

# 2016 Solid Waste Outreach Collateral

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# Where does it go?

## Where Does It Go? PLEASE POST

See what goes in your recycling, food and yard waste or garbage bins

**♻️ Recycling** Place clean and empty items loose in cart, not bagged or in boxes.  
*No Food. No Liquid. No Single Plastic Bags.*

**♻️ Food+Compostables** Compost Food. It's Not Garbage Anymore!  
*No Plastic Bags. No Plastic. No Metal. No Glass. No Animal Waste.*

**🗑️ Garbage** See back page for reuse & recycling options.  
*No Food. No Recyclables. No Yard Waste.*

Products containing toxic materials are prohibited from food and yard waste, recycling and garbage.  
Not sure where it goes? Find out at [www.seattle.gov/util/lookup](http://www.seattle.gov/util/lookup).  
[www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util) 206-684-3000 TTY 206-233-7241  
This information can be made available or request to accommodate people with disabilities and those who need translation services.

## Where Does It Go?

**Other Collection Services**  
Apartment/condo residents: Contact your manager for these services.

**Used motor oil: Free**  
Collected at no charge on your recycling day.  
Place oil in a 1-gallon plastic jug with screw-on lid next to your recycling cart.  
Limit: 2 jugs per collection.

**Electronics (Computers, TVs, monitors)**  
Collected for a fee. Call 206-684-3000.

**Bulky items (Furniture, appliances, etc.)**  
Collected for a fee. Call 206-684-3000.

**Beyond the Curb** Visit [www.seattle.gov/util/lookup](http://www.seattle.gov/util/lookup) to recycle these items at local drop-off locations.

**Hazardous Materials** Not allowed in recycling, yard waste and garbage.

Products marked "CAUTION," "WARNING," "DANGER" or "POISON" may require hazardous waste disposal.  
Safe hazardous material disposal information: 206-296-4692 or [www.HazWasteHelp.org](http://www.HazWasteHelp.org)

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# Residential Collection Calendar

**Food+Compostables**  
COMPOST SO LIFE GOES ON.

**Food Scraps & Spoiled Food**



**Uncoated Food-Soiled Paper**



*(no shredded plastic)*

**Approved Compostable Packaging & Bags**



**Yard Waste, Plants, Untreated Wood**



*(less than 4' long and 4" thick)*

**No Plastic. No Glass. No Metal. No Plastic Bags. No Animal Waste. No Rocks.**

Questions? [www.seattle.gov/util/LookItUp](http://www.seattle.gov/util/LookItUp)

**Recycling**  
RECYCLE. IT'S NOT GARBAGE ANYMORE.

**Clean Paper & Cardboard**



**Clean Plastics**



*(less than 3 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 ft.)*

**Clean Glass & Metal**



**Scrap Metal**



*(less than 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft.)*

**Packaging MUST BE CLEAN to be Recyclable**

Recyclable	Garbage
<b>Clean!</b>	<b>Dirty!</b>
	<i>Please Rinse &amp; Recycle!</i>

**Clean Recyclables Only. No Food. No Liquid. No Single Plastic Bags.**

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**Garbage**  
BUY LESS... WASTE LESS.

**Non-Recyclable Paper & Plastic**



**Foam Trays & Containers**



**Kitchen Fats, Oils & Grease**



**Non-Recyclable Glass and Other Garbage**



*(lids, caps & tops less than 3 in. wide)*

*(produce stickers)*

*(diapers)*

*(pet waste)*

**No Food. No Yard Waste. No Recyclables. No Hazardous Waste.**

Questions? [www.seattle.gov/util/LookItUp](http://www.seattle.gov/util/LookItUp)

# Residential Collection Calendar

## Other Collection Services

### Used Oils: No Charge

Used motor oil and used cooking oil (2 gallons total) will be collected at no charge on your recycling collection day. Put motor oil and cooking oil in separate 1-gallon jugs with a screw-on lid. Label each jug with your name and address, and place next to your recycling cart.



### Bulky Items & Electronics: Fee

Appliances, furniture, computers, TVs, monitors, etc. can be picked up for a fee. Call 206-684-3000.



## Drop-off to Recycle

Drop-off Locations: [www.seattle.gov/util/LookUp](http://www.seattle.gov/util/LookUp)

### Electronics, CFL Lightbulbs, Batteries and Medicine



### Clothes, Styrofoam, Furniture, Appliances, Mattresses



## Hazardous Materials

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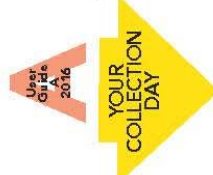


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 We offer our phone service in Spanish 206-684-3000.



Questions and Drop-off Locations: [www.seattle.gov/util/LookUp](http://www.seattle.gov/util/LookUp)

**COMPOST SO LIFE GOES ON.**  
 Food, recyclables and yard waste are not allowed in the garbage.



### Rates Effective April 1, 2016

Services are billed bi-monthly. Rates listed are monthly.

Weekly Garbage Collection	Wt Limits	Monthly Rate
10-12 gal. micro can (18"W x 15"D x 18"H)	20 lbs	\$21.30
18-20 gal. mini can (15"W x 16"D x 21"H)	30 lbs	\$26.10
32-gal. standard can (14"W x 38"H)	60 lbs	\$34.00
65-gal. cart (27"W x 29"D x 41"H)	120 lbs	\$68.00
96-gal. cart (27"W x 34"D x 46"H)	180 lbs	\$102.00
Extra garbage (per bundle)	60 lbs	\$10.60

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Weekly Food / Yard Collection	Wt Limits	Monthly Rate
13-gal. food/yard cart (11"W x 12"D x 27"H)	20 lbs	\$5.65
32-gal. food/yard cart (11"W x 28"D x 40"H)	60 lbs	\$8.50
96-gal. food/yard cart (27"W x 34"D x 46"H)	180 lbs	\$10.85
Extra yard waste	60 lbs	\$5.40

Every-Other Week Recycling Collection	Wt Limits	Monthly Rate
96-gal. cart	180 lbs	no charge
Extra recycling	60 lbs	no charge

A delivery fee will be charged for a second request to change a collection container within 12 months. \$26.05

Other Collection Services - Call 206-684-3000	Rate/Item
Bulky/Appliance Pick-up	\$30.00
Bulky Items with CFCs (e.g. freon, refrigerators)	\$38.00
Electronics (computers, monitors, TVs) Limit 3 items per pick-up	\$20.00

- Extra Garbage**
  - Extra charges apply for garbage that does not fit in your City-provided garbage container with lid closed.
  - Put extra garbage in cans or bags (32-gal. or smaller).
  - Limit 60 lbs per bag or container.
- Extra Yard Waste**
  - Extra charges apply.
  - No food scraps allowed in extra yard waste.
  - Yard waste is prohibited in plastic bags, City garbage cans and recycling cart.
- Extra Recycling**
  - No charge.
  - Put extra recyclables in sturdy bins, boxes or 32-gal. cans next to your recycling cart.

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## 2016 Residential Collection Calendar

Put Containers Out Before 7am

Month	M	T	W	T	F	S
MARCH	1	2	3	4	5	
MARCH	7	8	9	10	11	12
MARCH	14	15	16	17	18	19
MARCH	21	22	23	24	25	26
MARCH	28	29	30	31	1	2
APRIL	4	5	6	7	8	9
APRIL	11	12	13	14	15	16
APRIL	18	19	20	21	22	23
APRIL	25	26	27	28	29	30
MAY	2	3	4	5	6	7
MAY	9	10	11	12	13	14
MAY	16	17	18	19	20	21
MAY	23	24	25	26	27	28
MAY	30	31	1	2	3	4
JUNE	6	7	8	9	10	11
JUNE	13	14	15	16	17	18
JUNE	20	21	22	23	24	25
JUNE	27	28	29	30	1	2
JULY	4	5	6	7	8	9
JULY	11	12	13	14	15	16
JULY	18	19	20	21	22	23
JULY	25	26	27	28	29	30
AUGUST	1	2	3	4	5	6
AUGUST	8	9	10	11	12	13
AUGUST	15	16	17	18	19	20
AUGUST	22	23	24	25	26	27
AUGUST	29	30	31			
SEPTEMBER	5	6	7	8	9	10
SEPTEMBER	12	13	14	15	16	17
SEPTEMBER	19	20	21	22	23	24
SEPTEMBER	26	27	28	29	30	1
OCTOBER	3	4	5	6	7	8
OCTOBER	10	11	12	13	14	15
OCTOBER	17	18	19	20	21	22
OCTOBER	24	25	26	27	28	29
NOVEMBER	31	1	2	3	4	5
NOVEMBER	7	8	9	10	11	12
NOVEMBER	14	15	16	17	18	19
NOVEMBER	21	22	23	24	25	26
NOVEMBER	28	29	30	1	2	3
DECEMBER	5	6	7	8	9	10
DECEMBER	12	13	14	15	16	17
DECEMBER	19	20	21	22	23	24
DECEMBER	26	27	28	29	30	31
JANUARY	2	3	4	5	6	7
JANUARY	9	10	11	12	13	14
JANUARY	16	17	18	19	20	21
JANUARY	23	24	25	26	27	28
JANUARY	30	31	1	2	3	4
FEBRUARY	6	7	8	9	10	11
FEBRUARY	13	14	15	16	17	18
FEBRUARY	20	21	22	23	24	25
FEBRUARY	27	28	1	2	3	4
MARCH	6	7	8	9	10	11
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Set containers out with lids opening toward the street. Do not block cars, mailboxes, sidewalks or driveways. Remove containers from street as soon as possible after collection.

**EVERY WEEK:** Garbage & Food/Yard Waste are collected weekly.

**EVERY OTHER WEEK:** Recycling is collected on blue shaded weeks. Put your recycling cart at the curb next to your garbage and food/yard carts.

**WEATHER DELAYS & OTHER EMERGENCIES:** Visit [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util) for collection updates.

**MISSED COLLECTION:** Report after 5pm on your collection day. 206-684-3000 or visit [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util).

**NO HOLIDAY COLLECTION:** If your collection day falls on or after Thanksgiving, your collection will be one day later.



Check the address label for your collection day or go to [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util)

# New items for 2016



# Curbwaste & Conserve

## EASY TIPS FOR COLLECTING FOOD SCRAPS



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

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



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

Remember, do not use plastic bags for your food waste.

**Plastic can NOT be composted.**



**If you're worried about odors or fruit flies:**

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

**FOOD WASTE IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE GARBAGE.**

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

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[www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util)

**Food waste is not allowed in the garbage.**  
Please put all food waste and compostable paper (food-soiled napkins, paper towels, pizza boxes) in your "Food & Yard Waste" cart.  
**No se permiten desechos de comida en la basura.**  
Coloque todos los desechos de comida y los artículos de papel (cartón manchados de comida (como servilletas, toallas de papel y cajas de pizza) en su bote de desechos de comida y jardín.  
垃圾中不允许有食物残渣。请将所有食物残渣和可降解纸类(含食物残渣的餐巾、纸巾、纸餐盒)放入食物垃圾和庭院垃圾箱中。  
Không được phép cho rác thực phẩm vào thùng rác.  
Vui lòng cho tất cả rác thải thực phẩm và giấy có thể phân hủy (chứa ăn dính thức ăn, khăn giấy, hộp bánh pizza) trong thùng rác thực phẩm và rác vườn.  
Cuntada haraaga ah haku ridin weelka qashinka.  
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Ang mga patapong pagkain ay hindi inilalagay sa basurahan.  
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Tips and Programs for Seattle Residents

Spring 2016

Seattle Public Utilities



## CurbWaste & Conserve

### COMPOST SO LIFE GOES ON.

In 2015, Seattle residents living in apartments, condos and houses put 89,000 tons of food and yard waste into their green Food & Yard Waste cart instead of the garbage. These food scraps, paper towels, pizza boxes, bones and eggshells were made into compost and returned to nourish the soil of local parks and gardens. Why waste a good thing?



**FOOD WASTE IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE GARBAGE.**

#### ARE YOU A PROPERTY MANAGER?

Free resources are available to help apartments and condos comply with the food waste and recycling requirements.

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

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

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# Curbwaste & Conserve

## Compost Food Waste @Work

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

Businesses are prohibited from putting food waste, compostable food packaging and recyclables in the garbage. Significant amounts of recyclables in the garbage could result in a \$50 fee.

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

Visit [www.seattle.gov/util/greenyourbusiness](http://www.seattle.gov/util/greenyourbusiness) for a list of food waste collection services and for free posters, signage and stickers.

Green Your Business



## What's New in Recycling?

Seattle residents can now recycle even more.

### LARGE PLASTIC ITEMS

Put plastic laundry baskets, molded plastic lawn chairs, and plastic tubs, buckets and storage containers directly into your recycling container. If they don't fit in your cart, items less than 3'x3'x3' can be set next to your recycling container. Items bigger than 3'x3'x3' need to be broken down. Put small items in a sturdy box or reusable container and set it next to your recycling cart.

### PLASTIC CAPS ON EMPTY PLASTIC BOTTLES

To recycle plastic bottle caps, put the plastic cap on an EMPTY plastic bottle and drop it in the recycling. Loose caps (not attached to a bottle) go in the garbage.

### COOKING OIL

Follow these instructions to recycle used cooking oil:

1. Pour the cooled oil into a plastic jug with a tight-fitting, screw-on lid
2. Label the jug with your name and address
3. Set the labelled, tightly-closed jug next to your recycling cart

Used motor oil is also recyclable if prepared and set out as described above. There is a limit of 2 gallons of oil (either type of oil) per collection day. Do not mix oils.



## Spring into Gardening ACTION

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

- ✓ **PLANT early and plant right** – Planting in early spring allows your plants to take advantage of spring rains. Choose the right location for your plants so they naturally fit in with the right soil type and the right sunny or shady conditions. If you forget to plant in spring, wait until fall to take advantage of the rain.
- ✓ **MULCH deep** – First weed your garden, then add 2 to 3 inches of woodchips so your garden retains more moisture in the soil and prevents weeds from growing.
- ✓ **CHECK for irrigation leaks** – Check your hose connections for leaks. Turn on your sprinkler to make sure it works properly. If your sprinkler system is underground, turn it on and look for sprinkler heads that are pointing the wrong direction. Look for dripping automatic valves.
- ✓ **IRRIGATE when necessary** – Spring and fall are not as hot as summer. Irrigate longer in the summer and less during the spring and fall. If you have an automatic irrigation system, **get a \$100 rebate** for a WaterSense controller that tracks the weather and irrigates when necessary. Qualification details are online at [www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org).

For more tips on planting and maintaining a successful garden go to [www.savingwater.org](http://www.savingwater.org) or [www.gardenhotline.org](http://www.gardenhotline.org).

The Garden Hotline is partially funded by the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County.

## Garden Questions?

CALL THE GARDEN HOTLINE  
(206) 633-0224

Is this the right time to plant tomatoes? Where can I find good soil or compost for my raised beds? I'm battling slugs and snails and would really like to win this year. Who can I call for solutions that work?

Home gardeners and landscape professionals can get expert advice:

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

Visit [www.GardenHotline.org](http://www.GardenHotline.org) for classes, events, and videos. Email your questions anytime.

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



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## Spring Clean Your Neighborhood

Spring is almost here and now is the time for Seattleites to gear up and take part in the city's longest-running neighborhood cleanup program—**Spring Clean**. Now in its 30th year, **Spring Clean** runs from April through May. Help pick up litter, stencil storm drains, or paint out graffiti in your community. All Spring Clean projects are on public property. The City of Seattle supports volunteers with FREE bags, gloves, safety vests, and waste disposal.

Get started today! Call (206) 233-7187, or register online at [www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean](http://www.seattle.gov/util/SpringClean).

### SMALL SPARKS FUND

Ask us about grants from our partner, the Department of Neighborhoods. You could get a grant for up to \$1,000 for your community cleanup. The deadline for applications is six weeks before your event. Learn more at: [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-matching-fund](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/neighborhood-matching-fund)

## Free Auto Leaks Workshop

Oil and other fluids that leak from your car find their way to Puget Sound and other waterways, hurting wildlife and habitat.

Seattle Public Utilities' Automotive Maintenance Program offers FREE workshops to help you prevent these leaks. Participate in a FREE Auto Leaks Workshop this spring! You'll have your car inspected by a certified automotive instructor and learn to spot and fix leaks.

### UPCOMING CLASSES:

Saturday, May 14, 2016

Saturday, June 25, 2016

Saturday, July 23, 2016



Learn more:  
[www.seattle.gov/util/autoleaks](http://www.seattle.gov/util/autoleaks)

## GIVE DAMAGED CLOTHES NEW LIFE!

Do you toss damaged clothes, shoes and household linens in the trash because you don't think they can be donated? We've got great news: items that aren't reusable can now be recycled into new products rather than going in the trash. Many of the same organizations that take your gently used clothes will also take the badly worn and torn ones—all in the same bag.

### MANY USES FOR DAMAGED, UNWEARABLE CLOTHES

Damaged items can be turned into wiping cloths, home insulation, sound-proofing and insulation for automobiles and appliances. Even single shoes, socks, gloves and other items that are normally paired-up are accepted. Why? Single items can be matched with other "singles," sold to export markets and worn by people who otherwise would not have those items to wear.

### CONVENIENT DROP-OFFS OR PICK-UPS

There are many easy ways to donate these items, from taking them to a nearby collection site or drop box, to arranging for a pick-up. Learn what you can give and where at [kingcounty.gov/threadcycle](http://kingcounty.gov/threadcycle).



# @ Your Service

Seattle Public Utilities **@Your SERVICE** May - June 2016

Information about your water, drainage, wastewater and solid waste utility services.

## Peak Water Rates in Effect

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

### 2016 Residential Water Rates

Seasonal Water Usage	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits	Shoreline and Lake Forest Park
Off-Peak (Sept. 16–May 15)	\$5.06	\$5.77	\$6.14
Peak (May 16–Sept. 15)			
• First Tier: Up to 5 CCF* per month	\$5.20	\$5.93	\$6.31
• Second Tier: Next 13 CCF per month	\$6.43	\$7.33	\$7.80
• Third Tier: Over 18 CCF per month	\$11.80	\$13.45	\$14.31

\*One CCF equals 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons of water



## Compost at Home, at Work, and on the Go



Whether you're at home, at work, or on the go, you can compost the same stuff. Look for the green food waste bins at your workplace, local restaurants, stores, and community centers. Banana peels and apple cores, wooden chopsticks and greasy napkins, chicken bones and uncoated paper plates—all these things and more can go in the green food waste bin. When you compost your food waste you're returning nutrients to the soil and keeping food waste out of the landfill.

Learn more at [www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste](http://www.seattle.gov/util/foodwaste)

## Using Water Wisely Helps Salmon

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

Witness your work when salmon make their annual migration home to our local streams this summer and fall. Starting this July, find out when and where the fish are returning by going to [www.kingcounty.gov/salmon](http://www.kingcounty.gov/salmon) and clicking on "Salmon SEASON."



## How's Our Water Supply?

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

Based on the frequent forecasting that SPU conducts, we expect water supply conditions to stay within typical ranges over the next few months.



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

## Time for a New Toilet?

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

### \$100 Toilet Rebate

Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) customers are eligible for a \$100 rebate toward any brand of Premium (1.1 gallons per flush or less) toilets. Learn more at [www.savingwater.org/rebates](http://www.savingwater.org/rebates) or call 206-615-1282.

### Free Toilet Program

SPU provides free water-saving toilets and installation for income-qualified homeowners. Homes must be located in Seattle and have existing toilets installed before 2004. Learn more at [www.seattle.gov/util/freetoilets](http://www.seattle.gov/util/freetoilets) or call 206-448-5751.

## Free Auto Leaks Classes

Oil and other fluids that leak from your car find their way to Puget Sound and other waterways, hurting wildlife and habitat.

Seattle Public Utilities' Automotive Maintenance Program offers FREE workshops to help you prevent these leaks.

Participate in a FREE Auto Leaks Workshop this summer! You'll have your car inspected by a certified automotive instructor and learn to spot and fix leaks.



Upcoming classes:

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

Learn more at:

[www.seattle.gov/util/autoleaks](http://www.seattle.gov/util/autoleaks)

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@ Your Service có thông tin bằng tiếng Việt trong [www.seattle.gov/util/yourservice](http://www.seattle.gov/util/yourservice).

您可以在以下網站 [www.seattle.gov/util/yourservice](http://www.seattle.gov/util/yourservice) 閱覽《@ Your Service》中文版。



## Coming Soon: Water Quality Report

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

How's our water supply this year? See the other side of this newsletter to find out.



# Yellow order card – MF order card

# Multifamily Collection Calendar

## 2015 Apartment/Condominium Resource Guide

### Compost Food & Recycle

It's Not Garbage Anymore!



#### Free Resources to Help Your Residents

Order the free materials listed below to help your residents sort correctly and comply with the **new 2015 food waste requirements**. Leave a voicemail at 206-684-6717 to request an order form, or order online: [www.seattle.gov/util/recyclingeducation](http://www.seattle.gov/util/recyclingeducation).

Flyers and posters are available in many languages. Download, view online, or order DVDs showing where recyclables go.

Choose from the following:

#### POSTERS (11" x 17")

- Food and Yard Waste
- Recycling
- Garbage
- Food Waste Collection Announcement



#### FLYERS

- Where Does it Go?
- Food & Yard Waste
- Fats, Oil and Grease
- Electronics, Fluorescent Bulbs & Mattresses
- What to Do with Hazardous Waste
- Free Resources

#### RECYCLING DVD

#### CONTAINER LABELS

#### INFORMATION ON HAZARDOUS WASTE

- 206-296-4692
- [www.HazWasteHelp.org](http://www.HazWasteHelp.org)

#### Friends of Recycling & Composting (FORC)

Receive a one-time \$100 credit on your property's utility bill (5 or more units only) by signing up to participate in this program.

Managers, residents, or facility staff qualify. FORCs educate residents, monitor collection containers and promote recycling and food and yard waste collection.

Sign up at [www.seattle.gov/util/apartmentfoodwaste](http://www.seattle.gov/util/apartmentfoodwaste) or by calling 206-684-7665.

Free trainings and kitchen containers are available. Use the yellow order card or leave a message at 206-684-8717 to request assistance or a FORC information packet.

#### Help Residents Sort Correctly

Recycling containers and food waste carts that contain garbage may not be collected. Garbage containers that contain food and recyclables may be fined. To help prevent collection delays or extra costs, display or distribute copies of the enclosed flyer to your residents. Free technical assistance and educational presentations are available on a limited basis. Leave a message at 206-684-8717.

#### Compostable Bags

**Plastic bags are not allowed in food and yard waste.** Durable containers, uncoated paper, and approved compostable bags are convenient ways to store and carry food scraps to your building's food & yard waste carts. Now available at local stores.



#### To Order Free Education Materials:

- Mail the enclosed order form, OR
- Go to [www.seattle.gov/util/recyclingeducation](http://www.seattle.gov/util/recyclingeducation), OR
- Call 206-684-8717 to leave a message asking for a yellow order form.



#### Service Requests

For service changes or assistance, visit [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util) or call 206-684-7665.

[www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util) | 206-684-7665 | TTY 206-233-7241

### 2015/16 Collection Calendar

Garbage Pick Up Days

Week	M	T	W	T	F	S	A	M	T	W	T	F	S	A	M	T	W	T	F	S	A
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	A	8	9	10	11	12	13	B	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	B	28	29	30	31	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3	9	10	11	12	13	14	A	15	16	17	18	19	B	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
4	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	A	4	5	6	7	B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
5	16	17	18	19	20	21	A	22	23	24	25	26	B	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
6	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	10	11	12	13	14	B	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
7	23	24	25	26	27	28	A	29	30	31	1	2	B	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8	11	12	13	14	15	16	A	17	18	19	20	21	B	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9	28	29	30	31	1	2	A	3	4	5	6	7	B	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
10	16	17	18	19	20	21	A	22	23	24	25	26	B	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3
11	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	10	11	12	13	14	B	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
12	23	24	25	26	27	28	A	29	30	31	1	2	B	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

**Key:** If your recycling is collected every other week (A or B) use this calendar to note your collection dates.  
**Collection Delays:** If your regular collection day falls on or after Thanksgiving (11/26), Christmas (12/25), or New Year's (1/1), your collection is one day later that week.



PO Box 34027, Seattle WA 98124-4027

206-684-3000 | TTY 206-233-7241 | [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util)

#### Compost Food.

It's Not Garbage Anymore!

Take advantage of free resources to educate your residents.

More information: [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util)

[www.facebook.com/EvelyntheEnvelope](https://www.facebook.com/EvelyntheEnvelope)



Sign up for the Apt/Condo Conservation E-newsletter: [www.seattle.gov/lists/apt-condo.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/lists/apt-condo.htm)



#### Dear Apartment or Condo Manager:

**Thank you!** Because of you, Seattle set a new record last year, recycling and composting 56.2 percent of all its waste. Today, all apartments and condos recycle many materials and compost food. It's not garbage anymore! Take advantage of the free resources listed on this flyer to educate your residents about recycling and composting. You'll also find current information about your solid waste collection services. If you have every-other-week recycling, use the 2015-16 collection calendar to find your collection weeks. Thank you for reducing, reusing, recycling and composting!

**New Food Waste Requirements**  
 As of January 1, 2015, food waste is no longer allowed in the garbage by City law. Starting July 1, 2015, \$50 fines will be levied on properties with too much food or recyclables in their garbage containers.

- Food, recyclables and yard waste are not allowed in the garbage. The enclosed flyer will help your residents sort correctly.
- Solid waste rates increase on April 1, 2015. See current rates at [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util).
- For important updates, alerts, or rebates, sign up for the free "Apartment/Condo Conservation" electronic newsletter at [www.seattle.gov/lists/apt-condo.htm](http://www.seattle.gov/lists/apt-condo.htm).

**\$100 Credit Available**  
 Receive a \$100 utility bill credit by signing up as a Friend of Recycling & Composting (FORC). Go to [www.seattle.gov/util/apartmentfoodwaste](http://www.seattle.gov/util/apartmentfoodwaste) or call 206-684-7665. Free training, kitchen compost containers, and site assistance are also available on a limited basis. To inquire, leave a message at 206-684-8717.

**Cart Set-out and Removal**  
 Set carts at the curb by 7 AM. Lids should open toward the street. Avoid blocking cars, mailboxes, sidewalks or driveways. Remove carts from the street as soon as possible after collection.

**Weather Delays or Other Emergencies**  
 In the event of service interruptions, visit [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util) for collection updates.

**Items Collected on Request**  
 Call 206-684-7665 to schedule electronics or bulky item pick-up for a fee. For free drop-off locations for TVs, computers, and monitors, call 1-800-RECYCLE or visit [www.ecyclewashington.org](http://www.ecyclewashington.org).

**Service Changes or Problems**  
 To change collection or containers or to get help with service problems, call 206-684-7665 or visit [www.seattle.gov/util](http://www.seattle.gov/util).

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# Commercial – Recycling & FW



## Business Recycling & Composting Requirements

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

**NOT ALLOWED IN GARBAGE**

Paper



Cardboard



Food



Cups



Cans



Jars



Bottles



Paper



Yard Waste



Recycle



Compost

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS  
EFFECTIVE JULY 2014

COMMERCIAL COMPOSTING REQUIREMENTS  
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2015

**SMC 21.36.082**

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

Take steps to reduce waste and improve your recycling and compost programs.

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

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



## Recycling & Composting Tips



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



"I throw out the same amount of material. I just put it in different bins and save money. @SeattleGreenBiz"



### Recycling Tips

#### Workplace Recycling

- Clearly label collection bins. Use signs that show where items specific to your workplace go.
- Place all three collections bins (recycle, compost, and garbage) together in a central location.
- Place bins in the kitchen where they will be used, such as near prep stations and dishwashing stations.
- Use durable items to serve food.
- Ask suppliers about recyclable or compostable products and products that have less packaging.
- Contact your collection service provider to learn which items can be recycled or composted.
- Teach staff how to sort the specific items used in your kitchen.

#### Collection Service

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

### Collection Service Providers

 <b>Recology</b> CleanScapes GARBAGE   RECYCLING   COMPOSTING 206-250-7500 info@recologycleanscapes.com	 <b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b> GARBAGE   RECYCLING   COMPOSTING 800-592-9995 recyclerne@wm.com	 <b>REPUBLIC</b> RECYCLING   COMPOSTING 206-332-7777 info@seattle@republicservices.com	 <b>CEDAR GROVE</b> RECYCLING   COMPOSTING 877-994-4466 help@g.compost.com	 <b>SEADRUMAR</b> RECYCLING 206-467-7550 info@seadrumarrecycling.com
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# Commercial – Food Service

## Food Service Requirements

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

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

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

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

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

**Food Packaging Ordinance:** Seattle Municipal Code (21.36.086)

- 1. Dine-in:** Restaurants and food service businesses that sell or provide food in one-time use containers are required to use compostable items for dine-in service. Plastic or plastic-coated paper products may be used for dine-in service only if after use they are clean enough to be collected for recycling.
- 2. Take-out:** Packaging may be recyclable or compostable for take-out service. (Effective July 1, 2010).
- 3. Banned:** Businesses are prohibited from using plastic foam (Styrofoam™) packaging. (Effective January 1, 2009).

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

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

For interpretation services, please call 206-684-3000.  
 如需語言諮詢服務，請撥打電話 206-684-3000。  
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 Para servicios de interpretación por favor llame al 206-684-3000.  
 Para sa serbisyong tagapagpalwanag, tumawag sa 206-684-3000.  
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www.seattle.gov/util/GreenYourBusiness
206-343-8505

## FOOD SERVICE BUSINESSES

# Free Resources

Order FREE posters and bin labels or create your own custom posters at [www.seattle.gov/util/ForBusinesses/SolidWaste/FoodYardBusinesses/Commercial/WastePosterOrderForm](http://www.seattle.gov/util/ForBusinesses/SolidWaste/FoodYardBusinesses/Commercial/WastePosterOrderForm).

Restaurant Dining Area (Set of Three)

Restaurant Kitchen Collection  
(Multiple languages available)

Collection Bin Labels

Collection Service Providers

 <b>RECOLOGY</b> CLEANSCAPES GARBAGE   RECYCLING   COMPOSTING 206-250-7500 <a href="mailto:info@recologycleanscapes.com">info@recologycleanscapes.com</a>	 <b>WASTE MANAGEMENT</b> GARBAGE   RECYCLING   COMPOSTING 800-592-9995 <a href="mailto:recycle@waste.com">recycle@waste.com</a>	 <b>REPUBLIC</b> RECYCLING   COMPOSTING 206-332-7777 <a href="mailto:info@seattle.republicservices.com">info@seattle.republicservices.com</a>	 <b>CEDAR GROVE</b> RECYCLING   COMPOSTING 877-994-4466 <a href="mailto:help@cedargroves.com">help@cedargroves.com</a>	 <b>SEADRUNAR</b> RECYCLING 206-467-7550 <a href="mailto:info@seadrunarrecycling.com">info@seadrunarrecycling.com</a>
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Vendor Information

Contact the Seattle Public Utilities Green Business Program for more packaging, bins, and service information.

**Packaging**  
Contacts for suppliers and manufacturers of compostable and recyclable packaging.

**Collection Bins**  
Contacts for suppliers and manufacturers of interior collection bins.

**Collection Services**  
Contacts for service providers for compostables and recyclables collection.

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206-343-8505

# Commercial Food Service

# Kitchen & Dining Areas

**Kitchen Collection**


Food+ Compostables

NO Plastic. NO Metal. NO Glass.

**Food**



Fruits



Vegetables



Eggs, nutshells (paper carton)



Meat, fish & dairy



Pasta & rice



Bread & grains

**Food-Soiled Paper**



Paper bags, towels & newspaper



Greasy pizza boxes & waxed cardboard



Uncoated paper plates & napkins



Tea bags



Coffee grounds & filters

**Approved Compostable Packaging\***



\*Approved compostable packaging: [www.resourceventure.org/foodpluscompostables](http://www.resourceventure.org/foodpluscompostables)

**Approved Compostable Bags\***



**Plants & Flowers**




Recycling


Garbage

Put these CLEAN items in your recycling container

Put these items in your garbage container

**Aluminum & metal**



**Lids wider than 3"**



**Bottles & jars**



**Foam trays & containers**



**Plastic wrap**



**Plastic food bags**



**Plastic bottles (all colors)**



**Plastic containers**



**Cups**



**Condiment packages**



**Soiled foil**



**Wrappers**



**Boxes & cartons**



**Cardboard**



**Paper**



**Latex & plastic gloves**



**Produce baskets**



**Utensils**



**Rubber bands & twist ties**



**Packaging must be clean to be recyclable.**

Recyclable	Garbage
Clean!	Dirty!



Green Business Program

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Food+  
Compostables

**Food**

**Food Soiled Paper**

Uncoated Paper Plates

**Approved Compostable Packaging**

**NO Plastic. NO Metal. NO Glass.**

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For more information call 206-343-8505.





# Recycling

## Cans & Bottles



## Empty Cups



## Clean Plastic Containers & Lids



## Paper & Empty Cartons



ITEMS MUST BE EMPTY AND CLEAN

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# Garbage



Snack Bags



Wrappers



Condiment Packages



Wrappers



Plastic Disposable Utensils



Caps



Soiled Foil



Foam Containers



Straws



Plastic Wrap



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