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Call (425) 587-3812 or e-mail recycle@kirklandwa.gov for all your recycle, compost, and trash questions.

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WHY COMPOST?

REDUCE WASTE DISPOSAL COSTS

- ▶ Food scraps = 20% of multifamily waste
- ▶ Average King County family throws out 475 lbs. of food each year
- ▶ Composting food waste is free
- ▶ With less trash, switch to a smaller (cheaper) garbage bin or reduced service

REDUCE YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

- ▶ Food waste scraps are turned into compost, a useful fertilizer
- ▶ Food scraps in landfills produce methane, a potent greenhouse gas 20x stronger than CO₂

SETUP FOR SUCCESS

60 condos and apartments in Kirkland compost their food waste. We make it easy for you by providing everything you need for free.

READY FOR COMPOST SERVICE?

Contact us to get started! You can reach us at (425) 587-3812 or recycle@kirklandwa.gov.

COMPOSTING FAQS

Q Will my cart smell or attract rodents?



A No. Our sturdy carts keep out rodents. We provide resident training to ensure carts are used correctly. Waste Management lines carts with a BioBag to keep it clean and prevent odors.

Q Will the food scrap bin in residents' condos smell?



A No, not if food scraps are stored properly. We provide free bins for food scrap storage. The key to preventing odors is keeping the bin clean and dry. Line the bin with a BioBag or a paper towel (not a plastic bag), or rinse it after emptying. Scraps can also be stored in the freezer to prevent smell. Empty the bin regularly.

Q Does composting cost extra?



A No, composting can actually lower your garbage bill! Composting service is provided at no extra cost. By throwing less away, you may be able to switch to a smaller trash can.

