



# Solid Waste Utility

June/July 2018

## Do the “Stop and Swap” This Saturday



Do you have gently used household items that you no longer want? Why not give them to Renton neighbors who can use them? It’s time to do the “Stop and Swap”! This annual event will take place on Saturday, June 2 from 10am to 2pm at Renton

Memorial Stadium’s south parking lot. Give your reusable items a second life by dropping them off at this free event hosted by the Solid Waste Utility. The goal of the event is to divert quality goods from the landfill. For event details and a list of acceptable items, visit [Stop & Swap](#).

## Remembering Reusable Bags



The Solid Waste Utility has been busy lately speaking with and hearing from people about plastic bags—it’s a hot topic! We were delighted to learn that many already use or have reusable bags. But sometimes the challenge is remembering to bring reusable bags. The good news is that bringing reusable bags gets easier the more you do it. The trick is leaving visible reminders for yourself in strategic places like a note on top of your shopping list, on

your fridge or in your car; hanging reusable bags on the inside of your front door; or even using a reminder app. And most importantly, don’t give up, keep trying! For more information, check out this fun [Reduce, Reuse, Remember](#) video made by a Renton resident for her school project. And please help others bring bags by sharing in the comments below the video your tips on remembering bags.

## Step Up to the Challenge



Do you wonder: How have we come to depend so much on plastic packaging? Can we reverse the trend? What can we do? Join the Plastic Free July [#ChooseToRefuse challenge](#) and show that eliminating or reducing plastic packaging from our lives can be

done. You may already refuse disposable plastic bags, water bottles or coffee mugs. That’s fantastic! Wherever you may be on the “choose to refuse” spectrum, see if you can take it one step further. How about refusing plastic straws and utensils? Or instead of buying prepackaged produce, buy only the amount you need from a farmers market. Tip: don’t forget your reusable bag! Need some motivation? Consider this: every bit of plastic ever made still exists and in the first 10 years of this century, the world produced more plastic than during the entire 1900’s. It’s time to step up and join over two million people in this world-wide Challenge and choose to refuse.

## Fill Out Bag Survey by June 6

The last day to complete the [plastic bag survey](#) is June 6. To those who have already completed the survey, thank you! For questions, contact Jina at [jkim@rentonwa.gov](mailto:jkim@rentonwa.gov) or 425-430-7391.

## Make it Local, Use it Local



Did you know that the average household produces 5 yards of finished compost a year? As part of the [My 5 Challenge](#), Cedar Grove will donate \$50 to a local nonprofit for every 5 yards of compost you purchase. Split delivery options available. Learn about the benefits of and how to use compost [here](#).



### [Renton Farmers Market](#)

Every Tuesday from 3 pm to 7 pm June through September with weekly themes including Green Day on Tues, 7/24, at Piazza Park in downtown

### [Savvy Gardener Classes](#) (Free)

Sat, 6/9 from 11 am to 12:30 pm  
Getting Plants Off to a Great Start: Proper Planting, Watering, & More Free but registration required. Contact 425-255-9600 or [debg@kcwd90.com](mailto:debg@kcwd90.com) to register. King County Water District No. 90 15606 SE 128<sup>th</sup>, Renton

### [Auto Leak Workshop](#) (Free)

Sat, 6/16 from 9 am to 1 pm  
Sat, 7/21 from 9 am to 1 pm  
South Seattle College

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