Saturday, July 23, 2016

Learn more: www.seattle.gov/util/autoleaks

星级酒店
Peak Water Rates in Effect

Peak residential water rates are in effect from May 16 through September 15 each year. Peak rates incorporate a three-tiered rate structure with progressively higher rates as water consumption increases. During warmer months, we depend on water stored in our mountain reservoirs to meet customer demand while leaving enough water in our rivers for fish. Peak water rates encourage us to use water wisely.

2016 Residential Water Rates

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Using Water Wisely Helps Salmon

Feel proud when you conserve water—you’re saving money on your water bill and keeping more water in the rivers and streams for salmon. It’s especially important to use water wisely in the summer and fall months, when salmon are most vulnerable. Your actions help protect precious freshwater habitats for salmon and other species that live in and around our streams.

Whether you’re at home, at work, or on the go, you can compost the same stuff. Look for the green food waste bins at your workplace, local restaurants, stores, and commissary centers. Banana peel and apple cores, wooden chopsticks and grocery bags—all these things and more can go in the green food waste bin. When you compost your food waste you’re returning nutrients to the soil and keeping food waste out of the landfill.

Compost at Home, at Work, and on the Go

How’s Our Water Supply?

Thanks to the above-average rainfall and near-normal snowpack this past winter, drinking water supply that Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) provides to 1.4 million customers in our region is within the typical range for this time of year. Snowpack was slightly below average this winter, but the increased precipitation allowed us to keep reservoir storage at a level that is somewhat higher than average. Based on the forecast projecting that SPU conducts, we expect water supply conditions to stay within typical ranges over the next few months.

The most up-to-date water supply conditions, showing precipitation, snowpack, reservoir storage, and consumption, are posted weekly on the SPU website at www.seattle.gov/util/watersupply.

Time for a New Toilet?

Old, leaky toilets can use up to 5 gallons per flush—that’s a lot of water (and money) down the drain! By replacing your old toilet with a new water-efficient fixture, you’ll save money on your utility bills and conserve water for the Puget Sound region.

$100 Toilet Rebate

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) customers are eligible for a $100 rebate toward any brand of Premium (1.3 gallons per flush or less) toilts. Learn more at www.savingwater.org/rebates or call 206-684-2727.

Free Toilet Program

SPU provides free water-efficient toilets and installation for income-qualified homeowners. Home must be located in Seattle and have existing toilet installed before 2004. Learn more at www.seattle.gov/util/toiletrebates or call 206-684-1771.

Free Auto Leaks Classes

Fix your vehicle’s leaks for free! SPU offers FREE Auto Leaks Workshops to help you prevent these leaks. Visit www.seattle.gov/util/autoleaks for more information.

Is Your Garden Ready for Summer?

Summer means warmer, drier days around Puget Sound. Take these steps to prepare your garden for the warm summer months:

- Create healthy soil by adding compost. Healthy soil makes healthy plants, and healthy plants require less water.
- Add two to three inches of woodchip mulch to shrubs and tree beds. Mulching reduces the need for watering.
- Avoid planting new plants in the summer. New plants get off to a slow start when planted during fall or spring rains.
- Give your plants just the right amount of water. Go to www.savingwater.org/lawnandgarden/wateringirrigation for seasonal watering tips.
- Irrigate with a rebate. For in-ground irrigation systems, purchase a Rainource irrigation timer and receive a $100 rebate. Go to www.savingwater.org for details.

Coming Soon: Water Quality Report

Seattle Public Utilities’ Drinking Water Quality Report is on its way. This annual report gives you a chance to learn more about the quality and safety of the water you drink every day. We’re pleased to report that our water is among the best in the nation—check out the Water Quality Report to find out why. Watch for it in June.

Don’t Drip & Drive

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@ Your Service

Information about your water, drainage, wastewater and solid waste utility services.
Yellow order card – MF order card
Multifamily Collection Calendar
**Food & Compostables flyer**

**Food+ Compostables**

**Food Scaps**
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Tea bags
- Shells & bones
- Pasta & rice
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- Paper bags, towels & napkins
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- Leaves, branches & grass clippings

**Why Collect Food Waste?**
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- The environment: In the landfill, food waste makes methane—a greenhouse gas 22 times stronger than CO2. Put food waste in the cart and help protect the climate.
- The cost: Avoid costly repairs and plugged drains.
- Put food scraps in your food waste cart instead of your garbage disposal. This conserves water and energy, too!
- It's the Law: By City law, food waste is not allowed in the garbage. A food and yard waste cart must be available for residents to use.

**Question about what can go in the cart? Call the Garden Hotline (206) 633-0224 or visit www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste**

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**Store it**
Use a container with a tight-fitting lid to store food scraps. Empty contents into food and yard waste cart, then rinse and reuse container.

**Use the news**
Wrap food scraps in newspaper and drop it all in the cart.

**Chill It**
Bag or wrap food scraps. Then put them in the refrigerator or freezer until you take them to the cart.

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In the cart, cover food scraps with food-soiled paper, shredded paper, a sheet of newspaper, or yard waste to reduce odors and pests.

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Commercial – Recycling & FW

Business Recycling & Composting Requirements

The City of Seattle prohibits businesses from putting recyclables and compostables in the garbage.

NOT ALLOWED IN GARBAGE

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Food
- Cups
- Cans
- Jars
- Bottles
- Yard Waste

Recycle

Compost

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS
EFFECTIVE JULY 2014

COMMERCIAL COMPOSTING REQUIREMENTS
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2015

SMC 21.36.082
The presence of significant amounts of recyclables and/or compostables in commercial garbage is illegal ($50 fine).

For more information and to request free resources to improve your recycling and compost programs, contact the Seattle Public Utilities Green Business Program.

GreenBusiness@Seattle.gov | 206-343-8505
www.seattle.gov/util/greenyourbusiness/reducenwaste

Recycling & Composting Tips

- Prevent Garbage: Avoid using disposable items. Instead use reusable, recyclable and compostable items.
- Compost & Recycle: These two services are 30-50% cheaper than garbage service.

Recycling Tips

Workplace Recycling
- Clearly label collection bins. Use signs that show where items specific to your workplace go.
- Place all three collections bins (recycle, compost, and garbage) together in a central location.
- Place bins in the kitchen where they will be used, such as near prep stations and serving stations.
- Use durable items to serve food.

Collection Service
- Reduce your garbage service if your container is not full. Don’t pay for empty space.
- Lock dumpsters or carts in high traffic areas to prevent illegal use of your containers.
- Recycling more can save you money. Contact a service provider to order service.

Collection Service Providers

- RECYCLE CLEANSCAPES
  206-250-7500
  info@recyclecleanscapes.com
  www.recyclecleanscapes.com

- WASTE MANAGEMENT
  800-592-9995
  info@wastemanagement.com
  www.wastemanagement.com

- REPUBLIC
  206-332-7777
  info@republicservices.com
  www.republicservices.com

- CEDAR GROVE
  877-494-4466
  info@cedargrovewaste.com
  www.cedargrovewaste.com

GreenBusiness@Seattle.gov | 206-343-8505 | www.seattle.gov/util/greenyourbusiness
Commercial – Food Service

Food Service Requirements

**RECYCLING:** Seattle businesses are not allowed to put recyclable items in the garbage.

**COMPOSTING:** Seattle businesses are not allowed to put compostable items in the garbage.

**PACKAGING:** Seattle food service businesses must use compostable or recyclable food and beverage packaging.

Recyclables Not Allowed in Garbage: Seattle Municipal Code (21.36.083)
Requirements all businesses to separate paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, plastic and paper cups, plastic bottles and jars, aluminum and tin cans, and yard waste from the garbage. These items are not allowed in the garbage (Effective July 1, 2014).

Food Not Allowed in Garbage: Seattle Municipal Code (21.36.082)
Requirements all businesses to separate all food and food-related uncoated paper, such as paper napkins, paper towels and paper plates, from the garbage. These items are not allowed in the garbage (Effective January 1, 2015).

Food Packaging Ordinance: Seattle Municipal Code (21.36.066)
1. Dine-in: Restaurants and food service businesses that sell or provide food in one-time use containers are required to use compostable items for dine-in service. Plastic or plastic-coated paper products may be used for dine-in service only if after use they are clean enough to be collected for recycling.
2. Take-out: Packaging may be recyclable or compostable for take-out service (Effective July 1, 2010).
3. Banned: Businesses are prohibited from using plastic foam (Styrofoam™) packaging.

Keeping recyclable and compostable material out of the landfill reduces waste and pollution. By switching to recyclable or compostable packaging, businesses can reduce their garbage service and save money. Using only compostable service ware gives businesses the advantage of an easy, one step disposal process into a compostables collection bin.

Contact the Seattle Public Utilities Green Business Program for free assistance and resources for complying with these ordinances.

For interpretation services, please call 206-684-3880, or email: E-Interpret@cityofseattle.net

greenbusiness@seattle.gov www.seattle.gov/util/GreenYourBusiness 206-343-8505
Commercial Food Service

Kitchen & Dining Areas
Recycling

Cans & Bottles

Empty Cups

Clean Plastic Containers & Lids

Paper & Empty Cartons

ITEMS MUST BE EMPTY AND CLEAN

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