



Solid Waste Utility

Aug/Sept 2018

Tues, 9/18: Upcycle T-shirts to Totes at the Farmers Market



Do you have a favorite T-shirt you've outgrown or T-shirts you no longer wear? Volunteers with sewing machines will help you upcycle them into reusable totes at the Farmers Market on **Tuesday, 9/18 from 3pm to 7pm**. These unique T-shirt totes are great for shopping, easy to wash and give old T-shirts new life. Have T-shirts to donate? Bring them for others to upcycle. Don't have a T-shirt? Donated shirts will be available so come and join the fun. To save time, bring your T-shirt to the Solid Waste Utility booth when you first arrive so a volunteer can work on it while you shop. For questions, contact Jina at jkim@rentonwa.gov.

What Types of Plastic Bags Can be Recycled?

While bundled plastic bags are currently accepted in curbside recycling carts in the City of Renton, they hinder sorting and get caught in machines at the sorting facility. The best way to recycle plastic bags for the highest rate of recovery is to take them to a [local grocery store](#) that has a plastic bag recycle bin. What types of plastic bags, film and wrap can one recycle?

✓ YES, put in recycle bin

- Carryout, produce, newspaper, bread, dry cleaning bags
- Plastic cereal bags, zip top food storage bags
- Plastic shipping envelopes (remove label), bubble wrap (reuse or donate if possible), air pillow (deflate)
- Plastic wrap on paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, cases of water/soda, disposable cups and plates, diapers, menstrual products
- Plastic wrap on furniture and electronics

✗ NO, don't put in recycle bin

- Compostable bags
- Pre-washed salad mix bags
- Frozen food bags
- Candy wrappers, chip bags
- Six-pack rings

Help Reduce Toxins in Puget Sound



Did you know that the number one toxic threat to Puget Sound are items we use or dispose of such as chemicals, fertilizers, oil, auto fluids and litter? Rain washes these toxins from roads, sidewalks and properties directly into waterways killing fish and contaminating the

marine ecosystem. [Learn](#) how you can help. Take a short [survey](#) and get a free Chinook Book smartphone app for great discounts at local businesses. This offer is available to Renton residents. For questions, contact Kristina in Surface Water Engineering at klowthian@rentonwa.gov.

Sat, 9/15: Fall Recycle Event

Start gathering items for the Fall Recycle Event on **Sat, 9/15 from 9am to 3pm at Renton Technical College**. For guidelines and a complete list of acceptable items, visit [Fall Recycle Event](#). Please secure your load and enter the event by turning right at NE 6th Pl going southbound on Monroe Ave NE. For questions, contact Julie at jpursell@rentonwa.gov.

Benefits of Organic Materials



Did you know that organic materials from unwanted food, wood and yard waste are critical in sustaining our planet? [Learn](#) the benefits of and how to use compost and recycled wood items.



[Savvy Gardener Classes](#) (Free)

Thurs 9/20, 5 to 6:30pm
Drought Recovery & Developing a Resilient Landscape.
Free but registration required.
King County Water District No. 90
15606 SE 128th St, Renton

[Auto Leak Workshop](#) (Free)

Learn maintenance basics with option to have vehicle inspected.
Sat 8/25, 9am to 1pm
Sat 9/29, 9am to 1pm
South Seattle College

[Wastemobile](#) (Free)

Drop off acceptable household hazardous materials.
Fri 10/12- Sun 10/14, 10am to 5pm
McLendon Hardware parking lot

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