



Solid Waste Utility

Jan/Feb/Mar 2019

Recycle Plastic Bags in Store, Not Curbside



Starting in 2019, plastic bags and film will no longer be accepted in [curbside recycling](#) as they are a challenge to separate out at the recycling facility and contaminate other materials. Instead, plastic bags may be dropped off at grocery stores that accept them for recycling. See a list of acceptable plastic bags and participating stores [here](#).

2019 Clean Sweep: Schedule One Free Extra Garbage Collection

If you have junk taking up space in your home, clear it out with a Clean Sweep collection. City of Renton single family residential customers may schedule ONE curbside collection of up to 10 units of garbage (32 gallons per unit) and 2 bulky garbage items between March 4 and December 28, 2019 at no additional charge. Please review the [Clean Sweep guidelines](#) for accepted items, how to participate and a list of resources for repair, reuse and recycle. Clean Sweep is for garbage items that need to be landfilled as a last resort. To prevent waste, please repair, reuse and recycle.



Waste Prevention Leaders: Lindbergh High Environmental Club



Students have been lining up to visit Lindbergh High's newest feature: a water bottle refill station. It was installed in November after months of work by the school's Environmental Club. Despite fundraising difficulties and installation delays, the refill station is now delivering water and changing behavior. Students

are buying fewer bottled drinks from school vending machines and even talking about the refill station in conversation. Ithalia Muñoz, the club's treasurer, described how "people talk about it...like 'Let's go get water here,'... which is cool 'cause I've seen a line up to get water."

Up next for LHS' Environmental Club is a move to the next level of King County's Green Schools program. To do so, club members will work on energy conservation projects and start food waste recycling at the school. Members also want to raise money to purchase two more bottle refill stations so that there is one on each school floor. In recognition of their work to prevent waste in our community, we are delighted to name Environmental Club members Sharon Chen (president), David Xu (secretary), Sam Hipol (vice president), and Ithalia Muñoz (treasurer) our newest Waste Prevention Leaders. Read the full story of the Lindbergh High Environmental Club [here](#).

Know someone who loves to reduce, reuse, repair, or recycle? Help recognize community members who lead the way in preventing waste. Send your nomination to mheubach@rentonwa.gov.

Everyday Conservationists



Renton residents have a new opportunity to receive community support in achieving personal waste reduction goals while sharing green consumer practices with others. Everyday Conservationists is a community-organized group that will protect wildlife through daily consumer choices, focusing on reducing single-use plastics through choosing reusables. Residents are invited to a planning meeting at the Renton Library meeting room on Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 PM. The group will share waste reduction strategies and plan details of a social media campaign. Join the Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/everydayconservationists



[Cascade Gardner Classes](#)
See the full list of FREE natural gardening classes and how to register [here](#). Below are examples of classes near Renton.
Sat 3/2, 10am: Gardening in Pots
Sat 3/9, 10am: Edible Landscapes
Th 3/14 & 3/21, 7pm: Veggie Gardening
Th 3/28, 7pm: Vertical Gardening

[SubUrban Farm & Garden Expo](#)
Swap plants and seeds, and learn about gardening, beekeeping, backyard chickens and more.
Sat 3/9, 10am-2pm
North Highlands Neighborhood Center

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