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Recycling at Your Apartment or Condo is Now Easier Than Ever

The City of Kirkland now offers food scrap recycling service to qualifying apartments and condos. Participating properties may receive up to two lined, outdoor carts dumped twice per week by the City's waste hauler, Waste Management, Inc. at no extra cost. Participating tenants can receive a free kitchen food scrap bucket complete with an informational brochure and a sample of biodegradable bag liners.

food scrap cart

To get started and join the 20 other Kirkland properties recycling their food scraps, please ask a representative from your homeowners' association or property manager to visit www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle and fill out an on-line application or call (425) 587-3812 for assistance and questions.

food scrap bucket

For regular recycling, the City offers free personal recycling baskets to store and transport your recyclables from your apartment or condo to outside carts or dumpsters. Each basket comes stuffed with information on what to recycle and Kirkland's recycling programs. To receive a free recycling basket, please ask your homeowners' association or property manager to contact the City of Kirkland at (425) 587-3812 or by email at recycle@ci.kirkland.wa.us.

recycling basket

Recycling Collection Event

PRESENTED BY: City of Kirkland & King County

WHERE: Houghton Park & Ride (NE 70th St & 116th Ave NE)

WHAT: Residential Collection Event

WHEN: Saturday, October 2nd from 9 am - 3 pm

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: fluorescent tubes and bulbs (limit 10 tubes/bulbs per person), tires, motor oil, batteries, clothing, porcelain toilets and sinks, electronic equipment and computer peripherals. **No paint of any kind will be accepted.** For paint disposal options, visit www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle or call our Recycling Hotline at (425) 587-3812.

Televisions, computers, computer monitors, and laptops are not accepted at this event. Use the E-Cycle Washington Program to recycle these items for free. Please visit www.ecyclewashington.org to find a convenient collection location near you. All other electronic devices such as cell phones, printers, scanners, fax machines, mice, and keyboards are accepted at this collection event.

E·CYCLE washington ecyclewashington.org

Not sure what to do with those hard to recycle items? Visit King County's "What Do I Do With…" web site from www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle.

For tips on securing your load, please see www.kingcounty.gov and enter "secure your load" or call (206) 296-4466.

User fee Items (cash only):

Porcelain toilets/sinks	$5/each
Propane tanks (empty, residential only)	$5/each
Small camping propane tanks (empty)	$1/each
Refrigerators/freezers/ household air conditioners	$25/each

*** 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 flyer at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/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.

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Kirkland Residents:
Did You Know?

Start saving water, energy and money. Install **WaterSense** labeled faucet aerators in your bathrooms. They cost just a few dollars and could save you enough electricity to dry your hair every day for a year! To receive a **FREE** bathroom aerator, contact us at vsheth@ci.kirkland.wa.us, or (425) 587-3907.

It's Salmon SEEson again!

Spot the spawners in the Lake Washington/Cedar/Sammamish Watershed this fall!

Fall is here, and salmon are returning to streams and rivers around Puget Sound. Watch for these natural beauties at the listed spots around the watershed as they make their seasonal journey!

See salmon on these dates at these locations:

Dates	Locations	Contact for more information
Now through October	Chittenden Locks, 3015 NW 54th St., Seattle	(206) 783-7059 or search web for "Chittenden Locks" (free tours/talks twice daily)
Sept. 18 (9am–12pm) & Oct. 2 (9am-12pm)	Along the Sammamish River Trail south of 85th St. Bridge, Redmond	(425) 556-2822 or pholte@redmond.gov
Oct. 16 (11am-1pm)	Issaquah Salmon Hatchery on Issaquah Creek, 125 W. Sunset Way, Issaquah	(425) 392-8025 or www.issaquahfish.org
Late September to mid-November, every day during business hours*	Bear Creek, 12526 Avondale Rd NE., Redmond (behind Classic Nursery)	Linda at (425) 882-1846 or lyhussey@comcast.net
Throughout October*	Mercer Slough fish ladder on Kelsey Creek in Bellevue	Call or email first: (425) 452-5200 or streamteam@bellevuewa.gov
Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, 30, 31 (11am - 4pm)	Five locations along the Cedar River near Renton	(206) 245-0143 or www.cedarriver.org
Nov. 13 to Dec. 11 (Weekends, 11am-2pm)	Piper's Creek, Carkeek Park, 950 NW Carkeek Park Rd., Seattle	(206) 684-0877 or www.seattle.gov/parks/environment/carkeek.htm Special activities on November 26th

**self-guided*

For more information on any or all of these opportunities, visit www.kingcounty.gov/salmon and click on "**Salmon SEEson**." Or call (206) 296-8016. You'll also find great links on the website about how to protect salmon and their habitat this fall – and year-round.

Go Dog, Go!

At this summer's Go Dog, Go festival, over 140 participants signed the Super Scooper Pledge to keep our yards, parks, and streams clean and healthy by picking up dog waste. Each participant that signed the pledge received a waste bag dispenser that they could attach to their dog's leash. Using the bags in these dispensers, they'll help to keep pet waste out of the environment (and off the bottoms of our shoes!).

Many people don't realize that the little piles of waste left on the ground by their 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 their dog's waste. Scoop the poop, bag it and put it in your trash!

Take the **Super Scooper Pledge** for clean yards, parks & streams at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/petwaste and we'll send you a FREE pet waste bag dispenser for your pooch!

Super Scoopers

Volunteers Rock!

This past spring, volunteers helped remove invasive weeds, including Himalayan Blackberry *(Rubis discolor)* and English Ivy *(Hedera helix)*, from over 7,000 square feet of streambank along Juanita Creek and Everest Creek! Their efforts helped free up areas for the growth of native plants and created habitat for wildlife.

Are you interested in volunteering in Kirkland's natural areas? Sign up for the Kirkland Green E-Updates at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/E-Bulletins.htm to find out about upcoming projects and other volunteer opportunities.

KIRKLAND GREEN

Connect the Drops to Savings

With climate change concerns, high energy prices, and rising water rates, nearly everyone is looking for ways to conserve resources and cut costs. The good news is that by using a little "water sense" we can all use less water, energy, and money.

Many Americans know about the importance of saving energy, and many know about the importance of saving water. But few know about the direct connection between saving both. We turn on the bathroom lights and the shower without realizing how closely related water and electricity are to each other.

On average, the annual energy used to deliver, heat, and treat water for only 10 households could power a refrigerator for a year. Given how closely related saving water is to saving energy, one of the best ways to save both is to use water more efficiently. You can start by installing WaterSense labeled products. Launched in 2006, WaterSense is an EPA-sponsored (Environmental Protection Agency) partnership program that seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by promoting water efficiency and enhancing the market for water-efficient products, programs, and practices. You can choose from hundreds of WaterSense labeled products. What's more, you can be sure the products will not only save resources, but will perform well. WaterSense labeled products must undergo independent, third-party testing and certification to ensure they meet EPA's criteria for both efficiency and performance.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/watersense.

Take the Pledge, Enjoy the Rewards

At this year's Kirkland Uncorked, 175 event goers took a Kirkland-sponsored pledge to reduce waste. In return for their pledge, participants received a complimentary reusable shopping bag or an aluminum water bottle. To see all the photos, go to http://bit.ly/aTYcu5.

If you're up to the challenge, come to the Public Works counter at the Kirkland City Hall at 123 5th Avenue to take the pledge and pick up your reusable shopping bag or water bottle today. One bag or bottle per customer. Supplies are limited.

Unwanted Medicine Disposal

Most of us have at least one unused or expired prescription medication stored in our home. Leftover medicines pose a high risk of misuse and abuse. In addition, when disposed of in the garbage or flushed into the sewer system, they can harm the environment. Currently, there is a strong movement to get a state producer responsibility bill passed, similar to the overwhelmingly successful E-Cycle Washington Program, that will establish a universal, free, and secure medicine take back program in Washington paid for by the drug manufacturers. City of Kirkland staff encourages you to call or email your state legislator and voice your support for secure medicine take back legislation. Fortunately, until a bill passes there are several privately-funded take back programs in the vicinity of Kirkland that you can take advantage of:

Business	Location	Phone	Restrictions
Bartell Drugs Bridle Trails Pharmacy	6619 132nd Ave. NE Kirkland 98033	(425) 881-5678	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm Sat 9 am-6 pm Sun 10 am-6 pm
Group Health Cooperative Bellevue Medical Center Pharmacy	11511 NE 10th St. Bellevue 98004	(425) 502-3820	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES Open 24 hours, 7 days a week
Bartell Drugs Bellevue Village Pharmacy	10116 NE 8th St. Bellevue 98004	(425) 454-3111	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES Mon-Fri 8 am-9 pm Sat 9 am-6 pm Sun 10 am-6 pm
Group Health Cooperative Factoria Medical Center Pharmacy	13451 SE 36th St. Bellevue 98006	(425) 562-1302	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES Mon-Fri 8:30 am-6 pm
Group Health Cooperative Redmond Medical Center Pharmacy	7765 159th Pl. NE, #100 Redmond 98052	(425) 882-6150	NO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES Mon-Fri 8 am-6 pm Sat 9 am-1 pm
Bothell Police	18410 101st Ave. NE Bothell 98011	(425) 388-3199	ACCEPTS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES and other medicines Call for details & hours

Houghton Transfer Station Construction Reminder

A King County Solid Waste Division (KCSWD) construction project at the Houghton Transfer Station will restrict public access to the station through mid-December 2010. On weekdays, residents must use other King County solid waste facilities. On Saturdays and Sundays, limited public access is provided. Residential customers are advised to expect delays, use caution, and are urged to consider an alternative disposal option.

Alternative disposal options include:

Factoria Transfer Station – 13800 SE 32nd St., Bellevue
Renton Transfer Station – 3021 NE 4th St., Renton
Shoreline Transfer Station – 2300 N. 165th St., Shoreline

For more information, please contact the King County Solid Waste Division at (206) 296-4466, TTY Relay 711 or visit their website at www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste.

Houghton Transfer Station