

Reuse • Recycle • Conserve

City of Kirkland Public Works Department

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Visit us at www.kirklandwa.gov/recycle

Get on Board with Recycling!

Residents at 35 Kirkland apartment and condominium properties are participating in Kirkland's food scrap recycling program. Last year, they recycled over 80 tons of food and organic material and, this year, they are on track to recycle even more! Food scraps and food-soiled paper make up more than 30% of residential garbage. Do your part and recycle food scraps to keep them out of the landfill!

Food scrap recycling service is provided for FREE to qualifying apartments and condos. Properties may receive up to two lined, outdoor carts with free pick-up service by Kirkland's waste hauler, Waste Management. Tenants will also receive a FREE kitchen food scrap bucket, complete with an instructional brochure and a sample of biodegradable bucket liners.

To request service, ask your property manager or a representative from your Homeowners' Association to fill out an online application at www.kirklandwa.gov/recycle or call (425) 587-3812 for assistance.

For regular recycling, the City offers FREE personal recycling baskets to store and transport your recyclables to your outside carts or dumpsters. Each basket comes with information on what can and cannot be recycled. To receive FREE recycling baskets for your apartments or condominiums, ask your HOA or property manager to contact the City of Kirkland at (425) 587-3812 or by email at recycle@kirklandwa.gov.



food scrap cart



food scrap bucket



recycling basket

Residential Recycling Collection Event

PRESENTED BY: City of Kirkland
& King County

WHERE: Houghton Park & Ride
(NE 70th St & I 16th Ave NE)

WHAT: Residential Recycling Collection Event **WHEN:** Saturday October 1, 9am to 3pm

Clean out your garage and safely recycle items that normally cannot be left at the curb with your regular Waste Management pick-up service or recycled readily through product stewardship programs. Examples of items that you can bring are: tires, motor oil, batteries, clothing, porcelain toilets and sinks, mattresses, box springs, and futons (**NEW!**), Styrofoam™ blocks and packing peanuts (**NEW!**), electronic equipment and computer peripherals, and bulky wood.

User Fee Items (cash only):

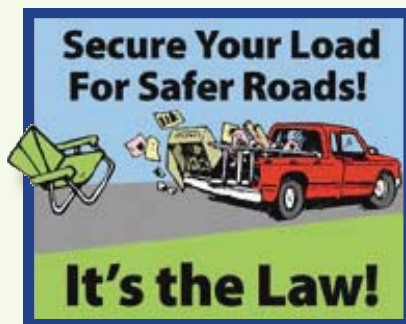
NEW! Mattresses, box springs, & futons	\$10/each
Porcelain toilets/sinks	\$10/each
Propane tanks (empty, residential only)	\$5/each
Small camping propane tanks (empty)	\$1/each
Refrigerators/freezers/ household air conditioners	\$25/each

**Fluorescent tubes and
bulbs can be recycled
at this event!**



(limit 10 tubes/
bulbs per
person)

For tips on securing your load,
please see kingcounty.gov
(search Secure Your Load) or
call (206) 296-4466.



No paint of any kind will be accepted. No televisions, desktop and laptop computers, and computer monitors will be accepted – recycle these items free through E-Cycle Washington. To find a collection site near you, visit www.ecyclewashington.org.



Not sure what to do with those hard to recycle items? Visit King County's "What Do I Do With..." website from www.kirklandwa.gov/recycle.

*** Restrictions apply and some items are not collected. User fees cover the cost of proper processing and recycling. All items collected will be recycled. View the complete event flyer at www.kirklandwa.gov/recycle or call the Recycling Hotline at (425) 587-3812 for more information.**

*Funding provided by the King County Solid Waste Division and the
King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program.*



Kirkland Residents:

Did You Know?



Rechargeable batteries can be recharged and reused up to 1,000 times. Hundreds of single-use batteries would be needed to equal that kind of lifespan.



New Recycling Services

Not sure what to do with all of your old plastic shopping bags? Wondering what to do with your old Christmas tree? Shopping in downtown Kirkland and not sure where to recycle your empty coffee cup? Your worries are over!

Plastic Bags

Bag all of your plastic bags together and put them in your blue recycling cart or dumpster. Recyclable plastic bags include all types of plastic shopping bags, dry cleaning bags, bread sacks, and newspaper bags.



Christmas Trees

Waste Management will collect whole, unflocked trees at condos and apartments during the first two weeks of January at no extra cost. Please remove any tinsel and place the tree next to your outside container.

Kirkland Downtown Recycling

In July, the City of Kirkland and Waste Management installed 46 new solar powered garbage compactors which increases the public garbage capacity in downtown Kirkland by up to five times. 23 of the garbage compactors are combined with recycling receptacles to give residents and visitors the opportunity to conveniently recycle while enjoying all that downtown Kirkland has to offer.



Ask Kelly: Junk Mail Overload

Every day, I receive unwanted catalogs, credit card offers, and other junk mail. I recycle all the unwanted mail, but is there a way to avoid receiving this stuff in the first place?

Thanks,

Junk Mail Overload

Dear Overload,

You're in luck! Now you can go paperless and reduce unwanted mail! Catalog Choice and the King County EcoConsumer have teamed up to bring King County residents a new service that allows you to opt out of catalogs, phone books, credit offers and unwanted junk mail. This is a great way to reduce waste at its source!

Register online at kingcounty.catalogchoice.org.



I have lots of stuff in my garage that I think is recyclable, but it is not accepted in my curbside recycling. What can I do with it?

Thanks,

Responsible Recycler

Dear Responsible,

Not sure where to dispose of hard to recycle items? King County's "What Do I Do With?" website contains listings of businesses and organizations that accept unwanted items from residents and businesses for reuse, recycling or proper disposal.

Visit King County's "What Do I Do With...?" website from www.kirklandwa.gov/recycle.



Kelly Ferron, Recycling Programs Coordinator, promotes recycling and waste reduction in Kirkland. Still confused about what you can and can't recycle? Looking for tips to reduce your waste? Ask Kelly! Call (425) 587-3812 or e-mail recycle@kirklandwa.gov with your recycling questions!

Help Restore Juanita Creek

Join Kirkland Public Works and EarthCorps in maintaining a restoration site on the banks of Juanita Creek. Work will include installing live stakes, removing invasive plants and mulching around native plants, in order to ensure their survival. No experience necessary!

Juanita Beach Park - 9703 NE Juanita Drive
Saturdays, October 8th and November 5th
9am to 12pm

For more information or to sign up for any of these projects, please contact Betsy Adams at (425) 587-3858 or badams@kirklandwa.gov.



It's Salmon SEEson!

Fall is nearly here, and that means that salmon around the Puget Sound have begun to make the journey to local streams and rivers to spawn.

Over the next several months, there will be many salmon-watching opportunities available around the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed. Sockeye, chum, coho and chinook salmon can be seen at events around the watershed. In many cases, naturalists are available to help visitors spot the fish and learn about the salmon's lifecycle.

For more information on any of these events, visit www.kingcounty.gov/salmon and click on Salmon SEEson, or call (206) 296-8016. You'll also find great links there to learn how you can protect salmon and their habitat this fall – and year-round.



Water Conservation. Every Drop Counts!

At Home...

- Use the same glass for water throughout the day instead of putting it directly into the dishwasher after use. This cuts down on the number of glasses to be washed.
- Water plants in creative ways: use melted ice from a cup, water from cooking noodles or vegetables, or the water from your hot water faucet while waiting for it to warm up.
- Reuse the water from boiling vegetables to start a vegetable stock for a soup.
- Insulate your water pipes. It's easy and inexpensive with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.



Out and About...

- Patronize businesses which practice and promote water conservation. Visit www.kirklandwa.gov/kirklandgreen for local "green" businesses.
- Only order water in restaurants if you really want it. It is estimated that every glass of water served at a restaurant requires another two glasses to wash and rinse it.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash. Most commercial car washes recycle their water and the soapy water is sent to the sanitary sewer for treatment.

Comments

The City of Kirkland would like to hear your comments about this newsletter or your suggestions for future issues. Please call (425) 587-3907 or email vsheth@kirklandwa.gov.

Scoop It, Bag It, Put It in the Trash

Did you know that over 20,000 dogs, of all shapes and sizes, call Kirkland home? That's a lot of dogs and a lot of dog waste – more than 1,000 TONS per year! Many pet owners don't realize that the little piles of waste left on the ground by dogs can add up to big problems for people, animals and water. This waste is essentially raw sewage that can affect public health and water quality. That means it's up to each individual dog owner to take responsibility for his/her dog's waste. Scoop the poop, bag it and put it in the trash!

As part of a pilot project, the City of Kirkland has a limited supply of free pet waste stations to distribute to neighborhood and homeowners' associations. A pet waste station includes a pet waste bag dispenser, the first set of 500 bags and an educational sign. Neighborhood or homeowners' associations install and maintain the bag station and refill with bags. If your neighborhood or homeowners' association would be interested in participating in this pilot project, please contact Betsy Adams at (425) 587-3858 or badams@kirklandwa.gov.

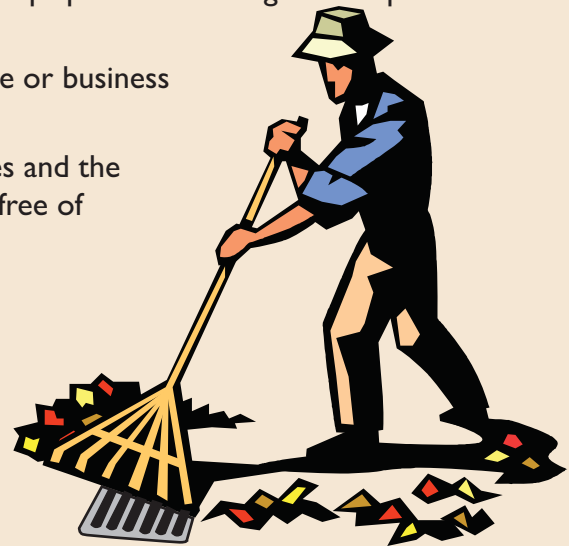


Adopt a Storm Drain

Adopt a storm drain in your neighborhood this fall and help prevent seasonal flooding! With over 12,000 storm drains in Kirkland, the City's Public Works Department needs your help to keep streets safe and clear and to reduce property damage caused by flooding. Cleaning dirt, litter and leaves from the tops of drains helps prevent flooding and keeps pollutants out of our creeks and lakes.

You can help by adopting a storm drain near your home or business and doing the following:

- Before and during a storm, check storm drain grates and the surrounding area frequently to make sure they are free of leaves and other debris.
- Do NOT remove the grate from the storm drain opening - this does NOT unclog the system and creates a hazard for everyone.
- Use a rake to remove leaves and garbage from the storm drain opening and gutter. Place the material in a yard waste, trash or recycling container.



Join the many Kirkland residents who have volunteered to keep neighborhood drains free of leaves and litter. Adopt your neighborhood storm drain(s) and, after signing a simple agreement, receive a free reusable yard waste bag.

For more information or to download an agreement, visit www.kirklandwa.gov (search Storm Drains) or call Public Works at (425) 587-3800.