



# SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

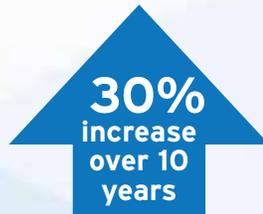
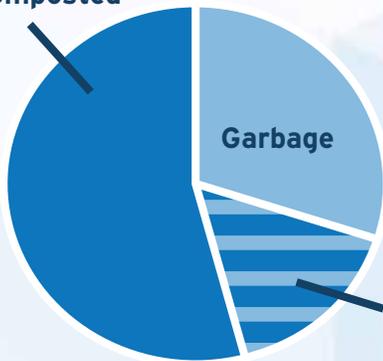
## Why is this important?

We have a finite amount of resources so it's important to make the best use of them. Recycling and composting alone are not enough. Sustainable materials management is a systemic, holistic approach to using and reusing materials more productively over their entire life cycles.

## How is Kirkland doing now?

In 2018, each person in Kirkland generated about 20 pounds of waste a week (including recycling and compost), with just under 9 pounds going to the landfill. In 2018, Kirkland residents recycled or composted just over half of their waste (by weight).

**Current rate:**  
54% of waste recycled or composted



**Goal: 16% additional waste recycled or composted (70% total)**

## What key goals are included?

Key sustainable materials management goals include:

- Each person in Kirkland throws out less than 5.1 pounds of trash each week, a 40% reduction
- Recycle or compost 70% of Kirkland's waste
- Reduce single-use food service ware
- Increase the number of businesses composting food scraps

## What is the Sustainability Master Plan?

The Sustainability Master Plan is a ten-year planning document that outlines community-level goals and actions intended to help Kirkland meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

Major community needs are:

- clean air and water
- healthy food to eat
- safe ways to get around
- more housing options that allow people of all economic means to live and thrive
- a more equitable and socially just city that is welcoming and inclusive of all people



## How can you help meet these goals?

- Compost all your food scraps in your gray cart
- Take steps to keep food from going to waste
- Donate or re-sell usable electronics instead of recycling them, and upgrade electronics less often
- Choose secondhand items and participate in community sharing and reuse groups
- Repair broken items instead of replacing them
- When remodeling, use a salvage team to recover usable building materials
- Buy fewer items and choose reusable items over disposable products to reduce your waste
- Advocate for waste policies with City Council

***For all goals and actions, see the Sustainability Master Plan.***

