



# Solid Waste Utility

April/May 2018

## Plastic Bag Survey and Campaign



As many cities and countries around the world have recognized, plastic bags are a problem with financial and environmental impacts. Whether intentionally littered or not, plastic bags in the environment pollute our waters and endanger wildlife and humans. To reduce plastic bag use, the Solid Waste Utility is launching the Bring Your Own Bag campaign in April.

Bring reusable bags whenever you shop to help keep Renton a safe, healthy and enjoyable place for everyone. In addition, tell us how you feel about plastic bags by completing the [plastic bag survey](#) online by June 6<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, be a citizen scientist and help gather data by [submitting](#) photos of littered plastic bags in your neighborhood with the date and address, or nearest intersection, where the photo was taken. For questions, contact Jina at [jkim@rentonwa.gov](mailto:jkim@rentonwa.gov) or 425-430-7391.

## Latex Paint Recycling



King County residents and businesses can now drop off unwanted latex paint, water-based stains and clear finishes for recycling at [designated locations](#), including Fairwood and Highlands Ace Hardware stores in Renton. A fee will be charged to cover the cost of labor to package and transport the latex paint to the processing facility.

Call the collection site for acceptability and recycling fee. Oil-based paint, solvents and other hazardous products are NOT accepted and should be [disposed of properly](#).

## Special Soil Offer for Compost Days



If you recycle food scraps and yard waste by putting them in your curbside organics bin or in your own compost pile, we salute you. You rescue valuable resources from the landfill that can be turned into nutrient-rich compost for our region to grow food and maintain healthy gardens.

To celebrate your phenomenal recycling efforts, Cedar Grove is bringing back Compost Days. From March 9 to April 22, it will offer discounts on soil and donate compost to important community projects, including Mother Joseph Farm at Providence Health & Services in Renton.

For more information on what's accepted in your curbside organics bin or how and where to get a soil discount, visit [Compost Days](#).

## Spring Recycle Day Needs Volunteers



Did you know that Renton's recycle events would not be possible without volunteers? If you would like to continue seeing recycle events in Renton, join the recycling volunteer team at this year's [Spring Recycle Day](#). It will take place on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 3 pm at Renton Technical College. Half or full day shifts are available as greeters, traffic directors, and recycle station champions. Safety equipment, beverages and lunches are provided. Plus, volunteers get to skip the line and drop off recyclable items first. For more information, contact Julie at [jpursell@rentonwa.gov](mailto:jpursell@rentonwa.gov) or 425-430-7396.



[Savvy Gardener Classes](#) (Free)  
Th, 4/12 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm  
Sat, 5/19 from 10 am to 11:30 am  
Th, 5/24 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm  
King County Water District No. 90  
15606 SE 128<sup>th</sup>, Renton

[Auto Leak Workshop](#) (Free)  
Sat, 4/14 from 9 am to 1 pm  
Sat, 5/12 from 9 am to 1 pm  
South Seattle College

[Spring Recycle Day](#) (Free)  
Sat, 5/5 from 9 am to 3 pm  
Renton Technical College

[Renton Repair Café](#) (Free)  
Wed, 5/16 from 3 pm to 6 pm  
Renton Library

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