



SUSTAINABLE MATERIALS MANAGEMENT

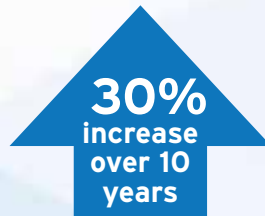
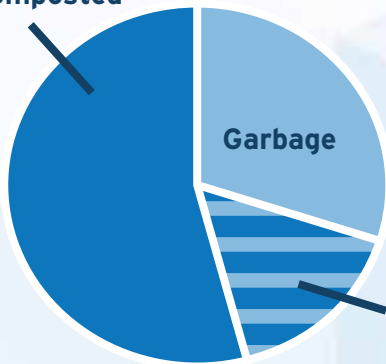
Why is this important?

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.

