

Seattle Public Utilities 2012 Recycling & Waste Reduction Work Plan

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Waste Reduction : continuing/building on existing programs

1. Backyard Composting Promotion
2. Education/enforcement on recyclable/compostable food ware
3. Promote inter-agency Take it Back Network

Existing Waste Reduction, con't

4. Market development

- Carpet
- Asphalt shingles
- C&D commodities

5. Continue promoting Green Purchasing in City government

6. Promote alternatives to transfer station trips

Existing Waste Reduction, con't

7. Composting grants and trainings to schools
8. Continue yellow pages & junk mail opt out program
9. Continue diverting reuseables from transfer station line
10. Continue to participate in/support Northwest Product Stewardship Council

Waste Reduction : new programs

1. Reinststitute promotion of grass cycling
2. Outreach on plastic check out bag ban
3. Industry funded take-back of unused pharmaceuticals
 - ❑ Continued effort in Olympia
 - ❑ City Resolution
 - ❑ Board of Health independent action

Recycling : continuing/building on existing programs

1. Campaign to promote increased residential food waste diversion
2. Market increased business food waste diversion
3. Increase enforcement resources for MF and commercial ban on disposal of recyclables
4. Procure organics processing services for 2014 or 2015
5. Annual recycler license & reporting

Recycling : new programs

1. Provide food waste composting to all multi-family buildings by this month
2. Every-other week garbage collection pilot for last ½ of this year
3. Promote recycling of commercial plastic film

Construction & Demolition Recycling and Waste Reduction New Programs

1. Develop grading standards for salvaged lumber
2. Simplify regulations for house moving
3. Ordinances/rules to increase recycling in C&D
4. Certification for C&D processors

Construction & Demolition, con't

5. Revise DPD permit process for C&D recycling reporting requirements
6. Implement disposal ban on asphalt, bricks, and concrete
7. Pilot program to sort C&D -type loads at the new South Transfer Station

Summary

1. Making steady progress toward 60% recycling
2. Adequate resources for 2012, including for Every Other Week garbage collection