



FAQs

Free Recyclables Service is Closing at Most King County Transfer Stations

Effective February 1, 2012

What is changing?

 These materials will no longer be accepted for recycling at King County's Cedar Falls, Enumclaw, Houghton, Renton, and Shoreline facilities:

- Aluminum cans
- Cardboard
- Glass bottles and jars
- Mixed paper
- Newspaper
- Plastic bottles, tubs and jugs
- Tin cans



King County will continue to collect these recyclables at its Skykomish, Snoqualmie Pass, and Vashon facilities where curbside collection of recyclables is not readily available.

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Q Why is this service being eliminated from most King County Transfer Stations

- A** Providing this service at King County transfer stations unnecessarily duplicates a service that is already available to 99 percent of King County residents through curbside collection.
- Curbside recycling service is included, at no extra cost, when you sign up for garbage service.*
 - The type of recyclables accepted at county transfer stations are more efficiently handled through curbside pickup. Each year over 115,000 tons of those recyclables are collected curbside while only 4,000 tons are collected at County transfer stations.
 - Providing this service costs the solid waste rate payers \$400,000 each year.
 - The Solid Waste Division will primarily use its limited resources filling gaps in recycling service by collecting materials at the transfer stations that cannot be recycled elsewhere. These new services will take some time to implement and services may vary from station to station.
 - Curbside collection also reduces greenhouse gas emissions by reducing individual trips to transfer stations.

**Except Skykomish, Snoqualime Pass and Vashon communities.*

Q What do I do with my recyclables now?

- A**
- If you have brought recyclables with you today, the scale operator can give you a list of private companies in the area that will accept your recyclables for free or for a small fee.
 - You can dispose of your recyclables here at the transfer station, but they will not be recycled. They will be buried in the landfill and you will have to pay the regular garbage rate.

Q What can I do in the future?

- A** The cheapest and most efficient way to recycle is to sign up for curbside collection. This is available to 99 percent of King County residents, at no extra cost, when you sign up for garbage service.

If you generate more recyclables than will fit in your bin, you can request a larger bin from your hauler, or set out extra recyclables at no extra charge.

Call your hauler to sign up for curbside collection or to request a larger/additional recycling bin.

If you do not know who your hauler is, contact the King County Solid Waste Division.

Q More questions? Comments?

- A** Call the King County Solid Waste Division at 206-296-4466 or visit our web site at <http://your.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste>.

