

Summary of Stakeholder Outreach Feedback On Aug 2011 Seattle’s Solid Waste Plan Revision Preview Draft

Note: Most feedback on construction and demolition debris (C&D) recycling recommendations in Chapter 5 is captured in a separate document: *2011 Stakeholder Outreach and Responsiveness Summary – Proposed Construction and Demolition Recommendations in Seattle’s Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan*

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Overall	Overall	Public Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Filled out the survey. However, it seemed targeted toward homeowners not business owners or facility managers so didn’t feel it was relevant to my work.
Overall	Overall	Solid waste industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports the Plan’s goals to include “environmentally responsible solid waste management as a cornerstone strategy in climate protection plans.” ➤ Supports the main elements of the plan recommendation matrix
Overall	Overall	Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commends SPU’s continued vision and leadership in zero waste. It is vital to successful waste prevention/reduction. Seattle’s effort support and implement many of the principles of the state’s Solid and Hazardous Waste Plan (The Beyond Waste Plan). ➤ Overall, the outline of the Plan, the matrices tracking progress, the graphics, charts and maps are very user-friendly. ➤ When electronics reuse, refurbishing and donation is referenced, consider describing the city’s efforts to ensure local and proper use/handling. ➤ Consider defining/clarifying the word “discard.” Chapter 4 is titled Seattle’s MSW System: Managing Discards.
Overall	Overall	Citizen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Your survey was hard to find.
Overall	Overall	Seattle Public Utilities employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Various editorial comments: places where text could be clearer, style suggestions, grammar
Overall	Overall	Seattle Public Utilities staff group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nice range of proposals presented. ➤ Nice way of listing recommendations (in a matrix). ➤ Like that the Plan is on-line. ➤ The Plan needs to talk about inclusive outreach to our more diverse customers. SPU is already making an effort in this regard, but h Plan doesn’t reflect it. The Plan assumption is that all customers will easily understand the growing list of what can and can’t be disposed of, and where. For many SPU customers, barriers exist to both understanding (language and education) and cultural practices, which impact the recycling rate. What is SPU’s plan to help remove these barriers? Is the barrier a lack of customer information/education or do other factors exist that hold down the recycling rate, and if so, what are the plans to address those barriers? ➤ Missing commitment to inclusive outreach, description of outreach planned, how it will address SPU and city

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			<p>RSJ/Institutional racism concerns. (Did not see in Ch.2 Revising the Plan nor in the Appendix.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sections required in the Plan by law might be so-noted, to assist the reader who might wonder at bureaucratise. ➤ Plan is organized according to solid waste profession's vernacular, not customers'. Is this necessary to meet legal requirements? If so, perhaps acknowledge as much. ➤ Experience tells us customers don't distinguish recycling and waste prevention; our own distinctions aren't totally consistent. Might acknowledge as much, to help a reader who is not in the solid waste biz. ➤ Program evaluation didn't seem addressed. ➤ The vast majority of the waste stream is coming from commercial, yet the plan is relatively weak in identification of commercial opportunities, yet rather strong on new residential opportunities. Can the reasons for this emphasis be better explained? ➤ The key long term strategy of the Plan appears to bans on certain materials from the landfill stream. What other strategies were considered, and how do they compare? Transferring the cost of material removal to the customer is obviously cheaper for the utility and can lower utility costs, but it is always in the best customer interest? Is such a long term policy excellent customer service or something else? ➤ Wish the website Table of Contents was "hot" so would take people to sections directly. ➤ Wish readers could scroll continuously instead of having to click back and forth to sections. ➤ Numbered recommendations in the Matrix of Recommendations should be carried into the chapters so that reader can easily reference text for description/discussion of each recommendation. ➤ Readers may take the survey online and think that it's for commenting – what has been the response levels and types of responses. ➤ More discussion is needed behind the assumptions about future total generation of solid waste. According to Appendix D, total generation appears to be going down in the past decade, but is forecasted to increase more than 10% in the next 20 years, or approximately 0.5% a year. What are the assumptions driving the decrease and projected increase? It should be noted that SPU customers are being projected to slowly increase the amount of total material generated. While it is great news that an increasing amount of the total generated may be recycled or reused, the fact is that the total generation still needs to be hauled away from customers to some other place. Is the hauling of yard waste, rather than backyard composting, really the most cost effective solution? Does the plan have any element to address the total growing volume of material generated? The plan focus seems to be on reducing waste taken to the landfill, but not reducing the total volume of material generated and hauled. Which of these two would be in the best long term interest of ratepayers? ➤ The Plan doesn't mention if other opportunities have been fully explored for cooperation with other utilities in the economies of scale of solid waste management. ➤ Have the impacts of the Plan on other SPU funds and programs been considered? For example, is spending a few pennies on water and sewer washing individual cans and bottles to be recycled worth the extra customer cost if the value of the can or bottle is only a fraction of a penny itself in either recycling or garbage? Should these extra hidden customer costs be added into the solid waste analysis, and create a viewpoint from the customer, rather than just reducing SPU disposal costs?
Overall	Overall	Environmental advocacy representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Please share survey results when you have them. ➤ Dollars per ton avoided landfilling - @ \$50/ton. ➤ Would like to see GHG analysis on our trains going to Oregon.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Please share the upcoming Life Cycle Analysis report as soon as it is ready. ➤ Look at the article The Story of Zero Waste, in Aug 2011 waste industry magazine.
Overall	Overall	Solid waste industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Compliment the city for its “long view” – making tough policy decisions that result in behavior changes due to pricing drivers, combined with phased-in programs that create community acceptance. ➤ The city’s effective planning efforts include: establishing markets and behavior years before implementing materials bans; adding a definition of Beneficial Use; maintaining a commitment to public education and the effective use of social media. ➤ City should begin to consistently use life cycle analyses to evaluate programs more broadly. As technology advances, assumptions may change, may be come appropriate to evaluate new goals and policies.
Overall	Recycling Goal	Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 60% by 2015 is a might aggressive, should go out to 2018. To give a chance to achieve the goal and sustain it. ➤ Long-term 70% goal is good, should slide out to 2025.
Overall	Recycling Goals	Neighborhood council / association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Should go more slowly on the recycling goals, does not agree with the Plan’s aggressive goals. There are costs associated with the goals and the end does not justify higher costs to the people.
Overall	Recycling Goals	Neighborhood council / association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports the goals, and would like a more aggressive timeline. The pace is reasonable for a city like Seattle.
Executive Summary	Various	Seattle Public Utilities employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Various editorial comments: places where text could be clearer, style suggestions., grammar ➤ Product Stewardship: Has asset management ever done a cost effectiveness or efficiency analysis on this? The program begs to be “value” tested. ➤ Collection: Any study of how cost efficient the garbage/yard waste program is for customers? Is personal financial boondoggle. Would prefer a “pay as you go” system. ➤ Transfer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Why” of transfer facilities not clear in Exec Sumry. • What is demand? • Other alternatives? • Why postponed planning for SRDS redevelopment? • Why not periodic “drives” such as what schools used to do in the 1960’s for newspaper? Or try something other than “in place” stations that people have to drive long distances to? ➤ Organics: Schools should be composting on campus. ➤ Why open market recycling and compost processing services for commercial sector? ➤ Disposal recommendations: what does “mixed solid waste” mean? ➤ Emergency Management: And interim management of hazardous waste? ➤ C&D: Hopefully, recommended options will not be heavily dependent on private car trips to five different return locations? ➤ Moderate risk waste: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider adding examples of HHW and CESQG. • 3rd bullet p18 – what is “outreach,” education, or pickup, or?

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Admin & Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is SPU organization and financial health really stable? • What about customers' ability to afford all these urgent priorities? • How about designing the programs to be more "pay as you throw?" Personally required to pay for more service than is needed. • Education: Where is the voice of the customer? Where is SPU's requirement of staff to educate customers? • Financing: Rates rising is counter-intuitive to less systems costs. Consider providing walk-through of table on p21 re avg customers costs status quo vs recommended scenarios. ➤ Recommendations Matrix: Are these recommendations prioritized?
Chapter 1	Amendment Process	Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Plan should discuss how minor changes will be made to the document and define a process to determine if a change to any component of the plan would require falling into an amendment.
Chapter 1	Revising the Plan	Seattle Public Utilities staff group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1-2: How does this Plan serve as a "comprehensive resource document?" Explain the difference from other comp plans.
Chapter 1	Planning Process	Seattle Public Utilities employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Why the break from King County in 1989? ➤ Participants & Responsibilities: What is role of General Public? To be informed? To be asked question? To give ideas?
Chapter 2	Measurement Data	Seattle Public Utilities employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How about a summary of this chapter as a 1st section. Otherwise, while very interesting to have as data, don't know what to conclude. How did this data contribute to the development of recommendations? ➤ More, please (on employment effects on solid waste) ➤ Consider a graph of the data in Table 2-2
Chapter 3	Green Purchasing	Solid waste industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Applaud city's green purchasing initiatives. Recession has impacted sale of organic soil products. City giving preference to recycled products would help sustainable organics program.
Chapter 3	Hazardous Waste	Local Hazardous Waste Plan Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Table 3-4, page 3-20. Do the tons of hazardous products "disposed of in 2004" mean disposed of in the garbage (waste composition sort)? Does this include both disposed of in the garbage and collected through LHWMP? It would be helpful to clarify and underlying data source/universe.
Chapter 3	Product Stewardship	Neighborhood council / association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Businesses should take on more social responsibility. Does not believe that the taxpayers need to support that. If they pass their costs along to purchasers of their products that is fine, but I don't need to support them via my taxpayer dollars.
Chapter 3	Product Stewardship	Product stewardship advocacy representative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Need to be careful to note that the NWPSC is a coalition of government organizations in Washington and Oregon that operates as an unincorporated association of members and is comprised of a Steering Committee, Associates and Subcommittees. The NWPSC has no legal structure and cannot support legislation. It drafts policy and supports product stewardship policies and activities. The NWPSC as an entity can't support legislation – individual member agencies support legislation. ➤ Other comments and suggested edits in Exec Summary and Chapter 3: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ about the NWPSC and their accomplishments.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Section 3.3.4: Edit to accurately reflect membership; text edits to accurately represent support for legislation; edit to accurately reflect NWPSC role in creation of E-Cycle Washington; and other small edits to more accurately portray NWPSC and member roles.
Chapter 3	Product Stewardship	Neighborhood council / association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Agrees producers and retailer should do more to reduce toxics in their products and make their products more recyclable, and they should pay for managing their products at their end of life. OK to pass the cost on to the consumer. ➤ Product packaging should be recyclable, period.
Chapter 3	Product Stewardship	Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The idea of producers of products having responsibility for end of life recycling is something that must be expanded. It should be a cost that is part of the purchase price and infrastructure needs to be provided to make this as easy as possible for the consumer to follow. ➤ Packaging of product by producers must be included in this paradigm change. ➤ Timing of changes should be more aggressive. Giving more time only allows those who wish to derail or delay progress an advantage.
Chapter 3	Product Stewardship	Seattle Public Utilities staff group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Product stewardship is defined as end-of-life in the section where it's introduced. Missing life-cycle impacts, design-for-environment/recycling and toxics reduction. ➤ Product stewardship is defined/explained differently in different sections. Prefer consistency. Exec Summary p.6, p3-6, pA-3. ➤ Whole section on fees and who pays doesn't apply solely to PS but rather to Financing for solid waste. ➤ Believe our preferred language and approach is cost internalization by producers and definitely not fees. Recovery fees are not product stewardship anyway. ➤ Producer responsibility is not generally a mechanism for generating revenue to a government agency; is a means for moving costs to users through cost of products.
Chapter 3	Product Stewardship	Solid waste industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support the plan's policy focusing on problem products. ➤ Re materials common in curbside collection programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does product stewardship legislation for curbside materials (like packaging) offer an improved or just different system? • Does current "pay as you throw" rate structure, with bans and public education, accomplish the same goal that producer responsibility programs might emulate in communities where solid waste fees are included in taxes? • Does product stewardship allow for sufficient continued municipal control over quality of services, public education, public safety, environmental controls and program quality? • Expanding the producer pay concept of product stewardship to curbside materials may result in unintended consequences that may result in added administrative costs and program quality degradation. • Commenter sees clear distinction between efforts where product stewardship makes sense and where it does not add value.
Chapter 3	Waste Prevention	Housing Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SPU and partners are on the right track. ➤ Re schools, introducing behavioral change with children, schools starting to compost and think about their food waste: If children start to change their behaviors to reducing waste at an earlier age, hopefully it will permeate with them throughout their adult life.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adults – Images brought closer to home could be impactful. Most of don't see the images of the mounds of waste. ➤ Maybe local demonstrations of what a street/block throws away or could reuse through recycling or composting.
Chapter 3	Waste Prevention	Environmental non-profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Strongly support continuing to promote backyard composting and grass cycling as “onsite organics” measures to prevent waste from entering the organics stream. ➤ Look for options to collaborate with the Seattle Conservation Corps through coupons in ratepayer newsletters, local papers, etc, with recent expiration of Green Cones subsidy and Seattle Composters (low cost residential composting tools). Similar successful efforts with Cedar Grove during “Compost Days” can be used as a model.
Chapter 3	Waste Prevention	Seattle Public Utilities staff group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Like that waste prevention is a large section and comes first. ➤ Waste prevention recommendations in the chapter don't line up well with the numbered recommendations in the Matrix of Recommendations. ➤ Recommendations in the waste prevention chapter need to follow a consistent format. The product stewardship recommendations are split into two parts (3-28). It's not clear in the narrative that the second part (bullets beginning with “continue working with NWPSC...” are also recommendations, but they are included in the numbered Matrix. ➤ Wish waste prevention would be evident and integrated into the programs/business areas described in other chapters, too. Reduce-reuse-recycle hierarchy is not evident. ➤ Source reduction seems left out of waste prevention. ➤ 3-11: “SPU stopped selling discounted compost bins in the summer of 2011.” Should we call attention to this fact? ➤ 3-11: Bin discounts were not supported by LHWMP. ➤ 3-12: Backyard yard waste decreased by percentages given. Backyard food waste composting was at lower percentages (2000 31%, 2005 26%, 2010 20%). ➤ 3-21: Fix typo in first sentence of “Green Purchasing” – delete “purchases” at end. ➤ 3-22: In 2010 we had a combined budget of \$100k for maintaining schools recycling program momentum (\$20k) and food recovery (\$80k). We spent only \$55k of the \$80k on food recovery. ➤ 3-25: Should we mention we ended subsidized compost bin sales in 2011? 95,550 compost bins were sold during 23 years of sales (1989-2011). ➤ 3-25: Continue promoting or offering grants to support retail and restaurant donations to food banks and feeding programs.
Chapter 3	Waste Prevention and Product Stewardship	Environmental advocacy representatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SPU should do more for innovation, more planning around prevention. Should have dedicated, focused resources, be more creative. For example transport packaging reduction. Should hire an innovator. ➤ Working with the NWPSC and “passing legislation” – Look at editing the text to more accurately reflect policy development. ➤ Page 3-21 re E-cycle Washington. Correct the date. Legislation passed 2007, program started 2009. Is discussion about Seattle as a “collector” clear? ➤ Waste prevention goals – Should have a total generation reduction goal, like King County. Per capita. ➤ Fee discussion in text is confusing. Should reconcile terminology with WA and CA discussion. ➤ Should have eventual goal to be state framework legislation. ➤ Product by product list should be amendable/flexible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carpet – should make more obvious is a product stewardship solution. ○ Mattresses – consider adding

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Batteries ○ Mercury thermostats ○ Kids' car seats ➤ Should have cooperative conversations with retailers about products, packaging, way upstream. ➤ Should add the job creation argument, as in the business case for product stewardship done by the NWPSC. ➤ Batteries on the table p3-20 in WP chapter – Look at where is indicates “no action.” Make sure what’s said there isn’t limiting. ➤ WP 4, WP5 donations of electronics – Avoid unintended dumping on non-profits. ➤ WP25 product solutions for materials in curbside recycling – Should make stronger.
Chapter 3	Waste Prevention, Product Stewardship, Green Jobs	Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Most of chapter great. City has done and is planning lots of innovative stuff on waste prevention (reduction and reuse). Unwanted [yellow pages] phone book opt out ordinance is impressive waste prevention achievement. ➤ Would like to see more concrete recommendation about waste prevention public education, more media outreach or social media. Reduction and reuse are harder to explain and understand than recycling. Should add 0.5 or 0.25 FTE dedicated to waste prevention public education. ➤ At least a third of this chapter deals more with recycling than waste prevention. State electronics product stewardship law mostly about recycling. New restaurant regs about take-out packaging largely about recycling and composting, banning polystyrene take-out packaging could be considered toxics waste prevention. ➤ Product stewardship shouldn't be lumped with waste prevention unless is concerted effort to emphasize reduction and reuse. Phone books and junk mail opt-out ordinances great because all about reduction rather than recycling. ➤ Reuse aspect of state electronics product stewardship take-back law needs to be emphasized. How about a recommendation that SPU directly support any organization that is part of the E-Cycle Washington program that primarily deals with electronics reuse? Reuse helps green jobs. ➤ Carpet – more could be done on waste prevention as well as product stewardship and recycling. City could encourage carpet uses that generate less waste, like carpet tiles, carpet tile refurbishment and reuse programs. ➤ Green jobs should be emphasized more. ➤ Page 3-8 Targeted fees: some sections talk about types of material best covered by this fee, all fees should have similar analysis. CRF-immature/non-existent/struggling market recyclable items including plastic bottles and glass. Business Retained-plastic bag fee (use to give out reusable bags, pallet recycle fees, etc. PRF-glass, pesticide containers, cleaning supplies in plastic, toxic products like CFLs. PTBS-electronic gadgets/batteries. ➤ Page 3-10 Describe how “other” is a major waste prevention category. Use misc small programs including some reference to what they recycle. ➤ Page 3-20 In the table – is MTBE still an issue? It isn't in gas anymore and has degenerated into a ground water pollution problem that has left reuse arena. ➤ Page 3-28 Refer to table on page 20 as it clearly states which products will require legislation. ➤ Page 3-30 Measurement of industrial materials recycled. Look to IMEX in King County.
Chapter 4	Collection - Hazardous Waste	Apartment Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Concerned that with compact fluorescent bulbs that contain mercury becoming mandatory, there is no plan to collect these, batteries, and other toxic materials separately. Sees batteries, TVs, computers, and fluorescent bulbs in apartment trash. Has not heard of anyone using [household hazardous waste] drop-off station. Companies producing electronics, CFLs, and batteries should invest, be liable for the harm their products cause after they go in the trash.

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Chapter 4	Designation of Recyclables	Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Further clarify the criteria used for developing Seattle’s list of materials that will be collected for recycling. Must notify Ecology when changes adopted. Please note this in the Plan.
Chapter 4	Emergency Management	Environmental non-profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The DRAFT COOP should be completed earlier than 2015 if possible.
Chapter 4	Emerging Technologies	Solid waste industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Re Emerging Technologies-Recycling: Supports operating a “Dirty” MRF as a pilot program to test alternatives for increasing the city’s diversion rate. Possible language could be “SPU may explore the option of using a “dirty” Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) to further increase diversion rates. A “dirty” MRF is a facility that separates a mixed solid waste stream into recyclable, compostable, and garbage. Similar technology around the country has been successful at significantly increasing recycling and compostable rates.
Chapter 4	Emerging Technologies	Solid waste industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Emerging technologies may offer cost effective, environmentally acceptable, and locally based solutions for hard to recycle materials. ➤ Correct definitions should be used to distinguish technologies. “Conversion technologies” have evolved from burn barrels to a range of technologies (gasification, hydrolysis, anaerobic digestion, pyrolysis, chemical feedstock recovery) that can treat a variety of materials. Pyrolysis and gasification are not incineration. Seattle should recognize the differences and advancements in technologies and create definitions that clearly allow and encourage emerging technologies and ultimate use of separated materials in lieu of disposal – energy, fuel and new products – complementing Seattle’s broader sustainability goals.
Chapter 4	Facilities	Neighborhood council / association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improve the Plan’s consideration of the consistency of the city’s solid waste facilities with the city’s comprehensive plan and the surrounding neighborhoods. <i>[editor’s note – assume writer refers to city’s comprehensive growth management plan]</i> The draft plan does not contain any consideration of facility siting, the consistency of the new North Transfer Station (and other facilities) with the surrounding neighborhoods, or the impacts of the city’s facilities on land use and development patterns. It is imperative that the city not repeat the process that led to the rebuild of the current North Transfer Station facility without the slightest consideration of the appropriateness of the site. ➤ Siting issues should be addressed consistent with RCW 70.95 and Washington Department of Ecology, Guidelines for Development of Local Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plans and Plan Revisions, February 2010, Publication No. 10-07-005, p35. ➤ SPU’s 1998 plan did not “contemplate” anything approaching the current reconstruction of the transfer station; legally required consideration of the city’s solid waste facility siting has never happened; and, the only “approval” of the current rebuild project is this paragraph in Ordinance 122447 (July 2007): “WHEREAS, the Council and Executive have reached an agreement on a configuration that rebuilds the North and South Transfer Stations...” ➤ Redo the draft solid waste plan to add an appropriate siting analysis for all of its solid waste facilities.
Chapter 4	Monitoring and Performance Measurement	Seattle Public Utilities staff group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Page 4-19, Table 4-3: 2007 residential survey garbage pickup score repeated.
Chapter 4	Organics Management	Solid waste industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Page 4-51 Incorrect statement. Current organics processing contract includes food soiled paper but does not include “other compostable packaging.” Including such compostable packaging as a contractual obligation would require a contract amendment. ➤ Concerned about compostable packaging and growing contamination in the residential and commercial volumes. Suggest slowing down integration of Multifamily organics diversion until contamination issue more fully addressed. Is for

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			<p>compostable packaging, but concerned whether packaging chosen without guidelines is really compostable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commercial organics collection – concerned City incentivizing organics collection creating collection subsidies for customer and ability of private collectors to compete for collection service. For example City’s rate for 2/96 gallon totes for commercial organics collection once a week for \$8.00, picked up by residential collectors. Was originally intended as “safety net” for small commercial generators in residential areas, but now being used citywide. Private collector cannot compete at this price. Suggest returning practice to safety net only. Appreciate cost of service detachable container rates that enables open market service.
Chapter 4	Organics Management	Ecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Recommendations in section 3.4.2, backyard composting, edible food recovery, and food waste reduction through efficient food purchasing preparation demonstrate progressive leadership. ➤ Goals for increased diversion must run parallel to goals for increased infrastructure and markets to process and use the additional materials. Increasing collection at schools and restaurants will result in increased volumes of feedstocks going to compost facilities that are already at, or close to capacity. ➤ Consider expanding capacity and contamination discussion in the Plan. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity – Increase organic materials processing by supporting infrastructure development for composting, anaerobic digestion and other technologies. • Markets – Commit to compost market development through internal purchasing programs and promoting general consumer use. • Contamination – Help protect compost quality through increased education to generators and communication with processors.
Chapter 4	Organics Management	Environmental non-profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports city encouraging composting capacity including anaerobic digestion, and encouraging backyard composting. With more food waste entering organics stream, digestion process offers greater efficiency without any real material or volume lost. ➤ Continuing to promote backyard composting is most climate friendly way of recycling organics (less fuel and energy costs, small piles don’t offgas as much CO2 as large piles, and keeps composting in the public eye, making the compost process tangible. Best kind of community marketing. ➤ Labeling and food packaging: Strongly encourage working towards changes in ways that promote composting and reduce contamination. The fight must be continued and intensified as customer confusion will only increase as labeling and materials discrepancies continue to exist.
Chapter 4	Processing and Disposal	Seattle Public Utilities employee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Why is there no trash to energy plan?
Chapter 4	Processing and Disposal	Environmental advocacy representatives	<p><i>Editor’s note: PD# refers to Plan recommendations as numbered in the recommendations matrix that follows the Executive Summary.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PD1 – Continuing recycling processing contracting. Some areas have had problems with co-mingled recycling, such as higher residuals, processing problems from plastic bags and glass, as well as downstream problems. Consider doing an analysis. ➤ PD1 & 2 (open market processing for privately collected commercial recyclables) – Producer financing would force efficiencies, quality, financial incentives. Like in Ontario, Toronto blue box financing. ➤ PD9 – Keep no burning. Incineration in Europe is very different – they actually have to bring in natural gas to burn. ➤ Cedar Grove odor problems: will urge city council to hold briefing in context of organics processing RFP.

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Chapter 4	Recycling Recommendations	Higher education	<p>Commercial recycling recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Many of the proposed initiatives will be easy to meet if we don't already. ➤ The most challenging effort, to ban organics in 2016, should be easier to achieve given the time to improve our current system. ➤ Furniture waste is unaddressed. After eliminating recyclables, C&D, and organics, furniture would be our largest stream of material not diverted. Before any regulatory measures, proper dialogue should be started within the furniture manufacturing industry to "design for disassembly." Furniture should be easily and quickly disassembled into recyclable materials (fabric, wood, metals, cushioning specifically for reuse if we ever going to expect furniture to be recycled. The city could support commercial customers by advocating for such disassembly standards for manufacturers just like LEED has done for green building and Green Seal has done.
Chapter 4	Recycling Recommendations	Neighborhood council / association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Any changes should be put on the back burner until the city can find ways to reduce costs to the residents instead of increasing costs. ➤ Increased Inspections: Does not support inspectors increasing how much they look in garbage containers for materials not allowed. The city goes way too far in how "big-brotherish" they are about garbage. ➤ I pay more for my garbage pick up than anyone else I know from other parts of the country. And now you want to force me to put out less garbage and you want to reduce my garbage pick up by 50% and then you want to increase the costs to me even more? That is crazy!!! I do not support your plan. This is a total rip-off!!! If you want to decrease garbage, then figure out a way to decrease your costs in proportion to the decreased garbage. Until you can figure that out, this plan needs to be put on the back burner.
Chapter 4	Recycling Recommendations	Local ethnic coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Practices and attitudes toward recycling/composting differ between countries, with those attitudes and practices carried over here. Family member is from Holland where individuals not expected to recycle, only the government. While was in Lebanon, people often burned their garbage, or in rural areas goats ate it. Recycling outside the city didn't seem to exist. ➤ Should promote how people can save money by recycling and composting. ➤ Should advertise more that people can have extra recycling, an extra recycling bin, and weekly recycling pick up. ➤ Diapers and EOW: Many with babies will require larger garbage cans if picking up garbage goes to every other week. Many Arabs have larger families. Cloth diapers are not an option for many people and compostable diapers are expensive. ➤ Is full supporter of recycling, composting and reducing landfill, but is concerned about people being heavily penalized due to reasons like in the diaper example.
Chapter 4	Recycling Recommendations	Neighborhood council / association	<p>Commercial Recycling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Should use more carrot, less stick. ➤ Should increase the economic incentives to recycle by making it free or lower cost, and increasing cost of garbage collection. Instead of bans. ➤ Website information is difficult to navigate to find current food composting regulations. ➤ Particularly for events. Difficult to find recycling and composting dumpsters and they cost twice what garbage dumpsters cost. "Cleanscapes is expensive." [SPU staff followed up with info on pricing – recycling dumpsters are less expensive than garbage dumpsters of equal size.] ➤ Bans on recyclables in the garbage would be hard to enforce. Don't like the idea of "garbage police." ➤ Ban on pet waste in the garbage could be piloted by Seattle Animal Shelter. ➤ Where does funding come from to implement the recommendations? How much will the programs cost?

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Chapter 4	Recycling Recommendations	Housing Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Are chopsticks compostable? Was told “no” when called SPU, even the bamboo ones. ➤ Wendy’s restaurants are dumping compost in garbage. ➤ Recycling goals – 100% of attendees support the new overall goals. ➤ Food composting – Half or more of attendees think they can be putting all their food waste into a green cart by 2015. ➤ There should be a penalty for not composting food waste. ➤ About 2/3’s of attendees said they had green carts at their building at that time. ➤ Organics ban, multi family and commercial. Consider offering a workshop for building managers via the Chinatown-International District Business Improvement Association to help them adapt to the organics ban. Issues revolve around not enough space for organics containers, but building managers seemed to think the container would be bigger than actual.
Chapter 4	Recycling Recommendations	Neighborhood council / association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transfer stations – Seattle could build a separate station to collect C&D materials. ➤ Every other week single family garbage collection – 10 of 24 voted in favor of the recommendation. ➤ Multi family recycling rate – why isn’t it higher? (Little yard waste and need more participation for food waste composting) ➤ Businesses required to recycle bottles and cans – 22 of 24 voted in favor of this recommendations. Should set up recycling at gas stations for people cleaning out cars. ➤ Should be more recycling in parks and other public places. ➤ Ban food (organics) from garbage – 13 of 24 voted in favor. ➤ Proposed that people with “canopy trees” be given a discount on yard waste collection. Disposing of yard waste is challenging if you have large trees on your property. ➤ Pet waste & diapers diversion – 12 of 24 voted in favor. ➤ Other ideas included banning Styrofoam packing peanuts; providing document shredding service at transfer stations to encourage more paper recycling; finding ways to help older adults get their containers to the curb; \$30 dump fee is not fair.
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			Other	20.7%	6
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			answered question		29
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			17. Disposable diapers and pet waste into a separate collection container for pickup: favor or oppose		
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			Strongly favor	40.6%	224
			Favor	32.6%	180
			Oppose	7.2%	40
			Strongly oppose	5.8%	32
			Not sure/No opinion	13.8%	76
			answered question		552
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			I have no place to store a separate container for that kind of waste.	17.9%	12
			I don't want to be required to pay for this service.	9.0%	6
			I don't want to be fined for putting diapers and pet waste in the garbage instead of a separate collection container.	10.4%	7
			I don't want the government looking through my garbage.	6.0%	4
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			Bad smells would build up.	1.5%	1
			Insects, rats, mice, or other pests would get into the diaper and pet waste collection container.	3.0%	2
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			Other	23.9%	16
			If you selected other, please describe in box below		21
			answered question		67
			skipped question		526
			19. Things would you be willing to do to reduce waste, increase recycling and composting, and keep future costs as low as possible? (Select all that apply)		
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Chapter 4	Recycling Recommendations - Bans	Solid waste industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Supports continued use of disposal bans when the ban is pragmatic and easily defined. Applaud past bans where course of action planned and sufficient transition lead-time. Phased approach provides development time for collection and processing infrastructure and markets. ➤ Plastic film and bag bans: Supports these bans. Concerned about viability of existing end markets for plastic generated in

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Chapter 5	C&D, Historic Landfills, Clean City	Seattle Solid Waste Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Several comments asking for clarification or more detail in the text. ➤ Several editorial suggestions.
Chapter 5	Clean City Programs	Seattle Public Utilities staff group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Litter – Adopt A Street p5-31: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We don’t use the term “ground litter” in materials/outreach to public; recommend removing “ground. • Amend 2nd sentence: Volunteers can either agree to adopt 2 years or can conduct a one-time cleanup. • Amend 3rd sentence: The city provides...that credit adopters, (for volunteers that adopt a minimum of one mile for two years). • Amend 4th sentence: Program staff ...Adopt-a-Street volunteers, the number of...litter collection, and the number of bags collected. ➤ Community Cleanup – Spring Clean p5-32 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amend 1st sentence to describe program runs April through May. • Amend 2nd sentence: SPU provides collection supplies; including trash bags, safety vests, gloves, and garbage grabbers along with trash disposal. • Amend 3rd sentence: adding number of volunteers to tracking.
Chapter 5	Hazardous Waste Management	Local Hazardous Waste Plan Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Section 5.4.2 Planning Issues, page 5-35: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise introductory statement to accurately reference the 1990 plan that has been updated twice, in 1997 and 2010. • The list of issues is fine ➤ Section 5.4.4 Alternatives and Recommendations, page 5-36, please <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • revise 1st bullet [re service hours a Seattle’s MRW facilities] to “monitor Seattle’s MRW collection facilities to ensure maximum equitable service hours needed are achieved.” • Revise 2nd bullet [re CESQG collection pilot] to “extend the CESQG collection program.” The pilot is done. • Make sure to make corresponding corrections in Executive Summary page 18, and in the Recommendations section (MRW1, MRW2)
Chapter 5	Hazardous Waste Management	Seattle Public Utilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hazardous waste and product stewardship - can be stronger about producer vs rate payer responsibility in long term haz waste funding, plan to limit/reduce MSW rate payer contribution? Focus on toxic pesticides, cleaners or other common household haz waste for product stewardship? MSW rate payers pay a lot for LHWMP materials disposal and

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		employee	prevention, but many rate payers don't consume the materials managed by LHWMP.
Chapter 5	Special Wastes	Local Hazardous Waste Plan Administration	➤ Table 5-7, page 5-38 Batteries. LHWMP recently started accepting alkaline batteries for HHW disposal, although may no longer be regarded as hazardous per recent news from Ecology. May want to revise the table.
Chapter 5	Special Wastes	Environmental advocacy representatives	➤ Do more to highlight targeted materials.
Chapter 6	Administration and Financing	Seattle Public Utilities staff group	<p>➤ Seems odd that Education is in this chapter and not elsewhere. Is "administration" meant to denote "implementation?" If so, consider changing the word.</p> <p>➤ Benchmarking rates and spending to other utilities is largely absent from the financial plan. SPU has some of the highest per customer costs for total removal of all customer generated materials. SPU customer costs are much higher than most other major city utilities of comparable size and volume, and significantly higher than other western Washington utilities. Why are Seattle's rates/costs so much higher? What services/benefits do SPU ratepayers get that other utilities don't offer? Many of the strategies suggested in the Plan would appear to add additional customer costs. While the benefits of recycling and diversion from the landfill stream are understood from the utility viewpoint, they may or may not translate to keeping ratepayer rates lower. Would a further menu approach where customers could opt out of selected solid waste services they don't use/need, provide an opportunity for better customer service?</p> <p>➤ The cost of commercial waste continues to be relatively low compared to other sectors, and is probably contributing to the lack of recycling/reuse. Is SPU providing the correct price signal? Where are financing/behavior change strategies discussed in the plan?</p>
Chapter 6	Financing	Environmental advocacy representatives	➤ Should show the impact of producer responsibility on (reducing) program costs. For example E-cycle Washington. In finance section (of executive summary and chapter), should bring out that we're also working on product stewardship systems that will shift costs from ratepayers. Product stewardship also takes tons from moving through the system. Should mention the equity that comes from the shifting of costs with product stewardship, the risk sharing (like in recycling processor contract) that can happen with product stewardship.
Misc	Misc	Citizen	➤ Would like to have [lawnmower] collected and pay the \$8.20 extra fee, rather than take this one item to the dump and pay \$30. Our garbage man refused to take it. What can we do?

Written Comments from Web Survey

All regarding select Chapter 4 Recycling Recommendations

Survey Question	Comments
12 Why not satisfied with every other	<p>1 all of the issues listed above</p> <p>2 all of the above. the public health issues plus my personal health issues contribute to my dread of implementation of this plan. the every other week recycling pickup is already a health and safety issue - the amount overflows the container, piling up, creating fire safety issues, blowing around, spilling over, breaking glass, and the weight of the container is too much for me to move safely. decreasing garbage pickup would add to these difficulties, plus increase the public health hazards from insects and</p>

week single family garbage collection - Other		vermin from storing garbage for the increased amount of time
	3	I am the manager of a 92 unit building for formerly homeless/low income single adults.
	4	There is much education and community engagement with the low income housing developments. They need to have equal access as to recycling as in any other neighborhood
	5	My landlord takes care of all of this, but I'd say almost every option listed above could apply
	6	Our multi-family dumpsters are already overflowing with weekly pick up. Plus, this would create a rodent nightmare, as landlords we are responsible for maintaining a safe & healthy environment for our tenants. This would not be possible with pick up only every 2 weeks
	7	Bad smells, pests would be attracted, if I missed a pick up it would be another 2 weeks till the next, I would run out of space, there is no indication that my garbage bill would decrease with less service.
	8	Unsanitary bad smells, and we have rats in the neighborhood. around holidays I have more garbage. It is wasteful to rinse off disposable plate and I still have styrofoam. Recycling doesn't take styrofoam packing materials so it would take weeks to get rid of it. I don't put food in my lawn scrapes because it's too cumbersome to haul it weekly to the curb. I don't like the idea at all.
	9	All of the above. Cost, space and sanitation are a huge issue already for me.
	10	and some of the other choices-like miss a day and it would be two weeks, don't want to get a bigger container, smells, and general feeling of neglect.
	11	My condo has pickup twice week and usually very full, therefore pickup every other week wouldn't work
	12	Hard to pick the main reason as a lot of the reasons listed above are major concerns: having to wait a month if missed one week, the sanitation concerns, rodents (which are a real issue where I am at), smells, liter. I appreciate it could save a lot of money, but feel the costs to your customers is too high.
	13	I produce very little garbage. If I could dispense with garbage pick up altogether and just take a small can once a year or as needed to the transfer station, it would save me money. Or just have a once a year or once every 6 months garbage pick up--that would also save me money and probably save you money too.
	14	all of the above. seriously, they all apply.
	15	Actually, most of the choices in the above pull-down menu would apply. It can't be good to have garbage sitting more more than a week.
	16	I currently have the smallest collection container. I would need to either get a larger container, which would increase my out of pocket costs.
	17	My concerns are split equally between not wanting to pay for a larger garbage container and the need to wait two weeks if I miss my collection day.
	18	If you would fine people for not recycling and using composting then we might have enough room because all people would then do what is needed. Another issue is to be able to recycle packaged solid Styrofoam and bagged peanuts. This take way too much room in the dumpster. We are starting to take this stuff to Ikea who takes this and recycles it. Why not here in Seattle. We should be able to recycle far more stuff then you allow us to do. This should be the priority before changing garbage dump cycles.
	19	While our household observes the requirements to recycle and compost, other households do not. I think our garbage collection needs would be easily met by an every other week collection but I worry about the consequences regarding less responsible households and I would hope that SPU would issue odor eating type receptacles to address smell issues/rodents/critters etc. We also own a triplex rental residence and if tenants missed their garbage pick up date, that would also concern us since we are responsible for the bill.
	20	other' because so many of the above apply. I think it would be unsanitary.
	21	please dont do this... for all the drop down reasons and more
	22	Not to mention odor and larger garbage containers. When SPU started allowing food waste in the yard waste bin - you all said, no problem, our units are rodent proof. They are not and I do not compost my food waste. I bag and throw in the trash.
	23	Combined - smell, pests, and germs. (Three issues I already face with food scraps in yard waste.)
	24	There are a number of reasons, but the above takes the cake. We don't fill it up every week, but it sure is stinky!
	25	A learning process
	26	recycling container is full every time based on a two week cycle. Many things that could be recycled are not accepted in the recycling program, thus default to garbage. Reduce packing materials, recycle styrofoam, all for additional plastic and go to weekly recycling and yard waste. Then every other week garbage might work if you increased the container size for the same price.
	27	We live in an area with rats, squirrels, racoons, mice and bats. This back up of garbage, smells, germs would attract even more. Also garbage cans would be WAY too heavy if every other week. Our household already overflows with recycling. No good reason to change service. Leave it as is.
	28	Most of the options from the drop-down list apply. Existing garbage container size options are preferable. I compost my own food and recycle so much, but reducing garbage pick up would cause many problems like rats and smells. Reduction in pick up would encourage many to dump trash into their recycling, actually hampering recycling efforts.
	29	why should i pay MORE for less service????
	30	And the smell, we already use a micro can...which works once a week, but we would need a bigger can.

31	RECYCLING SHOULD BE PICKED UP EVERY WEEK. MY RECYCLE BIN IS ALWAYS OVERFLOWING WHILE MY GARBAGE CAN SITS HALF FULL
32	Also, I would need a larger garbage container. Once a week garbage pick up should definitely continue!
33	The last question, in which I answered somewhat satisfied, was flawed. It didn't provide any information, such as, will the customer pay LESS for every-other-week garbage service? Will the customer have a larger garbage container? etc. Perhaps that is all addressed in the master plan, which I should probably read.
34	If my overall monthly rate didn't increase and the volume of trash I could dispose of remained the same, that would be okay. Shoreline had the option of a 32gal trash container w/ monthly pickup and I loved it. Unless I had to miss a pickup week, then I was screwed.
35	Every other week would be great as long as we had an option to get a larger garbage container if needed.
36	All of the reasons apply. It creates a huge hassle. I don't make much actual garbage, but this would make me very angry (and I am far more "green tolerant" than most of the people I know.)
37	2nd top reason - bad smells would build up (specifically, I'm concerned about dealing with diapers, any plan to recycle dirty diapers yet?)
38	All of the above when it a large multi complex living situation.
39	My garbage will be very, very heavy after 2 weeks. The other reasons from the drop down menu are concerns, as well.
40	It's a combination of several: We use a small can now and typically fill it. If we could use a larger can at the same weekly cost, then every-other-week pickup would be OK.
41	ALL of the above are concerns. I just think it would add to the overall run down neighborhood look/feel of Lake City.
42	At least in the summer time, we generate enough yard waste to fill our compost every week. If garbage is picked up every other week that would fine, but I'd still want compost every week at least from Spring and well into the Fall. November-February wouldn't need yard waste pick-up every week.
43	My main problem is recycling. We are overflowing and have to use extra recycling cans every week. Recycling pickup every week is what matters to me.
44	There is more than one answer for this; the "missed day" issue is also imp't, as are others
45	Definitely there will be litter along Delridge Way as we already have this problem from overflowing garbage cans at SHA buildings. My own garbage can will be too small for 2 weeks worth of garbage and I don't want to increase the size and pay more. I am also concerned about attracting rats and racoons which are a problem in my neighborhood.
46	Tenants are not as careful about garbage, and bin would overflow every week.
47	On occasion my can may overflow and I don't want to pay for a larger can just to avoid that a few times a year.
48	I don't have a way to clean my yard waste/food container, therefore I don't use it. If SPU cleaned the containers I would be able to use it without creating bacteria and other pathogens.
49	Actually all of the above is the correct answer
50	only if it allowed for some extra bags to be put out once in a while for free for those times when you might for one week have more.
51	All the above
52	there are several reason why I think this is a very bad idea, but the drop-down only lets me choose one selection.
53	Our container fills up every week. As do the recycling and food waste containers. If we were moved to every other week, Many of the reasons listed above would apply.
54	Container, if larger, may be heavier and more unwieldy. We have many steps between lot level and stree level to move container.
55	Multiple reasons are listed that I feel are valid- topmost are the voume of trash and hygiene concerns noted. As it stands, although food scraps can be placed in yard waste, the packaging materials and other waste that cannot be placed in recycle bins because they are contaminated by food and are not valid for composting will attract vermin when left for a 2-week period. Compound that with overflowing bins and problems with racoons/rats- and the burden to individuals to maintain a sanitary refuse location simply outweighs any savings to SPU
56	Right now, weekly pickup is perfect for my family. We have two bags of garage that go into a regular sized can. We don't currently overflow, but would with pick-up every other week. Our garage is full of dirty diapers and kitty litter. It gets really stinky as it is.
57	All of the reasons you mentioned above other.
58	I would like my billing to be reduced by 50%
59	I have a micro-mini garbage can and pretty well fill it each week.
60	2 reasons - stench @ contaminated recycling
61	really all of the above options i would like to choose.
62	I have no problem with the trash and recycling being picked up every two weeks, but I have a major problem with the food and yard waste. I have more nats, flies and bad smells because of the food & yard waste recycling. The container gets really nasty with food sticking to the bottom and sides. Not all the food is emptied from the container on trash pickup days so washing it is really messy. Picking up this container every two weeks would compound the problems with insects, smells and mess. I haven't noticed rodents but if its left out I'm sure they will come.

63	It should be all of the above for this question
64	I can not afford a yard waste container. I use the neighbors as I share the yearly cost with her. If the city went to once every two weeks, would you provide me with a yard waste container at no cost and reduce my garbage bill?
65	BioBag starts decomposing rapidly. When I miss my weekly pickup I have to use a 2nd BioBag around my food scraps to keep them from leaking out into my yard waste cart.
66	I would also worry about pests. Especially during the summer. I would be fine with garbage pick up every two weeks in the winter, but not in the summer months.
67	2 weeks to go by without any garbage service is RIDICULOUS!!!!
68	There are times when I have extra garbage but most of the time we do not fill our regular garbage bin weekly so we could adjust. However, I know that there would be times that I would feel annoyed by this especially if we were not discounted for the inconvenience.
69	Because we have a larger household, there are times that garbage would overflow. And we don't want to go two weeks to wait for the next pick up.
70	How about all of the above? Also, my cost of garbage collection should go down by 50% as well. This is a total rip-off!!!
71	when my kid is out of diapers than picking up garbage every other week would be fine
72	Food wastes get too stinking and will attract bugs and rodents and I will need to get a larger container which I DO NOT have room for.
73	I don't have space for another big container and we currently fill our container weekly. Our recycling container is filled every 2 weeks and our yardwaste is usually filled most of the time.
74	This would suck
75	I don't want to pay for a larger container and would seriously consider 'dumping' refuse in other others, even illegally. I don't have space for a larger container. There would be increase problem with rodents, racoons, and unsafe/unsanitary conditions. Pet waste would be prove to contribute to major odor issues.
76	All of the reason listed in this drop down are reason why biweekly would be not very satisfactory.
77	There is no recycle plan or location for styrofoam packaging and so the only recourse is to put that material into the gargabe - consequently twice a month may not be sufficient unless there is some reduction in closed-cell foam and styrofoam packaging.
78	Even with all of the recycling we do, with kids, our garbage is always full by pick-up day; please don't make us have our garbage overflowing with a pick-up every other week.
79	All of the reasons that you list are valid. I am a single person but in looking at my neighbors, they would have a tough time with the every other week schedule which would impact the neighborhood with a gigantic mess and overflowing recepticals.
80	If cost is reduced I would be satisfied
81	This is a really terrible idea. Many more than one of the drop-down menu items are true. It would be unsanitary, smelly, and increase litter in the neighborhood. And imagine the disaster if I forgot to put the can out one day? The garbage would pile up for 4 weeks, a REAL health hazard. I see lawsuits on the horizon if you continue with this ill-advised cost-cutting plan.
82	We are using a very small garbage container. It gets pretty full by the end of some weeks, even though we are avid recyclers. I don't want to spend more for a larger can.
83	All of the above. It would be unsanitary, smell bad, increase litter, critters would get into the garbage more often, no room to store extra garbage, etc. All the reasons you listed.
84	More frequent compost pickup, starts to smell ...
85	Currently my garbage is full weekly. So is my food/yardwaste container and every other week my recycling. I have the largest possible containers for my location.
86	In addition to my selection above, my husband and I don't always fill our garbage, but we have many events at our house and normally do. This would be a big inconvenience to use. Garbage should be picked up every week!
87	Combination of smells, rats/pests, and really slimy compost bin
88	It is very difficult to have a large garbage container in a small apartment, and our garbage is often overflowing.
89	I do have a lot less garbage, but enjoy having a tiny garbage can because my storage area (townhome) is small.
90	My recycling bin is already overflowing almost every pickup; it would be much worse if the garbage were in the same situation.
91	I live in an apartment building and it's hard for people to remember to put the garbage out every week. The garbage would smell and possibly not even be picked up regularly.
92	Monthly fee reduction ?
93	if i miss my pick up - it would be 2 more weeks
94	there are a lot of those reasons that apply. i would have picked several of them if i could.
95	Also very concerned about rodents. Already a problem.
96	For me, every-other-wk pick-up would lead to an unpleasant build-up of dog excrement. If SPU could provide convenient alternative dog excrement disposal options,

		every-other-week pick-up would be fine.
	97	I would support this only if recycling bins are picked up every week instead of every other as it is now.
	98	I pay for the size of container that I need each week. It seems it would cost me the same amount for less service, perhaps even more because I would either need to pay for a larger container or there would be a fee for extra garbage.
	99	I don't think it would be often enough.
14 Reason would oppose ban on food waste in garbage - Other	1	This is a crazy idea. I can't even take this seriously. Food waste IS garbage. I throw it out, and you take it away, that's the deal. Please figure out what you are doing with all the batteries and compact fluorescent bulbs that all end up in the garbage and/or recycling!
	2	We serve homeless women many who have mental illness - UNTREATED. This would be impossible to monitor and they or may not comply.
	3	Where do you draw the line? It is subjective. Sometimes you have non-recyclable, non-compostable food containers and you don't get every last bit of food out. Seems like a hard call.
	4	i need my garbage to be picked up. sometimes food waste goes in the garbage and i should not have to sort thru my garbage nor should garbage pickup workers look thru my garbage. what is accomplished if the garbage is not picked up?
	5	All of the above
	6	It would be nearly impossible for me to have 92 chronic alcoholics (residents) not put any food items in their garbage.
	7	Many of our tenants are dealing with mental health issues and have significant difficulty managing major aspects of their lives. Introducing recycling has been a challenge. Some appreciate the benefits and cooperate. Far more are not interested or able to sort recyclable waste. Separating food waste is will be an even harder sell and impossible to enforce without introducing the notion of garbage police which we can't afford.
	8	I would support this as a single-family home-owner. At work, overseeing multiple supportive homeless housing programs, I know that residents with significant barriers to housing would not have the capacity to sort through food waste. Penalizing housing providers would create unsanitary and unsafe conditions for these residents and staff.
	9	We just do not have enough ability to control our residents nor the person power to remove misdirected food.
	10	All of my clients are seniors, many of whom have cognitive or vision problems. They may make every effort they can to place items in the correct container but MOST of my clients do not have "helpers" to help them do their chores, put in right place. I DO NOT want these seniors/disabled penalized for something like this, and this type of policy would put them at a significant disadvantage.
	11	As a provider of low-income housing, there are many barriers to our residents fully embracing food waste separation (mental illness, language, etc.). I don't think our residents are ready (yet) to be required to separate food waste.
	12	As a manager, it is hard to enforce families to follow the rule.
	13	Actually all of the above is best answer
	14	We have tenants that are new immigrants from several different countries, cultures, etc. They have enough problems understanding the concept of recycling, how do you expect us to make sure there is no food waste in the garbage dumpsters??
	15	I can't control how my residents handle their garbage even after I have tried to educate them about how to dispose of it. This is a low income housing facility and additional expense from rejected pick ups would be a financial burden.
	16	it will contaminate the organics stream since people with put questionable items in the organics bin
	17	This was just one of my reasons; several apply.
	18	Legislating how we compost, recycle etc is getting out of hand.
	19	All of the above. (I don't presently put meat waste in compost and I don't want to do this in the future.)
	20	Occasionally there are food wastes that I need to dispose of that are not in an appropriate container to be put into yard waste.
	21	seriously, spending money on garbage dissection is an insult to children and people in poverty... this is a waste of a resource... garbage inspectors. This is a sick way to spend govt money! Instead of inspecting for old thrown away food spend some money of fresh food in the many food deserts in this City! This is not a good use of tax payer money!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
	22	Food waste easily decomposes compared to plastics that aren't currently allowed but should be.
	23	I'd like to see the great folks picking up my trash doing just that and not policing some city policy that makes Seattle feel good and green about themselves. Use these resource \$ on something around education, but not another silly trash 'law'. The solution is not in fining the offenders, it's in the education and then individuals opting to do that because it is best. Seattle is turning into yet another police state.
	24	I support an incentive to not place food waste in the garbage container. Bans are costly to implement, and not very effective.
	25	Sometimes it would require too many other resources to put food in the food waste bin - eg, discovering a container of gone-bad food that would require a huge amount of water to clean up, it seems less wasteful to throw it in the garbage than to process it for the food waste container
	26	There are times when I'm very busy that I dont get to emptying my food waste and then put some food in the garbage. Very seldom, and it would be terrible to have

	to pay a fine when I'm doing a 95% good job of getting the food in the yard waste bin.
27	Also Government needs to stay out of people's personal lives.
28	some mixed food waste fails to meet recycling or compost standards so all yo have left is garbage or the idiotic task of washing garbage. need clearer rules and more inclusive sorting or leave things as they are. One arm of SPU tells me to conserve water and at the same time I am asked to wash my garbage.
29	I love having food waste pickup and take full advantage of it so this wouldn't have much effect on me BUT this is a heavy handed idea that hits me all wrong. Also, when I have a house-sitter from outside the area sometimes they get confused by all the rules I've grown used to and they give up ... I don't want to be penalized for someone's simple mistake because the system is complex to a 'new user'.
30	I work in a university campus setting, where our utility budget pays the solid waste bills for our campus apartments. I definitely support reducing the amount of compostable and recyclable items in the trash, but in our situation, refusing to empty a bin or fining us would have little to no effect on the individuals responsible for the improper sorting.
31	I THINK IT'S ABSURD THAT WE ARE FORCED TO PAY FOR THE YARD WASTE CONTAINER AS IT IS.
32	People walking down the street could put their food waste in anyone's garbage can - and that would trigger the "no pickup" penalty. Also I dislike the idea of garbage cops examining garbage for contraband peanut butter crusts.
33	WE HAVE ALWAYS COMPOSTED OUR OWN VEGETABLE WASTE. IT IS NOT FAIR TO FORCE US TO PAY MORE JUST BECAUSE WE OCCASIONALLY PUT MEAT SCRAPS IN THE GARBAGE, OR CONTAMINATED STYROFOAM MEAT TRAYS WE HAVE TO BUY FROM THE SUPERMARKET. OR, FOR THAT MATTER, MENSTRUAL-BLOOD CONTAMINATED WASTE, WHICH AMOUNTS TO THE SAME THING. WE ALREADY USE THE SMALLEST GARBAGE CAN AVAILABLE AND DON'T EVEN FILL THAT WEEKLY.
34	Sometimes when I have spoiled food in a container I just want to throw it out without opening it. Every once in a while this should be OK.
35	I will enjoy reading the media coverage on this if Conlin tries to make this happen. Again, I am politically active and often push the envelope. This will be a mess.
36	We compost and have a compost cantianerin our kitchen that we bring to the outside bin for disposal. Though this is fine most of the year, it causes fruit flies in the summer, so we are less likely to compost in the summer.
37	Unable to use Food/Yard waste container because I am unable to clean it. If SPU offered to clean the container weekly, then I would consider using it weekly. I tried to use it when we first got it, but after a few weeks, I was afraid of bacteria and other pathogens that were growing in the food/yard waste container. It didn't seem healthy and safe.
38	In multi family residences it is extremely difficult to keep people from throwing inappropriate material into the wrong container. And we would need at least twice weekly pickup. And all of the above answers is the correct response.
39	I mostly use the yard waste but every so often I make a mistake. Don't think it is fair.
40	Get citizens to comply through education and change, not in ways that shove penalties down their throats.
41	Space to store a larger compost container is an issue as well. SPU is already too expensive!!
42	Enough with more rules already. We are adults, why treat us like we are children. If food gets mixed with garbage, deal with it. You've been dealing with it for decades now and things have worked out fine.
43	Enforcement is simply not possible without a commesurate increase in waste processing costs to monitor and track compliance.
44	All of the reasons above other.
45	Accidents happen where food and glass/porcelain get mixed together. I would prefer to not have to put this into my home compost for safety reasons.
46	sometimes a plastic container gets stuck in the back of my refrigerator and gets pretty spoiled. the plastic can't be composted, and I just want to throw the whole container out.
47	I'm concerned about the declining quality of Cedar Grove compost. I don't want to purchase a product to grow my veggies that contained possible pathogens, hormones, chemicals and antibiotics from animal products and the industrial junk that other people eat. However, I am in favor of reducing the burden on our landfills and understand your incentives.
48	I don't have yard waste container in addition to the garbage pick-upas I can not afford the cost.
49	Sometimes you can't help putting food waste in the garbage, e.g., the packaging is mixed up in it.
50	Mandating food composting would upset a lot of people. It's better to take a slower approach and use education to get people to start composting their food waste.
51	We all do the best we can. We certainly go out of way on a regular basis to be responsible in this regard. It would be highly frustrating to have my bin refused if on the off chance a relative or spouse made a mistake and dropped some food in the bin.
52	I don't need a "big brother"
53	I place a small aount of food in gargbage. Usually when food goes bad in the fridge & I don't want to deal with it and it's in a non-compostable container. I also don't like the idea of trash collectors going through my garbage. I've also been the victim of other people dumping in my garbage & getting a warning. I now put trash out in the AM, what a hassle.

	54	Sometimes food waste can be too difficult to handle, for example a piece of meat that has gone too bad in the container. I'm not comfortable unwrapping and touching the soiled meat to separate it.
	55	Sometimes it is too inconvenient for some people and you have had good saving with voluntary waste. Voluntary feels better than mandated.
	56	I don't put much food waste in my garbage, but I do not put meat nor do I want to put meat products into the yard waste container.
	57	I am very diligent about putting food waste in the food/yard waste, however, there are times when it is not practical. For example, moldy food that affect my allergies if I attempt to separate and clean the components. I would be extremely disturbed if I did not have the option to discard in the garbage.
	58	As a homeowner, it is my judgement what is the best way to dispose of products
	59	Sometimes separating food and garbage is difficult. In this case the food occasionally needs to go in the garbage.
	60	ACTUAL FOOD WASTE EXCLUDING PACKAGING DOES NOT HINDER THE LONG TERM HEALTH OF OUR ENVIRONMENT
	61	Also, it's not the job of government to oversee one's refuse habits unless they are creating a public nuisance.
	62	Again, the majority of the reasons listed are valid. I think it is good to have a goal but really, to go to these lengths is government at its worst.
	63	Wow. Another really bad idea. It's already confusing as to which items need to be placed in which containers. Now you'd be punishing people for your poor planning? If garbage is not picked up, that could create a severe health hazard. We already have to go to the dump when we forget to put the can out. The whole thing just becomes ridiculous and people will start rebelling. People WANT to recycle. You should use the carrot instead of the stick, or you'll just make people angry and your plans will backfire.
	64	Again, all of the above.
	65	there are times when it may just have to happen -- even with the best sorting, etc
	66	Sometimes mixed food and glass or kids mess up
	67	In San Francisco, there was a small compost bin provided by the city for apartment residents that we could keep under our sink. This would be the best option for the city to separate food waste. Everyone in San Fran used their small compost bins, and some even recycled it in small herb gardens. This is a nice way to get people to compost who live in apartments who would not otherwise do so. And the fact that the city provides the small compost bin is amazing.
	68	It would be unfair to fine people for occasional food waste in garbage, since it is difficult to avoid all situations such as houseguests who are not familiar with the rules and occasional large amounts of fatty or greasy waste that is difficult to put in the yard waste bin.
	69	it seems like something that should be voluntary. seattle is a very eco-conscious city. why not encourage our citizens rather than force them? wouldn't that be a bigger win?
	70	I personally love the current food waste program but on occasion a guest or child will throw food into our trash. If it wasn't collected, I would be very upset. It also seems to be a complete waste of time to be looking through everyone's trash and I have to believe that it would slow collections and increase costs.
	71	It's time-consuming for the collectors to inspect every can before dumping and while, slower, it is always better to convince/educate than to punish.
	72	difficult for older residence
16 Reason for opposing requiring businesses to recycle more materials - Other	1	Focus on batteries, compact flourescent light bulbs in the trash/recycling.
	2	it would be better to implement a plan that encourages recycling by reducing garbage, thereby cutting costs for garbage collection. the plan should include strategies that make sorting these materials more convenient
	3	All of the above. I'm in favor of recycling. I'm not in favor of government legislation and enforcement of recycling.
	4	Let's let businesses do business and not need follow another 'regulation'
	5	Same reasons as before.
	6	If businesses were fined, they would be forced to increase there cost to customers.
	7	One more government intrusion. We need to incent businesses to do this not require it. They need to see the benefit and not have goverment in their business more than it already is.
	8	I'm generally VERY supportive of this idea. But think it should focus on large businesses that can achieve some efficiencies. Seattle makes it very difficult for small businesses to be competitive. Don't add to their burden.
18 Reason for opposing pet waste & diaper separate container - Other	1	Batteries, compact flourescents are toxic. There is no way to dispose of them.
	2	i don't believe disposable diapers should be added to compost. they are not biodegradable
	3	all of the above reasons
	4	Don't the how "ask" is defined. Again, this would be almost impossible to enforce in our circumstances. Attaching any penalty to failure to do so would create significant hardship.
	5	All of the above
	6	Are you serious? Would our trash collectors be required to monitor this too?
	7	All of the top 8 reasons in the drop down box.

	8	Messy. Overreaching.
	9	Composting pet waste and diapers sounds disgusting. I don't want to separate into a special bin and I don't want to think about using the end product. Yuck.
	10	I do not want that compost circulated for sale or mixed with the current Cedar Grove compost.
	11	All of the above. And in a multi family residence it is too hard to enforce.
	12	Currently I would have only a little to but in there not enough to offset the expence of having a separate container picked up
	13	Having 4 separate bins in my garage seems a bit much. There just is not room.
	14	A fourth "can" is silly...we should put in with the yard waste.
	15	I would agree with this if the process was to be hassle free meaning that the bin and service would be initiated and provided by you at no extra cost.
	16	Diapers make sense, remember those day. Not enough volume in pet waste. People dump pet waste in trash or compostable (with correct bags) in the closest container when walking dogs making this worthless & vityally unenforceable. Go for the diapers!
	17	Odors at processing facilities.
	18	I don't understand how plastic bags and plastic diapers would be composted, and how the resulting composted product would be used/sold/applied.
	19	Stop making a confusing system even more confusing! You're going to get poor compliance.
	20	Seriously, get real
	21	Do do is picked up using plastic bags that can't be recycled. It would be a hassle to have smelling do do around as the crows get to it.
19 Willing to do - Other	1	I would pay more if you had a plan to keep compact flourescent bulbs and batteries out of the garbage.
	2	Just a note that I already have a very small garbage container and have no pets/children, so those two options don't apply to me.
	3	I am often available to volunteer, please be in touch if an opportunity arises. Feel free to email me. scuttlebutt777@gmail.com Thanks Sarah :)
	4	buy unpackaged food, reduce junk mail
	5	Grow My Own Food
	6	I favor the above as a home-owner. I would advocate that certain housing/service providers for vulnerable individuals, be given exceptions to requirements that couldn't be reasonably maintained.
	7	I'm very confuse about the whole process, need more education about it to help save us all.
	8	we do most of these already
	9	Businesses should be encouraged/required to compost. I do all I can at home but work is another matter.
	10	Consume less overly packaged products, use reusable items, limit purchases of new items
	11	I want my collection to stay the same.
	12	Would be willing to have bi-weekly garbage pickup if recyclables pickup is changed to weekly.
	13	If SPU would make available compostable bags, it would be easier to put runny kinds of food waste into the food waste cart. A container sized bag is probably unrealistic because limbs and twigs from yard waste could puncture it. Now I have the option of putting messy wastes into non-compostable or recyclable containers and tossing them in the trash. As presented, your plan appears to set a can't-win option where all soft, oozy waste has to go into the yard waste or one will be punished. I don't want to have to scrub my yard waste container every week, suffer odors and pests, or be penalized for putting food waste into plastic bags or other containers that are not compostable.
	14	Thank you for looking into this!
	15	Make manufacturers more responsible for their over the top, non recyclable packaging by taxing them on overpackaging.
	16	look at what is still going into the landfills, then encourage/require manufacturers to provide end-of-life-cycle plans for their products (electronics, furniture, construction, etc)
	17	I already have a micro can and recycle or compost everything I can so I can't really do more. If there were more opportunities to separate out more I would do it.
	18	We already compost most food waste by giving it to our chickens or putting in a worm bin.
19	I don't actually know that I COULD increase my food and yard waste composting -- I think we do everything possible. But if there's more to be done, our household will gladly to it. And we're definitely in favor of separating pet waste. I've always been concerned about putting it in the garbage. I'm extremely impressed -- and proud! -- of the recycling programs we have in Seattle. Thank you for the work you do!	
20	I am already a dedicated recycler, compost all our food and yard waste and have reduced my garbage can to the next to smallest size--partly to lower the expense. I guess it would be okay to have a slightly larger container if that would reduce the City's expenses.	
21	I'm in favor of separating pet waste, but please consider that although I don't have a pet, I regularly pick up pet waste from my yard and parking strip. It's disgusting to have to pick up after other people's pets and it would bite big time if I had to pay an additional fee to dispose of it.	
22	I'd love to be able to recycle styrofoam items.	
23	Although supposedly required, apartment buildings do not offer composting (at least mine does not, and I don't see new bins near neighboring buildings). Please make	

	some phone calls to encourage building managers to participate!
24	Pay much more for garbage (and less for food/yard waste) to encourage reducing garbage.
25	promote food waste composting at businesses
26	Define "a little more on my monthly bill". I might or I might not. We're currently among the unemployed whose benefits have run out. We already have a small garbage can and compost food and yard waste extensively, so that would be difficult to increase further.
27	I am waiting for Seattle to take action by issuing tickets for none compliance and to allow more garbage to be recycled (like solid Styrofoam, all plastic bags).
28	Can't afford any more bill increases - please understand that we are all struggling already.
29	We need more laws that prohibit packaging... this is the problem. All our focus should be on this!
30	I already compost almost all my food & yard waste.
31	I already compost all food and yard waste, and recycle everything I believe I possibly can. I can not reduce the size of my garbage container or pay more on my bill as that is handled by my landlord, who is also extremely conscientious about all of this. What I will do is make sure to encourage others to adopt practices similar to mine.
32	Educate the community on using salvaged building materials and contributing to sustainability.
33	as an individual in the City of Seattle, I already have a small bin. I already purchase primarily bulk (non prepackaged foods). I am already taking part in living light, way before green became a marketing phrase. Just raise your prices if that's what you need to do, but if you really want to make a difference in waste, you need to go all the way to the beginning - where it all starts. To how as a culture we purchase items, how they are packaged. I've repeatedly seen City of Seattle do this - like with this garbage business. For example, the 'bag tax'. How does that even begin to solve the real issue? If you want to make the change, do it bigger and do it right.
34	I would be willing to do almost everything, as we are moving toward a Zero-Waste home. However, "Paying a little more on my monthly bill so that Seattle residents and business can do more to reduce waste and protect the environment" seems a bit vague, and I would need to see an explicit plan spelled out before I voted for a price increase. Also, there should be a monthly garbage pick-up option for a lower price.
35	I'm already putting tons of food and yard waste & recycling in the bins; I LOVE the idea of garbage every other week; would that also lower garbage costs?
36	We already have an aggressive composting & recycling plan for our family, I see no room to increase.
37	Dealing with food waste in the kitchen and yard waste bins is a huge sanitation nightmare. If a means of dealing with this sanitation issue could be found to make food waste composting easier and more sanitary, I would be all in favor of that.
38	Require all multi-family units to have composting for pick-up. I currently live in a building of more than 10 units and we have no option but to throw our compostables in the trash.
39	Separate diapers/pet waste IF they could be placed inside plastic bags (not loose in the container)
40	I am doing all I can within the rules of the current program. expand what is allowed in recycling and composting and I can improve my participation
41	Reduce size of garbage container only if sizes of other containers increased
42	I already compost all my own food and yard waste. Cost savings from biweekly garbage collection should only reduce garbage collection rates, not recycling & food & yard waste costs.
43	i am not willing to pay MORE for LESS service. another typical example of "screw the residents of seattle!"
44	Most of what's in my garbage and recycle are wasteful packaging that I don't want/need in the first place. I would rather see the city put their efforts into reducing the stream before it gets to me instead of heavy handed options putting the burden on my for stuff I never wanted to bring home in the first place.
45	We already do about everything possible. If stuff like, say, fish scraps/chicken skin etc goes in the yard waste the smells will be awful and the bins will need constant cleaning - wasting water!!
46	The ones I didn't select are the ones that don't apply to me, or I can't increase because I already do as much as I can.
47	I'd be happy to separate recyclable building materials (e.g. lumber, concrete, asphalt shingles) at the transfer station, too.
48	Now that glass is in the recycle bin instead of a separate bin, my recycle bin is full within a week. We are a 3 person household and we sometimes even physically "stomp" the recycling down to get more in the bin. The pickup every two weeks is annoying. I'd rather the garbage picked up less, and recycling more. But I do NOT want to pay MORE to have LESS pickups!
49	I would be in favor of every-other-week garbage pick-up if I was assured that the same volume of garbage per week would be the same cost.
50	We already have a small garbage can, and we compost food and yard waste. I recycle everything I can - but it would help if you would pick up recycling every week.
51	I THINK THAT WE AS A HOUSEHOLD ARE ALREADY DOING ALL WE CAN. CHARGING US MORE IN THIS ECONOMY IS VERY UNFAIR. IF YOU WOULD JUST ENFORCE THE EXISTING RULES FOR EVERYONE (E.G., APARTMENTS/CONDOS/BUSINESSES) AND NOT JUST SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES IT WOULD HELP.
52	I am completely open to ideas here. I want to live in a city that is on the forefront of dealing with our waste, not on the tail end.
53	see previous comments about garbage collection size and less frequent pickups. I already do the other things you list (smallest garbage container, etc.)

54	It would be wonderful if recycling were picked up weekly. As we recycle more, our bin is full long before the week 2 pick up.
55	Some of those actions I am already doing.
56	I feel like I already pay too much for garbage collection and our family only uses the smallest garbage container. That said, I love the idea of recycling and composting and we regularly do this.
57	If pet waste is separated from my garbage, I can reduce my container size or have my garbage collected every other week.
58	Pick up recycling every week
59	I already have smallest garbage container and am excellent at recycling everything and composting. I also use a Green Cone Food Digester for most of my food waste. I am an excellent example and wish others would do the same. No kids but if I had them I would use the no-diaper method of potty training.
60	Provide more tenant education about the benefits of recycling.
61	Recycling pick up every week.
62	It is nice that King County Metro has a garbage can at covered bus stops it would also be beneficial if there was a recycling option. More recycling options at Gas Stations and Stores. Food waste composting at Food Courts (in Malls) & restaurants. I would use all these options if available.
63	If you moved to every other week garbage, I might need a bigger container. I would also like to see recycling picked up every week - I often have more than will fit in my bin.
64	Collect recycling once a month. As it is, my bin is rarely more than half full and this dry, clean waste would cause no problem in being held over. Garbage can present problems.
65	We do most of the above and yet our bill keeps increasing.....so while we support the efforts there seems to be no incentive to do more in the way of cost savings past onto the customers who do there part - above and beyond.
66	I already recycle and compost as much as I can; I'd LOVE to reduce my garbage pick-up to twice weekly.
67	Not certain what else I could do, already have the micro sized container and we put food scraps in yard waste container. Why not require businesses to recycle glass and aluminum since many do so already. The revenue from these high value materials should be collected.
68	Hire Stephanie Schwenger
69	I would like ALL plastic bags to be put in recycling and ALL plastic containers and lids regardless of size to be put in recycling container. I am willing to pay more to have equipment used that would grade plastic and bags and sort accordingly. Way too much is still ending up in the garbage. Thank you for asking for my opinion. Julie
70	I feel like my family already does plenty. We follow all the rules that are already mandated.
71	Willing to improve my fairly crude home composting if education and support were offered.
72	I've requested that the city reduce the size our apartment's dumpster to a 96 gal container - we have yard-waste pickup, and don't need the whole dumpster. We were told we'd need a special inspection to get that. Other than that, I checked the above but mostly already do all I can, including shop at a co-op (which does composting, etc) and work in an office that not only has composting but also CFL, battery, cork, and small plastic lid recycling.
73	we already do the non-checked items (i.e. have the smallest garbage can possible, we compost much of our food waste directly into our yard, recycle everywhere, even bring things home when we can't recycle them where we are)
74	I'm doing most of these already but think we should continue to do more. Reusable grocery bags should be mandatory, not something we vote on.
75	Require manufacturers to pay for & take back products
76	I don;t know what more we could do than we are already doing - maybe some more education is needed.
77	I'm doing everything to reduce waste, recycle and compost as it is. Can't do more.
78	Have food and yard waste collection every other week instead of weekly pickup. Lower garbage rate if it's picked up every other week instead of weekly pickup.
79	Would appreciate advice on handling pet waste
80	Lockable containers. Something with a universal key so it can be unlocked for pickup, but would keep people from dropping dog poop or other garbage in one of my cans. My home does not have a secure place where I can store my cans like a garage and they can be accessed from the sidewalk. Dumping by people walking by and rental units into my cans (usually unsorted mixed garbage) is a weekly problem.
81	offer every other week garbage collection at a lower rate than weekly collection, as an financial incentive
82	I would gladly use a yard waste/food waste container of my own, in addition to my garbage container, if having the yard waste container did not cost more. Seeing as how the city is profiting from my yard waste/food waste buy selling it back as compost etc, you should give everyone in the city free yard waste & food waste containers
83	Separate diaper and pet waste - would that mean another truck? That seems wasteful for something that isn't at every house.
84	Pay higher rates for garbage collection to reduce or eliminate rates on recycling and yard waste
85	I already do everything.

86	Composting pet waste is a great idea; I'd be thrilled to see that happen.
87	I already compost all my food waste at home and I recycle everything that is allowed to be recycled so I can't really increase my efforts.
88	Use alternative fuels such as biodiesel, and eat locally grown whole foods.
89	I don't see *anything* in the draft plan about reducing costs. This question is misleading.
90	Note: be very careful about enforcing certain proposed rules, such as no food waste in regular garbage. Suppose the food waste had gotten contaminated with something that really should not go in composting - the mixed waste should go in regular garbage, but someone in charge of enforcement might not realize that it was mixed waste and penalize the residence for putting food waste in the garbage.
91	Feedback on survey: I would do a lot of these things if they applied. Why is there not an N/A option beside each of these? Thanks!
92	We don't generate lost of trash but: Figure out how to recycle styrofoam & hard clamshell plastic packaging. Make battery recycling easier (we throw them away).
93	spend more effort educating the rest of my family about appropriate waste management! and getting them to take out the garbage/compost/recycling!
94	I would choose every other week garbage collection IF I could have a larger recycling container & larger yard waste container at no additional cost.
95	We need weekly recycling pick-up! Our household recycles or composts most of our waste. Within a week the recycling can overfloweth.
96	if we go to a every other week scenario, i have a problem. i pay for the smallest can size, but fill it up often. how would this work if picked up every two weeks - do we all need no larger cans? do we pay more?
97	We already do as much as we can to reduce waste by recycling and putting as much as we can into our yard waste containers.
98	im already a fanatic sorter
99	I am very pro recycling. I've been doing it faithfully since the 1970s. It must be convenient if Seattle hopes to have full compliance. I don't think requiring separating pet waste will result in folks actually doing it consistently and may deter them from being good neighbors and picking up after their pets.
100	I feel like we do a pretty good job in our household with waste reduction. We use reuseable bags about 75% of the time.
101	My recycle only comes every two weeks. Mine and all of my neighbors are overflowing. all of the cardboard is sopping wet. You guys now want more authority to impose fines, provide less service considering we need better service and you want businesses and individuals to pay more for this moronic plan to reduce service in the name of being green. you people are out of control and this is why the tea party is so popular now.
102	Become more efficient with SPU staff and reduce workforce
103	GARBAGE BE COLLECTED IN A CENTRAL LOCATION BASED ON AN ACTUAL DISTANCE (0-5 MILES) OR ADDRESS (1700-1900) ALL DELIVER TO ONE LOCATION
104	Diapers and animal waste are smelly. If the separate system was combined with the weekly compost pickup to could be okay. I usually keep it in an airtight container/bag so it would have to be okay to drp on the bags rather than just diapers and poop.
105	I have reduced my garbage container size and my yard and food waste container size, I recycle everything I possibly can and try to purchase things that do not create garbage. I do not appreciate being asked to pay more when I am already paying alot and reducing my usage. Lets stop asking for more and more from the citizenry and giving them less and less benefit.
106	This survey indicates that you have a poor understanding of psychological motivation. People WANT to reduce waste and increase recycling. Threatening them with punishments that could cause health hazards because of small errors is just ludicrous. Instead, you should offer rewards for more recycling. Make it easier and less confusing to recycle (the instructions on the tops of the containers should be refreshed -- on ours you can'teven read what's allowable).
107	We already participate in recycling and have the smallest garbage bin available.
108	I have already been doing those things listed.
109	Pick up my recycling weekly - it's overflowing even with 2 cans
110	Require food waste composting in all residential buildings, including high rises!
111	We are doing plenty of recycling now. I do not want to be further regulated or have my costs increase to do more. I recycled before all the rules and will continue to do so.
112	If the service were available, I would utilize recycling and composting bins at the businesses and restaurants that I patronize.
113	I already do most of these things. I do not have babies or animals in my household, so I don't know how to rate the idea of separating that kind of waste from my garbage.
114	I suggest charging more for garbage, and make composting "free", otherwise people don't do it and use their sink disposals or hide food waste in the garbage
115	My family is already doing a lot.
116	I feel like we already do a good job of recycling at work and composting food/yard waste at home.
117	I would be happy to compost food and yard waste if it were easier and cheaper to do so and to eliminate the cost of yardwaste pickup entirely from my bill.
118	Require recyclable packaging for all retail products.
119	Some neighbors are placing their miscellaneous garbage/recycle items in our multi-family garbage containers.

	120	Strongly support open shop competition for waste disposal services to ensure that lowest cost, best value and customer service are provided to rate payers.
	121	Separate plastic packaging from general waste
	122	I have the smallest container and it never gets full, so I already think I pay to much for garbage, considering I could get one pick up per month. we recycle and compost heavily
	123	educate others as to proper procedures. Many at my apt bldg are not cooperating. I am not sure if we have a compost bin??? I would like to compost food waste!
20 What other input would you like to provide?	1	the rules about which plastics can be recycled seem to keep changing. this needs to be clarified.
	2	The visual charts that SPU provides showing what does where are great, but the fact that soiled food containers are in waste has always been confusing to me as it seems like they just need to be rinsed first (and are thus recyclable) instead of people real waste.
	3	Every compact flourescent, government mandated, light bulb is thrown into the trash. Also every battery, and television, and computer. Establish a seperate disposal service for these items, or you will be filling the earth with toxins
	4	More education/outreach about compostable service ware items. Too many people are confused about this - I work in recycling/waste reduction and constantly hear from people believing they are doing the right thing by buying compostable items, but more often than not, they are not Cedar Grove-approved items. It's very confusing to people.
	5	I manage 105 units and I have residents who speak different languages. It would be very helpful if recycling information was available in all languages.
	6	I guess I'd like to know what the tradeoffs are. In any of the scenarios, does my cost go down? Or does it only go up while what I have to remember to do also increases? It would be great if there were some other benefit to homeowners/consumers.
	7	please don't increase the problems i have with processing, storing and hauling garbage by changing to biweekly pickups
	8	recycling should be free to small businesses. There are many times when I do throw away food in the garbage and that is because I would need to purchase eco bags and in the garbage the plastic bag suffices.
	9	Equal access for waste reduction and recycling at low income neighborhood but education about reduction and recycling food and community engagement needs to occur first
	10	I do not want to make the time to remember where each of my garbage items go. I pay a great deal of money to Seattle Utilities as is, and do not want to create more work for myself when it comes to tossing out my garbage.
	11	Please provide financial support for the purchase of trash compactors to minimize the volume of waste to be collected as a supplement to efforts to recycle and generate compost
	12	Love several of these proposals for my family, but hope that exemptions for housing providers for vulnerable individuals will be made.
	13	Provide more education to residents, families and children, how to sort, what should recycle, what not etc and what's the benefits?
	14	continue to provide creative flyers that help consumers figure out "what goes where". easier way to keep light bulbs, batteries, and pills out of the garbage stream.
	15	Keep in mind any changes that would be made and how those new requirements would impact those who are disabled or fixed/low income (if forced to pay more for additional services)
	16	Good job! You make it easy to do the right thing!
	17	Nothing at this time.
	18	I think my bill should be lower if the garbage was picked up only twice a week
	19	i live in highpoint and composting food waste is not an option. how is that possible if i live in seattle?
	20	My large tower apartment needs to enhance our ability to compost by adding composting stations to each of the 32 floors
	21	Be realistic about just how much tenants in multifamily properties are able to do.
	22	I have discovered at my residence in Burien that we are considered commercial at our condominium so Waste Management does not offer stand alone food waste service offered to single family homes due to the contract. i am in conversation with them to change this as condos and apartments are the biggest leverage for food waste diversion. I encourage seattle to look at this in your contract.
	23	take more responsibility for composting - solicit more processors to diversify
	24	I work for a very small organization that does not produce enough food waste to pay for the composting service. If there is a community bin that we can put our composting in, we would happily compost what we DO produce.
	25	no more plastic bags!
	26	I would like more simple informations regarding what is ok to place in food recycling bin such as containers, and should take plastic bags
	27	I would like to see a more a la cart approach to collection, whereby the resident can select the frequency of collection for garbage and recycling totes (I think that organics carts should be collected every week, especially in summer, to avoid further increasing odor issues at the city's organic processor, though in winter collection could be every other week). For instance, as someone who lives alone and works full time my recycling and garbage can are almost always nearly empty on collection day. I could easily change my collection to once a month, given that all putrescibles go into my green can. This would cut costs for me, but also reduce the number of

	trucks on the road in turn reducing greenhouse gas emissions, pollution, etc.	
28	weekly compost pickup!	
29	Continue, as apt. resident, to have separate bins for: recycling garbage food/yard waste	
30	Bi-weekly trash pick up is innovative, only it gets away from the public health aspects of waste management. A separate soils container for diapers, pet waste, and similar putrid materials could make this work. I am unhappy that the new blue recycling containers are smaller than the green ones still used for yard waste.	
31	Please keep costs down. I am already having problems keeping up with my utilities.	
32	I applaud your efforts to reduce waste and increase recycling	
33	You all should pick up recycling every week. Our household has too much for every other week.	
34	If you haven't yet, read this book on choice architecture: "Nudge: Improving Decisions About Health, Wealth, and Happiness". If you don't make the preferred option easy nor make it the default, penalizing people for not complying is not the solution unless it's just to get the last few stragglers on board. Think "large carrot, small stick". Also, did you know that in Vienna they burn all their waste to generate hot water for district heating? And yet waste separation is still highly implemented by residents.	
35	Seattle Public Utilities should make available to the general public some type of power point presentation that captures all phases of their efforts relative to waste reduction. This tool should be free to residents and the business community of Seattle.	
36	Great work. Keep it up!	
37	I am recycling so much stuff now that my recycle bin is often very full after 2 weeks	
38	You do a great job!	
39	I think Seattle is doing a great job. Thank you!	
40	1). If garbage is only picked up every other week I would like to propose that a person does not get charged extra for an extra bag one or two times a year when they may have gone on a vacation and might have extra garbage on those occasions. 2). I would like to be able to "opt out" and have an option like the newspaper where I can have my delivery (garbage/recycle pickup) stopped while I am on a vacation and not be charged for that prearranged time. As it is now we try to encourage our neighbors to take full advantage of our empty containers while we are on vacation and ask them to go ahead and fill the containers because we will be charged if we use the pick up or not. Most of the time the containers just sit empty and we still get charged. 3) Thank you for including the waste motor oil pick up with the recycle pick up. We divide up the oil that we change from our vehicals into empty milk containers and put out our gallon of oil every two weeks and then it's just about time to change the oil again when we get to our last milk jug.	
41	not sure	
42	Nothing else at this time.	
43	I put my containers out so that they are directly opposite the cans my neighbors across the street put out. It's maybe 40-50 feet from the entrance to my house is—where you might expect to see the cans. I do this because I think it makes it easier for the garbage handlers and it eliminates an additional stop. Encourage people who are able and inclined to try to 'group' or 'align' their cans with neighbors when possible to save time and fuel.	
44	You will need to push on apartments to get them on board to the composting. Still not being offered in downtown area.	
45	Please RAISE garbage rates and correspondingly LOWER yard waste/recycling rates.	
46	keep up the good work! Make business recycling services similar to residential customers.	
47	I'm really pleased about how much we recycle and compost.	
48	If garbage collect gets changed to every other week I expect the cost of garbage collection part of my utility bill to decrease, if it stays the same or increases I see no benefit to me.	
49	One element that I thought was left unaddressed was furniture waste. After eliminating recyclables, C&D materials, and organics, furniture would be our largest stream of materials not already diverted. I'm not looking to see regulatory measures entertained before proper dialogue is started within the furniture manufacturing industry to "design for dis-assembly". Furniture should be easily and quickly disassembled into recyclable materials (fabric, wood, metals, and cushioning) specifically for reuse if we are every going to expect furniture to be recycled. The City could support commercial customers by advocating for such dis-assembly standards for manufacturers just like LEED has done for green building and Green Seal has done for paints and sealants.	
50	It would be good to have compost receptacles in all public parks to help reduce food waste in the garbage.	
51	I live at an apartment building in West Seattle. We only have recycling and no compost bins. When will all apartment buildings have the opportunity to do city composting?	
52	This proposal to look through my garbage and pick up every other week is not a good idea. Having garbage sitting around for two weeks, possibly four is a health hazzard and potential temptation for rats and animals, creates more possibly for waste overflowing in the neighborhood. We pay plenty of taxes and fees-figure out a way to maintain service and serve the consumer.	
53	Suggest SPU pick up recycling every week.	

54	We support your efforts 100% and will do whatever we can in terms of additional effort, separate disposal etc but can't sustain any more rate increases.
55	I think it is a great goal but the packaging industry has to be regulated if we are ever to get control of this problem... it is not banana peels. Also, the construction industry is a one of the worst offenders and the waste off jobsite and chemical dumping into the ground as it relates to new construction needs a great deal of focus.
56	Work closer with manufacturing facilities to help with recycle.
57	Please make consistent rules about what goes in which container. It seems like different things go in different bins at work, home, & restaurants. It's too confusing, and hard to do it right.
58	keep up the GREAT work
59	If possible, work with local companies and corporations to the extent possible to reduce packaging materials in general, and to use recycled, recyclable, and compostable materials in their packaging.
60	Educate...educate...educate the community. Work with salvagers. Reduce our bills.
61	This is good work. Keep it up!
62	The small garbage cans (micro and mini square cans) don't seal well, which makes them smelly and more prone to getting bothered by pests like raccoons and rats. I'd also like to see more information on where to put plants with diseases or pests. Compost or trash?
63	I would like to see recycling get picked up every week. I would rather have recycling picked up every week than garbage get picked up every week. Our recycling container is constantly filled and would like to have that taken on a more frequent basis
64	keep being innovative and doing such a great job; best city services for this I've ever seen. thanks!
65	We're new to the city and have been frustrated by our efforts to dispose of meat & dairy food scraps in the yard waste because the city provided container is ancient and the plastic lid is so lightweight it's warped and won't seal out pests. A nice sturdy container like they provide for recycle would be more effective.
66	1. My apartment property manager has made no effort to provide composting, even though I've asked him. I'd love to see better outreach to apartment managers or some kind of requirement or something. 2. I'd like to see reuse- building supplies companies, Goodwill, etc.- be a big part of this mix.
67	Make it more clear which items are recyclable based on the number on the recyclable material. Sometimes I am not sure if an item is recyclable or not.
68	The cost for garbage/recycling/compost/yard waste pickup is pretty much maxed out in this economy. I am strongly opposed to an increased bill whatever decisions you do make.
69	Don't do anything too drastic like threatening fines. Make it easier to compost, recycle, etc. We find our recycling bin too small sometimes even for weekly pick up, but are hesitant to put out paper bags in the rain. It would be great if broken recycling bins could be replaced more regularly.
70	Require multi-family housing units to have composting cans.
71	The amount of food waste my family produces is very little. We don't have room under the kitchen sink for another waste receptacle (we already have 3). Having garbage collected every other week would be a huge inconvenience for many reasons.
72	Would like to put more in my recycling bin, either by having an additional container, larger container, or more frequent pickups.
73	Personally I believe the whole what waste goes into what container is getting way too complicated. Whatever you do needs to be simple and very, very easy to understand.
74	The older I get, the harder it is to roll the bins out to the curb. The idea that there is a double standard of service for those with alley access vs those of us without is also a limiting factor in participation. The bins are not large enough to take all of the material and at the same time are too heavy to easily move.
75	I AM VERY HAPPY WITH OUR CURRENT GARBAGE/RECYCLING/YARD WASTE PROGRAMS. WE ARE AMAZED AT HOW LITTLE GARBAGE WE CREATE. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!
76	Please switch to every other week garbage - I have smallest container and already only need to have it emptied once or twice a month. Would love an option to decrease collection and save everyone money.
77	Leave service as is. It is already very advanced in the US, and more steps will make it worse. None of this creates jobs or helps the economy. Fewer rules are easier to follow.
78	i currently pay a large amount for water, sewer, garbage and yard waste. with the economy in the shape that it's in, for seattle to raise rates at this time is just another kick in the pants for residents. i'm getting sick of living in the city limits for this reason.
79	SPU rates already seem way too high to me - future 'enhanced' options should not be forced on us until rates come down or the new options can be provided for the current rate.
80	Because changes to solid waste requirements involve a lot of infrastructure changes in a campus setting, I would really appreciate having more advance notice of the new requirements or having a contact at the city to work through these with. I do believe notices went out, but they may have reached the incorrect person on our campus. As a result, I had less than two months to create an apartment composting program for our campus. It's something I'm glad is happening, I've been arguing for it for awhile, but I wish I'd known about the deadlines earlier...
81	I currently have a micro-can for garbage, the smallest size you can get, and I only fill a fraction of it. I would love to have the option an even smaller size. Also, the

	lid on the micro-can is really hard to get off. It needs a better design!	
82	I liked the description of separating concrete, asphalt shingles, etc. from garbage at the transfer station, but I would still need to take it to the transfer station - e.g., I wouldn't be able to figure out how to recycle concrete on my own.	
83	More needs to be done to reduce waste and promote product stewardship.	
84	you should increase the enforcement of all of these bans you have in place. There's nothing like a \$100 fine to change the way people do things.	
85	There should be a bigger fine for littering. Those funds could be applied to help reduce overall waste in Seattle.	
86	Pick up recycling weekly. Simplify the rules about what is and is not recyclable and what food stained material is - for example I don't know what to do with my dog food sacks - they are paper, but they've held dog kibble which is a little bit greasy on the paper.	
87	THINK SERIOUSLY ABOUT A TRASH INCINERATOR, OR RECYCLING ITEMS WE CURRENTLY CAN'T RECYCLE SUCH AS LIDS, BOTTLE CAPS, ETC.	
88	Expect it, demand it, punish if it is not done. Don't worry so much, just move forward and show the rest of the nation how it is done. I am totally on board.	
89	If my overall monthly rate didn't increase and the volume of trash I could dispose of remained the same, that would be okay. Shoreline had the option of a 32gal trash container w/ monthly pickup and I loved it. Unless I had to miss a pickup week, then I was screwed.	
90	Thank you for your efforts. I know that compared to many other cities in the country - and even the state - we are way ahead of the game. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!!	
91	The notion of garbage pick up every 2 weeks instead of weekly is disturbing. If that happens, our garbage rates should be cut in half. Our garbage and utility rates are already excessive, and it doesn't make sense to hit homeowners when there are many measures that businesses could take to further reduce waste and increase recycling. Many eateries downtown do not offer recycling - increase enforcement of those establishments as a first priority.	
92	SPU is doing a fantastic job--please keep up the great work. We're very far ahead of the curve here in Seattle in terms of being able to recycle practically everything. My only thought would be to be able to recycle more plastic bags other than just grocery shopping bags.	
93	It would be wonderful if recycling were picked up weekly, as if yard waste, while garbage was picked up every other week. As we recycle and compost more and more, the garbage can is mostly empty each week, while the recycling is often full within 8-10 days. Alternatively, perhaps we could use a larger recycling bin, closer to the 96-gallon size? If weekly collection is cost prohibitive, we're happy to put extra recycling in other bins and/or bags, but the garbage folks often pick them up instead of the recycling folks. Thank you for all of your hard work!	
94	Keep leading the way!	
95	like the food composting service	
96	I think SPU does a great job at encouraging waste reduction, recycling and composting and providing appropriate programs. We need to get other major cities to join in!	
97	Asking for the type of garbage people throw away may be helpful info on this survey.	
98	I appreciate the way the system works now. SPU has made it easy to recycle (no sorting!) and compost (nearly all food scraps are compostable now). Because of these changes, we were able to reduce the size of our garbage bin. However, its still complicated trying to explain all the rules to new residents in our building, or to keep the neighbors from dumping illegally in our bins.	
99	Garbage pick up every other week is a great idea!	
100	Figure out how to reduce packaging in the first place so we don't have so much recycling to deal with. No more Styrofoam packing.	
101	Our recycling bin is actually our fullest one. I'd rather that get picked up every week, and the other two go to bimonthly instead, except for yard waste in the Spring, Summer, and Fall. At those times of the year, it gets full quite quickly.	
102	Pick up recycling every week	
103	Packaging produces so much waste. We must change our processes on every level. Keep up the good work!	
104	The diaper and animal waste recycle is an excellent and needed service. People who don't recycle should be fined.	
105	Food composting in condo buildings is not practical. Let alone a separate bin for pet waste and diapers. There is no place that is isolated that would allow this type of waste not to impose on others. We already have bin storage challenges for recycling containers. Also, strong odors would affect many garage stall owners/parkers. Plus, many residents are renters and they don't share the same sense of pride for ensuring that recycling is kept in recycling containers and food in food waste containers, etc. While I'm happy to recycle cardboard, plastics, cans, etc food and other smelly material presents unique challenges in multi unit dwellings.	
106	recycling needs to be picked up EVERY week or offer larger storage containers. My recycling was replaced with a smaller bin but pickup times were not increased..	
107	Work harder to get Seattle Housing Authority building managers to manage their waste better. They have chronic over flowing garbage, waste containers blocking sidewalks and birds and rats spreading garbage around North Delridge Neighborhood. Please look into this. Thank you.	
108	Tenants don't always care about separating garbage from food/yard waste. Compelling them to cooperate is difficult.	

109	I would love to be able to compost my Good Mews Cat Litter through city composting. I think including this in a compost plan and encouraging residents to use approved compostable litters would be an amazing addition current service. Currently cat waste and litter makes up the bulk of our garbage. If we were able to compost them through the city, it would be easy to keep the same size garbage can and have pick up happen every 2 weeks, or reduce the size of the can and have it picked up once a week.
110	Recycle containers in parks.
111	Provide reduced cost food waste containers (with air filters) for inside the home.
112	I would like to emphasize the need for assistance in cleaning food waste containers. The bacteria, smell and other pathogens makes it difficult to use. Without a location to clean the container, I am unable to use it... but I am required to pay for it (very unhappy about this).
113	Appreciate the hard work so far and I know we are way ahead of other cities and it is one of hte reasons I am proud to live in Seattle. Bring us more ways we can be cutting edge!!
114	We are pleased with the effort so far. Garbage bill reduced by a third because of separate recycling. In multi family residences (116 units in my case) it is hard keeping garbage out of recycle and vice versa. I am NOT going through food waste bins to remove plastic and other forbidden material. In single family residences your proposals make a lot of sense. For multi family residences and even some shared business buildings these proposals are not practical. One bin for recycle and another for all else is about as good a compliance as is practical.
115	I find that recycling comes down to an individual basis. we have recycling dumpsters 100 feet from our shop and people still throw metal, wood, or paper in the garbage cans. if 100% of people recycled the the increase would greatly increase. It seams like only a small % recycle at my shop.
116	Some hands-O
117	As I said in the previous page, picking up recycling every week would be helpful.
118	Businesses should have the same rules as private homes for recycling, food, waste and garbage disposal.
119	Reduce prices for clean green, increase prices for garbage collection.
120	The company that is currently collecting in my neighborhood is doing a very good job, much better than the previous contract.
121	Need to make sure food waste is picked up every week - we were recently skipped for some reason and had a problem with maggots and flies, not so great.
122	Produce real-world examples that scientifically prove the benefits of each of these activities and present them to the public. Our industrial, quick-fix society has been a bit too attractive, but needs to change.
123	Compostable take out containers seem to be more widely used, but they seem to wind up in the regular garbage even when they are taken home. More outreach may be necessary.
124	Purchase garage cans that last longer, which should have replacement costs of cheaper made cans.
125	You should hire Stephanie Schwenger.
126	I don't usually fill up the regular recycling container (bottles, cardboard, paper) because I already buy items with little packaging. However, since you cannot opt for a smaller recycling container, I have to use one that is too big for my space, and is ugly. I think the containers should look better and we should be able to choose between at least 2 sizes to be able to accomodate homeowners.
127	Seattle must work toward more recycling of waste and less in the landfills even if it costs the taxpayers more per month.
128	Right now you only pick up recycling every other week but because of the amount we recycle, we find that we need a weekly service. I'd love to see recycling become a weekly service and garbage pickup change to every other week.
129	It would be nice if those of us who compost at home, not using the yard waste pickup were rewarded with reduced rates. It seems like businesses, particularly restaurants, should be required to do much more - they generate a lot of easily recycled bottles and compostable food scraps.
130	Very happy with how you keep trying to find more ways to reduce every year. Love the ability to put food waste into Yard Waste.
131	Need more businesses to participate in food recycling. I work for the city in another building other than the CMT and there is no service.
132	SPU is expensive, no more fees please!
133	Even with a small family, the new recycling containers cannot accomodate all of our bi-weekly materials.
134	Perhaps more visible information about how recycling, composting and waste reduction could save people money so that more people in my condo would do it. Encourage businesses (fast food, coffee shops, yogurt stands, etc.) to make plastic-ware and disposable cups optional. If people could be encouraged to carry their own utensils and water bottles so that they wouldn't keep having to use new plastic ones each time they get something to go. And just like at Starbucks, if fast food places gave the option of filling up a water bottle/thermos with soda if people so chose. If more stores provided bulk food/supply options for us to bring our own containers for laundry and liquid soap, shampoo, pet food, etc.
135	Recycle pick up weekly.
136	Education needs to be done to let people know they can't put plastic bags with food into the compost green bin!
137	The requirement that condos/apartments must start composting doesn't make sense to me. Several of the older buildings have no space for more bins and the waste

		from buildings of 50+ units really stinks. If those people who make up these rules lived in such a setting, they would not come up with these user unfriendly rules.	
138		We cannot afford higher costs, induced by having to implement new containers.	
139		It is sometimes difficult to go through the garbage container and separate things (especially old food) into the yard waste, recycling and trash. I mostly do it, but it's kind of unpleasant. I'd like someone (???) to think up a neat way to keep all that stuff separate when when I'm in the house rather than standing outside at the containers.	
140		I just love the food composting changes made over the last couple of years. I can't believe how drastically it has reduced the amount of garbage we generate.	
141		You are wasting time and tax payer money trying to force people to recycle. You need to better manage what you already have instead of wasting our tax dollars trying to force people to recycle.	
142		Recycling should not be every other week. It should be weekly. We recycle most of our items and completely fill our container every week. Waiting two weeks does not promote better recycling habits.	
143		Keep up the good work, keep pushing the envelope. We need it.	
144		The gross abusers are in the commercial sector: restaurants, construction, manufacturing. The real savings are commercial, not residential. Residentially speaking, multifamily diversion is quite low. Coming up with a plan to solve the MF problem is important, but without direct incentives to the tenants, there is little reason for them to "do the right thing" under already tough conditions (not enough space, no compost can, etc.) Homeowners are doing a pretty good job, in general.	
145		Consider weekly recycling. We can easily make weekly recycling work.	
146		Couldn't you use trucks or pick up routing that is more efficient?	
147		You do good work. Thank you!!!!	
148		Requirement apartments to have food and yard recycle pickup.	
149		Please read my comments on compost. The same holds true for general recycling. I appreciate your desire to increase participation by making it easier for residents (combining glass with other materials), but I'm concerned about the quality of the paper and plastic products (contamination). As an entrepreneur looking to use recycled materials, I'm finding a great reluctance among manufacturers due to quality issues.	
150		I think if you cut to every other week services the costs for those services should drop in half. It's also harder to remember which week is pickup week.	
151		Educate the masses, start with the young.	
152		I have a 96 gal. recycle bin. Because I produce little trash, I have not had to set it out since early July. I have seen a few very small recycle bins but upon calling the customer service number I have been told only disabled people are allowed to use them. I would really prefer the smaller footprint of the small can and I think it shows a visual cue that people not only can reduce landfill waste but also recycle waste.	
153		The trucks are noisy. I live on 25th NE, where garbage/yard/recycling is collected on Monday:west side, Tuesday:east side. Two days of noise is too much. Please collect one day only per street.	
154		The guys that collect our stuff are great. They're really good. I have no complaints. Seems like they work hard and do it right. Thanks for the great service.	
155		RAISE garbage collection rates LOWER yard/food/composte collection rates	
156		My law firm located downtown makes an effort to separate food waste, aluminum/glass and paper, yet compliance seems to be low. Maybe the city could help businesses with signage for the various containers and otherwise assist with education (and incentivizing) workers (who may come from outside city limits and not be familiar with the rules)	
157		Food waste exists every week, however, yard waste may not. Large yard waste bin is too large for small amount of food waste.	
158		1. increase size of recycling containers so no need for extra bags or boxes of recyclables which end up getting wet when it is raining or flying around if it is windy 2. have recycling container be a different color from the yard waste container	
159		I really appreciate your recycling efforts.	
160		We should be allowed to reduce the size of our yard waste/food waste can more than once a year -- much smaller container needed during winter months when there is no yard waste.	
161		I stayed with a relative in San Jose, CA and they could put virtually everything in recycling, clothes, wood, all containers. It seemed like everything. Why can't we?	
162		our recycling is picked up every other week. It is full by the end of the week. I think we already have the largest container and don't have room for a second.	
163		For me the best next step would be the recycling of solid pieces of Styrofoam. Current choices are garbage or a long driver to Renton (requiring a car).	
164		Recycling should be picked up on a 'weekly' basis.	
165		There is a disconnect between the Seattle City Council and SPU. For example, the City recently required businesses to use recyclable packaging for food containers. However, the numbers I see on the raw meet packaging are unreadable, plus I have not seen any educational material on what to do with it.	
166		I would support raising the rates for trash service to encourage more households and businesses to recycle and to compost food waste. If it was even more expensive to throw it away, more people would start using the other cans.	
167		In my opinion, making recycling accessible to people and providing education is more effective than penalizing the public with fees, fines or refusals.	

168	Food recycling is a great program and has helped us reduce alot. We recycle/ reuse as much as possible now, but this is the biggest impact.
169	Garbage reduction should be associated with reduced costs, not increased costs as proposed in the draft plan.
170	I would like recycling to pick up every week.
171	Since I live in a multifamily building, I don't have yard waste & i don't have kids or pets so disposing of that waste also is not an issue for me. If I lived in a SF home, I'd be willing to have a smaller container picked up less frequently, but it's really not feasible for my building of ~100 residents.
172	we have 2 recycling bins which is really helpful. i think it should be advertised more that you can get another recycling bin for free
173	Not satisfied with current waste management subcontract for business/commercial
174	It is not possible to separate every scrap of food to go into the food waste bin. And there will be plastic bags and other items that have some food scraps. We only have dog waste occasionally - i do not want to maintain a separate garbage for when our daughters' bring a pet. I think every week pick up of garbage is what a civilized city should provide. we have a medium waste can now. Occasionally we have more than will fit. With every other week we would have to increase the size, but not need it half of the time. Leave well enough alone.
175	Please do not change the garbage collection schedule to every other week. Everyone's garbage will overflow, creating lots of litter. People will not want to pay for larger garbage containers, and they don't have room for them.
176	1) I'd like occasional e-newsletters to remind me about all the rules about what is recyclable. Even though I've been doing it for years, I still get confused about what types of plastics are recyclable. 2) An incentive program for people or n'hoods who decrease garbage and/or increase recycling. Might be fun to have a competition by block or n'hood on who produces the least amount of garbage - similar to City Light's OPower energy-use letters. Use BlockWatch captains as organizers.
177	I'd be willing to separate pet waste and diaper waste if it didn't cost more on my monthly bill.
178	I do not want to pay more for services. The economy is bad enough yet costs continue to rise. I currently use the smallest containers you offer. Stop raising rates!
179	Every other week pickup would make me increase the size of my garbage container which I do not have room for. I would more pick up in public places, i.e. parks, downtown, Madison Park...garbage is often overflowing in public places.
180	I am concerned the question about every other week pickup is confusing. I believe you mean that weekly yard and food waste pickup would continue, and only garbage pickup would be less frequent.
181	Currently, SPU only picks up recycling every other week. We have so much recycling that commonly our can is overflowing, and we have a lot of cardboard and other recyclables littering the side of our house. I am afraid if SPU reduces its garbage pick up to every other week as well, then we will have constantly overflowing garbage. This is extremely unsanitary.
182	i already am an avid recycler and food composter, but i do not like it being mandatory.
183	I love the recycling, yard waste & composting options you have provided -- I just wish that recycling could be bumped up to every week -- then reducing the garbage pickup would work great for our family!
184	Weekly recycling pick-up and garbage pick-up every two weeks would better reflect this household's needs.
185	No, our cvity does enough. The City is obsessed with garbage, and just leave residents as is, and focus on commercial operations. There is no room for more garbage cans in Seattle old neighborhoods, and there are many people who cannot lift these containers to curb. Once a week pick up is essential.
186	we more often fill up our recycling and often have overflow on the every other week pickup...
187	we need recycle bins at bus stops. my bus stop trash is mostly recyclables
188	Allowing all recycled materials in one bin was a great innovation and helps compliance immensely. The north transfer station should be renamed as the J.P. Patches City Dump.
189	I love the flyers we get with pictures about what goes where. I don't think apartment residents get those. I also wish there were more opportunities to recycle in public places. I think there needs to be an educational marketing push about why it matters to recycle and compost.
190	you fine us for having recycling in our garbage cans but you only pick it up once every two weeks. i have to drive multiple bags of cans and bottles to my work and throw it in the3 dumpster. great thinking to now further reduce the services and get us to work harder and pay more in the name of the environment. less regulation, more service. every though of that?
191	More recycling pick ups... My recycling over flows
192	It would be great to have more recycling containers in public areas, not just waste receptacles. Education/signage is needed also, so often people are placing items in the wrong containers. Lazy? Unaware? Who knows!
193	SPU needs to consider that by generating a food waste compost market will generate an increase in processing facilities and the need to locate those facilities close to the market. If SPU promotes diaper and pet waste composting, a facility would be needed which would concentrate odors in a location. Plan for the consequences of your actions and regulations.
194	We rarely use our garbage micro can - there's always enough room for our small trash bag in our neighbors' larger can. Would be nice to be able to pay for one

	joint garbage receptacle. Right now we have so many recycling/food and yard waste and garbage receptacles for our 3 townhouses - makes for an ugly crowded storage area and we have limited space as it is!
195	Residential garbage collection city wide, seems to be going well. However the garbage for businesses/restaurants seems always be overflowing. If there a way to create more regular dumpster pick up for high use areas?
196	ENCOURAGE AND TEACH PEOPLE TO COMPOST ON THERE OWN.
197	We are already one of the top recycler/composter cities in the country - to put a further cost or punitive burden on the end-user would be nonsensical.
198	It seems like most of the remaining garbage after recycling and composting is plastic that could be cleanly burned. Can this be done safely?
199	If you want us to recycle more, then you need to give us larger recycle carts. Our recycle cart is always so full by pick-up, we usually can't fit in any additional items and end-up placing them in our garbage cart.
200	I would like to see recycling picked up every week. Even with a very large bin, it piles up and if you miss the pick-up, it's forever until you can deal with the accumulation, especially after large events and house moves.
201	I would request that the pick up people try not to spread recycling all over my street. I make a concerted effort to do the right thing. The least they could do is put the receptical back in the proper place and not in the center of the sidewalk where pedestrians have to avoid it for the entire day, as I work. Also, put the lid on particularly when it rains. It isn't hard to do and keeps it from filling up with water. I like the effort being made but I think a soft pedal is called for. Showing the public the benefit of recycling is better than using "requiring" tactics makes the effort more palatable.
202	Pick up paper / plastic / cans / glass recycling containers weekly.
203	none
204	Make the system easier to understand, and reward people for complying rather than punishing them for small mistakes. For example, simply by putting fresh stickers on all the containers, you'd probably get better compliance right there. Some people probably just don't know what goes in what container. Also, each container should be a different color. The two of the same color are confusing. Finally, everything should be picked up EVERY week. I can never remember which week is the recycling pickup. Every other week is a terrible way to pick up anything because it's human nature to forget the "other" day.
205	Already putting about all yard and kitchen waste into collection containers-doubt I could do more in that area-don't do my own composting at home any more. Would want to keep garbage container at current size if p/u changes to every other week. Composting and recycling rates still really suck in break areas at work. We sort things pretty well at our home, but seems folks struggle to do so at work and in restaurants. We do have a lot of pet waste going into garbage now. Would be good to address that.
206	I would like to have recycling picked up every week.
207	Keep up the good work. I'm so proud of our city for this.
208	I believe the city is doing a great job with waste reduction but should impose tiered penalties on those who don't recycle.
209	I feel we are paying too much already for a service That is becoming less beneficial for the customer with Questionable benefits. We should be holding costs down rather than increasing rates and reducing service.....which seems like the next act of this survey.
210	It must be convenient or it won't be used.
211	Thank you for asking for our input!
212	We have racoons in our garbage weekly. We have 3x the rat problem in our neighborhood than we did 5 years ago. This is a public health and safety issue that is being ignored by the city and is very serious.
213	My office building doesn't recycle and I know this is not unique to this property. Why not focus on larger property owners/businesses so you can make a meaningful difference?
214	I would like to see recycling picked up every week
215	Keep up the good work!
216	Make disposal of the occasional large item or large load easier than having to rent a truck for a trip to the transfer station.
217	We have much more recycle paper, bottles and cans than they will allow us to recycle for free. . we need a larger can for free
218	Would recycling pick up weekly increase costs? If not, then do that.
219	Recycling should be picked up every week also. The City of Kirkland does it and I think it would encourage more people to recycle more items (they won't run out of space) and put less in the garage that gets picked up more frequently.
220	I don't believe that apartment buildings/condos have to follow the same recycling and composting guidelines as single family homes. I don't understand why there is a difference - all Seattle residents should learn to deal with their waste in the most responsible manner possible!
221	I live in a 6-unit building w/ no yard service. Otherwise, I would recycle food waste!
222	At times I have more garbage than can fit in my container (the smallest I can get). Occasionally, I have trash that is too much for my bin, but not enough for a run to my local Recycling Station. What options can be provided to those of us who honor the rules and guidelines, yet occasionally have more than we know what to do

		with?	
223		Please look at the benefits of the city providing small compost bins to residents in seattle to rid their own food waste. Keep in mind these must be small, as many people live in apartments/condos.	
224		We're terrific compared to other cities--Chicago and New York.	
225		Don't increase prices.	
226		how about an incentive such as, a free or reduced cost, or voucher, for a bag of compost once a year for 'good recycling' patrons?	
227		The cost is near headship at level. If our income were to be reduced, we would have to cancel service.	
228		I would consider extending the pick services on the other non bacteria generating waste such as recycling and continue with weekly garbage pickup.	
229		Bi weekly garbage is an awesome idea. Even better, switch to a 2 cart wet/dry collection system and MRF everything.	
230		More contests to win dollars for neighborhood projects for reducing and recycling would be a great incentive.	
231		I would like you to ban plastic bags	
232		Any tips on cleaning the yard waste bin. It's super duper gross in there because of all the food waste.	
233		Stronger programs for multi-family buildings. Apartments are the ones that have the most challenges about separating waste b/c of space.	
234		I would favor reducing the frequency of garbage pick up but would expect a reduction in the cost for a larger container or the fee for extra garbage bags in case I produce more garbage than typical in a given two-week period.	
235		Diaper collection would have to be an airtight scontainer due to the smell - not sure how this would work in a multi-family unit. In gneral I think more sjould be done to encourage recycling in multi-family homes, as this seems to be the weak link right now.	
236		Assure Multi-Family Composting (Yard AND Food Waste combined is odor and pest, if not free, at least "resistant".	
237		Weekly recycling pickups would be nice (if you're going to implement any new restrictions on garbage).	
238		Go Seattle!	
239		this survey was frustrating. the answers didn't match the questions.	
240		Pet/diaper waste is a problem and MUST t be picked up weekly if this is to be properly implemented.	
241		If City is considering food/yard waste composting, need factor in that there is not much land left to use compost in the neighborhood. There are more high rise, condo dwellers in neighborhoods with no real opportunity to grow vegetables nor flowers.	
242		Education is going to be huge. People get confused about what they are allowed to compost because the rules change, but there isn't adequate education.	
243		Cut 10% of current SPU overhead in an effort to show an attempt to control costs before suggesting a rate increase.	
244		I strongly support increased recycling and composting capabilities in all businesses. I currently use the smallest garbage can available, and only have 2 people in my household. Changing to garbage pickup every other week would require us to upgrade to a larger can, which is not very desirable.	
245		I think we already have an environmental mindset as a city, so encourage and foster that. Any time you try to *force* it (not collecting for mis-sorted things, charging for non-reusable grocery bags) people resent it. Get them to want to do it by making it easy and through massive education efforts.	
246		You are doing a good job educating and providing. I'm just lazy. Also, even roll carts can get heavy so every 2 weeks would kill my back	
247		More public education, always. Treat people like they have a functioning brain.	
248		How about putting composting bins in the bathrooms of businesses for the paper towels used to dry hands? There is no reason they couldn't be composted instead of going into landfills.	
249		Maybe change the size of recycle and pick up more frequent. My garbage is picked up weekly and it is never full. But since I do recycle a lot every other week it is full. So what about a smaller container picked up weekly	
250		We need to enforce the mandate that multi-family buildings provide recycling and food waste. Not all do, so residents of the buildings that don't overload their neighboring buildings that do.	
251		Rather than go to every two week pick-up, enforce recycling and yard waste more stringently. We note that several neighbors do no separation of their garbage at all.	
252		Seattle residents have a high recycling rate. It is time to require businesses to recycle more.	
253		Some people have trouble separating garbage, this can be difficult with renters and at community gatherings, even when signage is clear.	
254		Paying the same for half the service sounds like a plan put together by Comcast. STRONGLY OPPOSE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	
255		see prev comments. I am totally in favor of doing all we can to recycle/compost but need more training in apt bldgs. somehow people think they're exempt or just don't care.	
256		All steps that can be taken to reduce waste and increase recycling in Seattle should be enacted.	