

ORGANICS REPORT

Q1 2020

(Formerly Known as Yard Waste Report)

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Tonnage Breakdown

Self Haul¹		
Q1 Self Haul Cars & Trucks:	1,137 Tons	13.7% ↓ vs. same period in 2019
2020 Cumulative Self Haul:	1,137 Tons	13.7% ↓ vs. same period in 2019
Residential		
Q1 Single Family:	16,299 Tons	5.0% ↑ vs. same period in 2019
2020 Cumulative Single Family:	16,299 Tons	5.0% ↑ vs. same period in 2019
Q1 Multi Family:	904 Tons	0.6% ↑ vs. same period in 2019
2020 Cumulative Multi Family:	904 Tons	0.6% ↑ vs. same period in 2019
Q1 Total Residential:	17,203 Tons	4.8% ↑ vs. same period in 2019
2020 Cumulative Total Residential:	17,203 Tons	4.8% ↑ vs. same period in 2019
Commercial (contract and non-contract tons)		
Q1 Commercial:	19,821 Tons	0.6% ↓ vs. same period in 2019
2020 Cumulative Commercial:	19,821 Tons	0.6% ↓ vs. same period in 2019

Organics Subscription Information by Premises² (Building) Type – March 2020

Residential customers can request Exempt service if they do backyard food waste composting. “Curb” service is the same as can premise service; the customer moves the can out to the curb for collection. “On Site” service does not require the customer to move their container(s) out to the curb, similar to dumpster service. “Liner” service means a new biodegradable liner is provided after each collection.

Single Family	13 gal	32 gal	90 gal	Total Signed Up	Exempt
Premises	35,255	26,034	89,716	150,551	3,544
	23.6%	17.3%	59.6%	98%	2.3%
Multi Family	Curb No Liner	Curb Liner	Onsite Liner	Total Signed Up	Exempt
Premises	1,410	3,660	1,441	6,388	88
	22.1%	57.3%	22.6%	95%	1.3%

¹ North Recycle & Disposal Station closed on Jan 20, 2014 and re-opened on 11/28/2016 for a rebuild.

² A premise is roughly equal to a building in our billing system. An apartment building is typically equal to one premise.

Basics of Self Haul Program

- SERVICE: Two city owned recycle and disposal stations accept organics during regular operating hours. Yard waste must be separated and cannot be disposed of as garbage.
- FEES: **Cars:** \$20.00 per trip (compared to \$30.00 per trip for garbage).
Trucks: \$110.00 per ton (compared to \$145.00 per ton for garbage).

Basics of Residential Organics Program

- Service: Beginning April 2009, collection frequency increased from bi-weekly to weekly pickup. All single family customers are required to sign up for organics service or request an exemption if they have backyard food waste composting. As of September 2011 multifamily and multiplex customers are also required to sign up for organics service. Multifamily customers can sign up for residential can/cart curb service or onsite can/cart service. (Curb service requires the customer to bring their container to the curb; onsite service does not require the customer to move their container.) Liner service, which includes a biodegradable plastic liner placed in the can or cart after each collection, is also available to multifamily customers.
- MATERIALS: Leaves, grass clippings, prunings 4 inches or less in diameter. Starting in April 2009, all food waste and food soiled paper are allowed in the cart. **As of January 1, 2015, Organics, including food waste, compostable paper, and yard waste are not allowed in the curbside garbage container.**
- Fees: Monthly Variable Can/Cart Prices: 13 gal = \$6.15, 32 gal = \$9.25, 96 gal = \$11.85, Extra Bundle = \$5.90

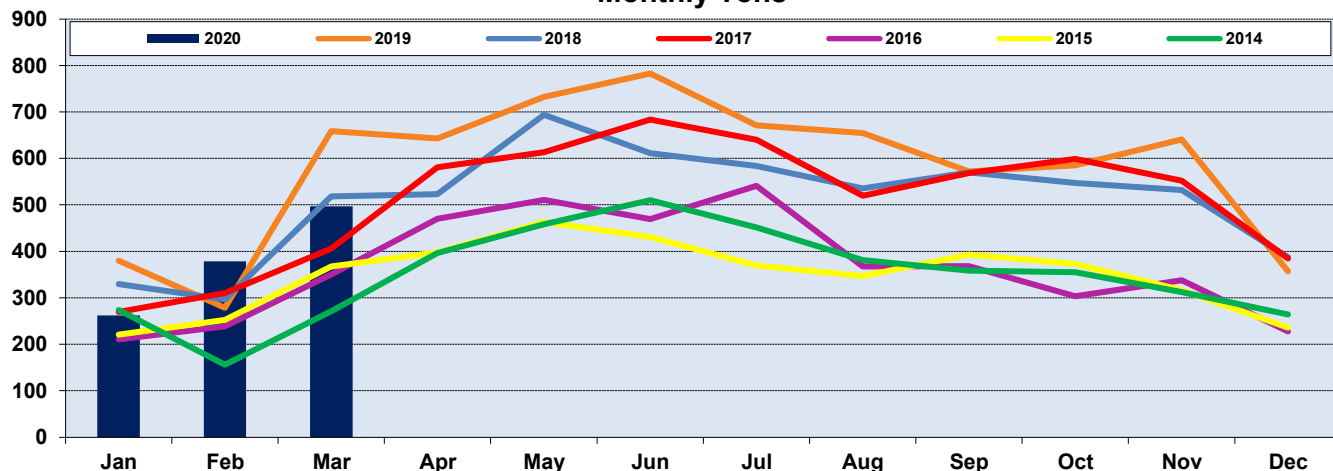
Basics of Commercial Program

- SERVICE: Seattle has contracts with Waste Management and Recology/Cleanscapes for garbage and organics service. Customers can sign up with their contract garbage hauler for organics service. In addition, Seattle commercial customers can choose organics service through a hauler outside of the city contracts. This is referred to as "non-contract" organics service.
- MATERIALS: All food scraps (including meat, fish, dairy and produce), food soiled paper, waxed cardboard, and yard debris. **Beginning January 1, 2015 all organics materials are not allowed in the garbage.**
- FEES: Approximately 32% below garbage prices. (Non-contract prices vary.)

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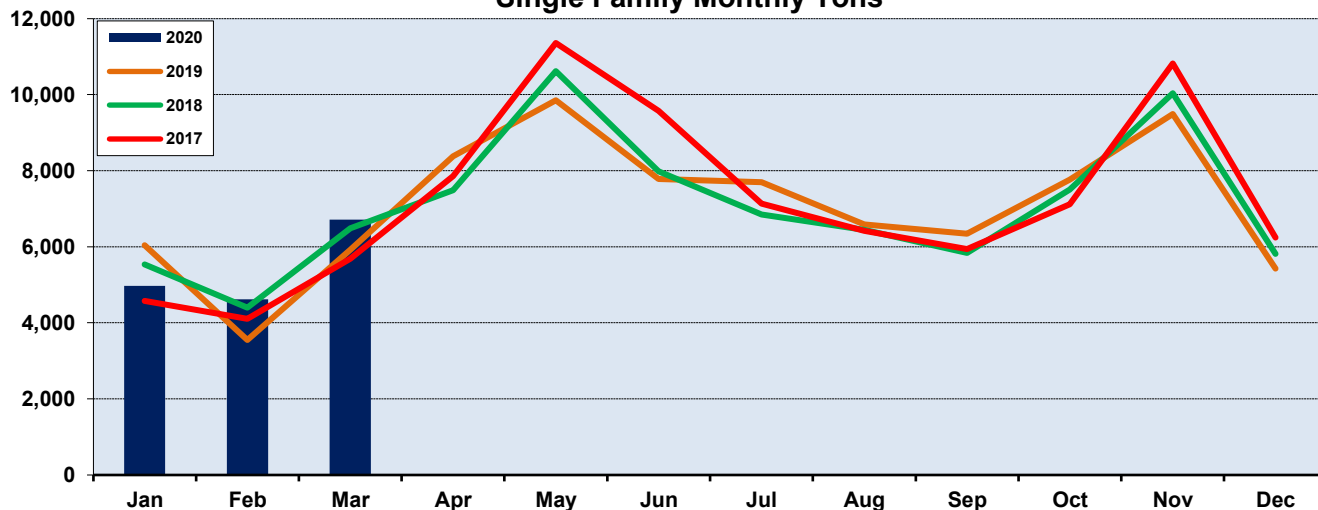
6. October 2016: New definition of Single Family premise changed to prems with 4 or fewer dwelling units. Multi Family defined as premises with 5 or more dwelling units

CITY OF SEATTLE SELF HAUL ORGANICS Monthly Tons

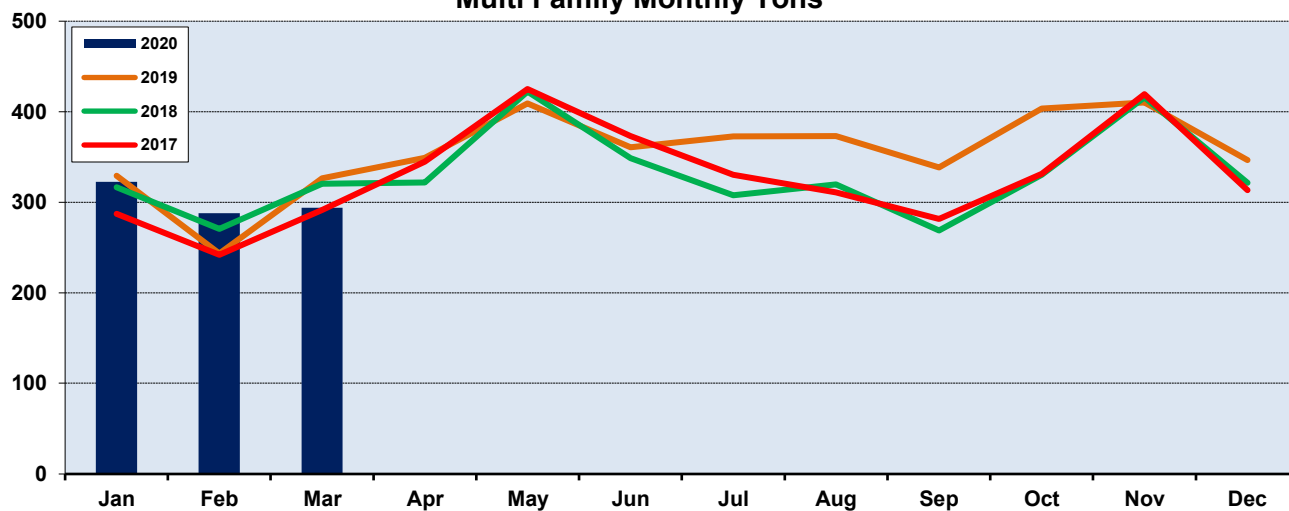


The North Transfer Station closed on Jan 20, 2014 and re-opened on Nov 28, 2016 after rebuild.

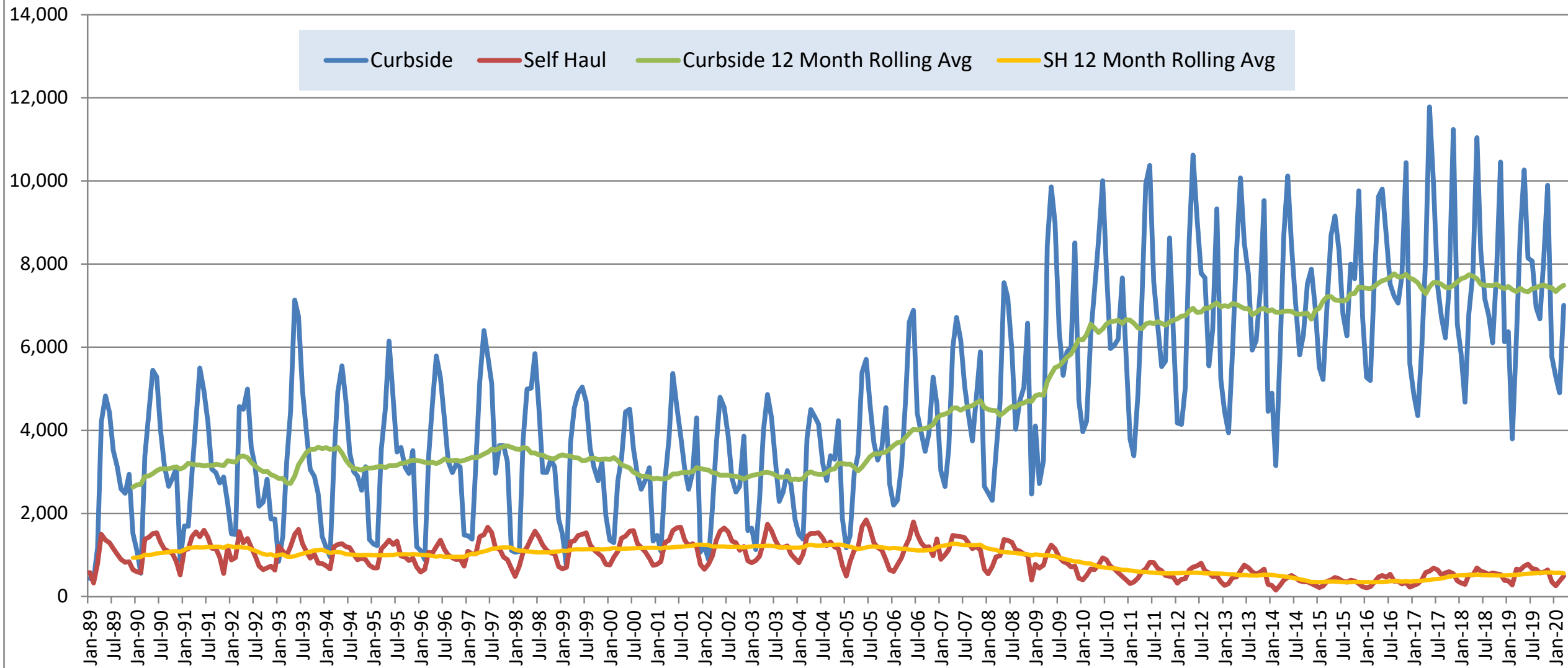
CITY OF SEATTLE CURBSIDE ORGANICS Single Family Monthly Tons



CITY OF SEATTLE CURBSIDE ORGANICS Multi Family Monthly Tons



CITY OF SEATTLE RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE AND SELF HAUL ORGANICS TONS



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Weather Impacts on Organics Tonnage

