



City of Seattle
Seattle Public Utilities

Notice of Rule Revision

Under the authority of Seattle Municipal Code 3.32.020, the Director of Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) proposes to revise a Director's Rule relating to implementation dates for the landfill-disposal ban for construction and demolition materials. Under City Ordinance 124076, the Director may adopt a different implementation schedule for any of the recyclable materials addressed under the ordinance if end markets or processing facilities are limited or not available.

The full text of the draft Director's Rule follows:

Title: Construction and Demolition Disposal Ban Delay – Tear-Off Asphalt Shingles

Number: SW-405.3, rev. 2

Responsibility: Solid Waste Line

1. Purpose

Seattle Municipal Code (SMC) 21.36.089 prohibits recyclable materials from disposal in construction and demolition garbage containers, including:

- Concrete, bricks and asphalt paving (effective 2012)
- Metal, cardboard, carpet, plastic film wrap and gypsum scrap (effective 2014)
- Wood and asphalt roofing shingles (effective 2015).

SMC 21.36.089 also authorizes the Director to modify the implementation schedule for any of the recyclable material if end markets are not available or in the event of local facility closures.

2. Rule

The Director of Seattle Public Utilities delays the prohibition of plastic film wrap and carpet from construction and demolition garbage containers to January 1, 2016 due to continuing significant uncertainties in current regional markets for recycling and beneficial use of those particular materials. In addition, the prohibition of the disposal of tear-off asphalt shingles will be delayed from January 1, 2015 to July 1 (2015), 2016 to allow for more robust development of end markets for that material. ~~The January 1, 2015 disposal ban implementation will still take effect for clean wood.~~

Please send comments in writing to Ray Hoffman, Director, Attention: Gabriella Uhlar-Heffner, Seattle Public Utilities, 700 5th Avenue, Suite 4900, P.O. Box 34108, Seattle, WA 98124-4018. Comments may also be e-mailed to gabriella.uhlar-heffner@seattle.gov. Phone messages with comments may be left at 206-386-9772.

The deadline for public comments on this draft rule is June 16, 2015.

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