



Solid Waste Utility

May/June 2019

May 11: Spring Recycle Event



Recycle unwanted items properly by bringing them to the [Spring Recycle Event](#) on Saturday, May 11 from 9am to 3pm at the north parking lot of Renton Technical College. This is a drive-through event where recyclable materials are dropped-off at each collection station. Acceptable

items include, but are not limited to, reusable household goods, unusable textiles, plastic bags, Styrofoam, batteries, antifreeze, motor oil, tires, mattresses (\$18 cash), cardboard, scrap metal, bulky yard waste, clean wood and broken concrete. Prior to loading your vehicle, refer to event [guidelines](#) for limitations, acceptable materials, and the order in which items will be unloaded. Remember to safely secure your load!

Waste Prevention Leader: Barbara Segal



Barbara Segal wants to make waste prevention normal. To do so, she started a Facebook campaign where community members can showcase what they are doing to prevent waste and offer tips. So far, the page has 102 members, and anyone can join at facebook.com/groups/everydayconservationists.

This social media campaign is just part of Barbara's work in engaging her community about waste prevention. In the past, she has created an animated video about reducing plastic bag use, and volunteered to sew T-shirts into reusable shopping bags for market goers at the Renton Farmers Market. She has also reached out to businesses to distribute bag surveys and posters that remind customers to bring their own bag.

WASTE PREVENTION TIP: Buy fruit and vegetables that are not wrapped in plastic

FAVORITE WAY TO PREVENT WASTE: Bringing her own container for leftovers to restaurants

Despite her enthusiasm for preventing waste, Barbara finds it challenging at times, especially when it comes to the packaging from her favorite snack—granola bars. The wrapping around them generates garbage, as do the bags that hold salty snacks she enjoys. While Barbara is interested in making her own kale chips to alleviate some of this waste, she recognizes the difficulty of preventing food packaging waste.

We thank Barbara, our newest Waste Prevention Leader, for her continued efforts at preventing waste in Renton—hip, hip, hurray!

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.

Think Before You Shred

Shredded paper is no longer accepted in curbside organics or recycling bins due to contamination issues. Please only shred paper when necessary and recycle shredded paper at local shredding events.

June 1: Stop & Swap Event



Join the fun at [Stop & Swap – Reuse It!](#) on Saturday, June 1 by dropping-off or finding reusable items for free. This event helps our community reuse and repurpose quality goods. Accepted items include building materials and household items in good condition such as furniture, toys, books, gardening tools, exercise equipment and some electronics. Prohibited items include clothes, televisions, refrigerators, pianos, windows, and computers and monitors. See the event [guidelines](#) for a full list of what is accepted.



[Natural Gardening Classes – Free](#)
Sat 5/11, 10am: Irrigation Systems
—How to Water Efficiently
Th 6/20, 5pm: Less Work, Better Gardens—the Natural Way
Above classes take place at King County Water District 90 in Renton. Visit the [Saving Water Partnership](#) to register.

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