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King County finds the best and brightest recycling superstars

Residents share their strong recycling habits and win green 'experience' prizes

The creative talent of King County residents has been brought to light with the King County Solid Waste Division's "Recycling Superstar" contest, in which people shared their ideas on how they go the extra mile to recycle items, rather than throwing them in the garbage.

For their efforts, five people who submitted recycling tips during the Aug. 16-Sept. 14 online contest have won great "experience" prizes, including a trip to Victoria, tickets to a Seattle Sounders game, and more.

Surveys have shown that while most King County residents do recycle, more than half of what ends up at the County's Cedar Hills Regional Landfill can easily be recycled. Food scraps and food-soiled paper, both of which can be placed in the curbside yard waste cart for recycling, make up more than one third of residential garbage.

"We knew there were some serious recyclers out there who are really going the extra mile to recycle all they can," said Gerty Coville, King County Solid Waste Division project manager.

"The stories they tell really illustrate how easy and fun it can be to recycle more and recycle better at home."

A panel of King County recycling experts judged the entries based on accuracy and level of recycling effort, creativity and detail. The Recycling Superstar contest is sponsored by the Division's "Recycle More. It's Easy to Do" campaign to help reduce the amount of recyclables that end up in the landfill.

Bronze award winner Lori Rush, when she moved to Renton, left behind only a single small container of garbage. When she got moved in she passed on her

moving boxes and packing materials through Freecycle. She saves her bottle caps for crafting projects and for things she no longer wants, she first tries to pass them to someone who's looking for them on on-line solutions like Craigslist, eBay and the ReUseIt Network. She's truly a Recycling Superstar and she lives in Renton.

Prizes were donated by local radio station partners.

Contest Prizes

- Trip for two to Victoria, B.C., including round trip on the Victoria Clipper, hotel stay, Butchart Garden/city tour and afternoon tea at Fairmont Empress
- Lodging and spa stay in Friday Harbor
- Overnight stay for two at the Roosevelt Hotel in Seattle, including Jazz Alley tickets
- Two Seattle Sounders game tickets plus a gift certificate to Panera Bread
- Two Seattle Sounders game tickets plus a gift certificate to the Neighborhood Grills restaurant of the recipient's choice.

For more information about recycling in King County, visit www.kingcounty.gov/recyclemore or www.recyclefood.com.

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