



**Republic Services**  
**Commodity Revenue Sharing Enhancement Plan for King County**  
**August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2023**

Per RCW 81.77.185, Rabanco Ltd, Kent Meridian Disposal, and SeaTac Disposal, aka Republic Services, is setting forth this plan to increase quality recycling and decrease garbage and other materials that would otherwise be disposed of in a landfill. Republic Services seeks to continue retaining up to **50%** of the commodity value revenues generated through effective recycling practices. The intent of this two-year agreement, developed in partnership with the King County Solid Waste Division, is to increase the amounts and quality of materials recycled at single-family homes and multi-family properties in the Republic Services service area defined in Tariff No. 11, Rabanco LTD & Rabanco Recycling, Inc. (Certificate G-12); Tariff No. 26, Rabanco LTD (Certificate G-12); and Tariff No. 27, Fiorito Enterprises, Inc. & Rabanco Connections (Certificate G-60). Per the definition in RCW 70.95.030, “recycling” means “transforming or remanufacturing waste materials into usable or marketable materials for use other than landfill disposal or incineration.”

This Plan covers the time period of **August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2023**, at which time it terminates. County review of program implementation will be on a quarterly basis to ensure that current programs and next steps are properly evaluated. The Plan is divided into two parts to accommodate WUTC filing deadlines.

Part A will include activities occurring August 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022 and include activities in the last three months of the 2019-2021 Plan. Part B will run May 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023. See Attachment A: Timeline for Revenue Share Agreement.

The benefits to the County and to our collective customers are significant. These innovative programs are specifically designed to address market fluctuations caused by global issues such as China’s National Sword policy and to implement contamination reduction initiatives in the recycling stream. The flexibility to address these industry-wide issues is possible through the revenue sharing agreement and our collaboration. The proposed 2021-2023 budget, which includes projected revenues and expenditures, is presented in Attachment C.

Deliverables such as reports, brochures, other materials, and tactics which are proven to increase residential recycling participation and reduce contamination in implementing this agreement may be shared with others in the MSW education community. By using revenue sharing funds, both Republic Services and the County are able to pilot innovative approaches to increase and improve recycling in King County. Throughout the course of the Plan subject to this agreement, Republic Services and the County reserve the right to modify activities or approaches described in this Plan in order to accommodate unexpected opportunities for increasing recycling, adjust for changing commodity values, respond to data collected, and to refine activities.

King County requires that city-specific information be available online via the existing Republic Services microsites on [www.RepublicServicesNW.com](http://www.RepublicServicesNW.com) for all WUTC service areas. These areas include: Medina, Beaux Arts, Yarrow Point, Hunts Point, Kenmore, Klahanie Area, Unincorporated North King County, and

Unincorporated South King County. The current microsites shall stay updated with current information including, but not limited to collection schedules, material preparation requirements, service rates, inclement weather service delays, and educational tools.

Republic Services is eligible for a financial incentive for implementation of this plan as follows:

- For participation in regional strategic planning efforts, planning and executing tactics in collaboration with King County addressing recycling contamination and organic stream contamination reduction tactics, and any increased diversion of materials from disposal by regulated residential customers, as a result of these efforts, an amount equal to 5% of the total expenditures incurred by Republic Services in implementation of Plan activities. To determine eligibility for this incentive payment, Republic Services will, in collaboration with King County, develop and execute measures which reduce contamination in the recycle and organics streams. The completion of deliverables and evaluation of execution will determine eligibility and be reported for the first year (Part A) from **May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2022**, and for the second year (Part B) from **May 1, 2022 through April 30, 2023**.
- Eligibility for the incentive payments is conditional upon satisfaction by the County and WUTC that expenditures are consistent with the Plan activities and budget. The County shall provide a recommendation to the WUTC regarding Republic Services' eligibility to retain the incentive payments by **June 15, 2022** and **June 15, 2023** for respective years of the agreement. Elements of the review for eligibility for the incentive may include but not be limited to:
  - Regular attendance in regional meetings facilitated and organized by King County
  - Expenditures completed which support and leverage County outreach planning and implementation for recycling and organics stream communication, outreach, and contamination reduction tactics
  - The completion of tactics will be supported with proof of execution.

Republic Services would like to prioritize implementation of the following goals:

**Task 1: Project Management/Administration and Coordination of the Agreement**

Republic will retain and assign staffing necessary to fulfill the activities contained in this agreement, including a Revenue Share Agreement Manager estimated to spend 35% of her/his time on tasks in this RSA. Activities of this manager and other RS staff (such as, but not limited to the Area Controller, Municipal Manager, and Senior Marketing Analyst) to implement RSA activities will be tracked on the performance tracking and reporting form (Attachment D). Republic will develop a way to ensure efficient planning, implementation and evaluation of the deliverables and tasks completed in the RSA.

The project management/administration task includes the following:

- Quarterly meetings with goals of updating on plan implementation, revenue estimates and work plan adjustments, as well as to discuss upcoming rate filings, if any, and operations topics, such as customer service when needs arise.
- The preparation and review of reports and summaries.
- Republic staff participation in regional meetings sponsored by the County to discuss or report on strategies for increasing recycling and managing contamination. For example, Republic staff will attend King County Recycle Right Consortium meetings and, when requested, Solid Waste Advisory Committee meetings. Republic staff may be requested to attend other local, regional, or state recycling workgroups as they arise.
- Providing King County with tariff filings each time that they are submitted to the UTC.



- As requested, support on cost analysis and strategy development for new work in these agreements that can support contamination or increase recycling, such as contamination reduction planning, identifying residential contamination violators, costs associated with contaminated loads, or development of measurement and metrics for activities.

**Summary/Annual Reporting & Interpretation:**

Republic Services will provide the county with a report halfway through the agreement period. This report will outline the current and completed tasks and provide an update on spent expenditures. Republic will, on a quarterly and annual basis, review the general trend of recyclable commodity prices and determine if any budgetary changes need to be made for the second part of the agreement.

At quarterly update meetings, Republic will provide the county with a full overview of completed work and implementation efforts, budgeted and actual expenditures, and reporting of results from any finished projects. At the 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting, the midway point of the agreement, we will fully review the reporting that will be sent to the WUTC and will adjust the budget if necessary. All quarterly reports will be discussed during in-person meetings and any changes to plans will be decided upon as a group.

In a final agreement report, due to the County on **June 1, 2023**, Republic Services will provide a summary of completed task implementation efforts, budgeted and actual expenditures, and retained revenues during the planning period.

**Review Period:** The County will be given 5 business days to review the material. Republic Services will be given 5 business days to review and respond to each new request, change, or suggestion brought by the County. If a deliverable is not approved by the County within two weeks of Republic Services original submission date, then Republic and King County upper management will need to have a conference call to discuss why the deliverable has not been approved and what will need to occur for the deliverable to be approved.

Task 1 Related Deliverables/Measurable:

- 2021-2023 Plan and attachments
- Summary and annual reports

Task 1 Related Timeline: Implementation plans for tasks 3-5 will be provided no later than **October 13<sup>th</sup> 2021**. These implementation plans will lay out specific timelines, budgets, and deliverables and will serve as a working reference document throughout the agreement period.

Task 1 Related Budget: \$67,000

- Revenue Share Agreement Manager staffing time: \$55,000
- Other Republic Services Staff: \$12,000

**Task 2: Data collection and reporting**

Republic Services will provide monthly reporting of tonnages and customer counts to the County for all areas in King County (excluding Seattle) served by Republic. These reports will be provided to the County by the end of the following month. Reports shall be disaggregated by jurisdiction and by generator type (single family, multifamily, and commercial). Republic will also provide a log of customer service complaints received monthly, as well as a report on processing residuals from King County generators and the quantity of residuals delivered by Republic Services to Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.

Task 2 Related Deliverables/Measurable:

- Monthly reports in format required by County

Task 2 Related Timeline: Reports are provided monthly

Task 2 Related Budget: \$22,000

**Task 3: Single Family Residents Contamination Reduction Education for the Residential Recycling and Composting Streams**

The goal in task 3 is to focus on contamination reduction in curbside recycling streams and regional organics contamination work conducted during this agreement. The team will conduct ongoing education of single family residences with an emphasis on reducing contamination in the recycle and organics streams. The team will also work, where resources are available, to increase participation in recycling and composting. Audience analysis of languages will be completed and multilingual outreach to languages other than English done by leveraging County outreach efforts to multilingual/multicultural communities. Work under this task will align with and support the work of the King County Recycle Right Consortium where appropriate and feasible.

Some of the tactics may include by are not limited to:

- Work directly with households who have heavy contamination in their recycling and organics carts in order to improve their skills in sorting properly and further development of residential accountability tactics, such as cart tagging, to support recycling and composting of acceptable curbside materials.
- Broad and targeting advertising providing education and tips for successful curbside participation.
- Development of better approaches with use of various technology platforms to share educational messages.
- Development of culturally appropriate outreach tactics tailored to multicultural residents including review and revision of curbside guides in multiple languages

Task 3 Related Deliverables/Measurable:

- Implementation plan will be provided to the County by **October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**.
- Education material will be reviewed, revised, and completed as needed.

Task 3 Related Timeline: The timeline for this task will be provided in an implementation plan.

Task 3 Related Budget: \$35,000

**Task 4: Multifamily Residences Contamination Reduction Education for the Multifamily Recycling and Composting Streams**

The goal of task 4 is to focus on contamination reduction in the recycling stream and regional organics contamination work conducted during this agreement. We will plan and execute ongoing education outreach, including developing proper sorting and contamination reduction tactics for multifamily complexes.

Some of the tactics may include:

- Implementation of targeted contamination reduction education and outreach to tenants with specific complexes selected because they are able to be accessed by outreach teams.

Task 4 Related Deliverables/Measurable:

- Implementation plan by Q4 2021





Task 4 Related Timeline: The timeline for this task will be provided in the implementation plan.

Task 4 Related Budget: \$15,000

**Task 5: Understanding Contamination**

The goal of task 5 is to gain a deeper understanding about improper sorting and other factors which contribute to contamination and to determine the most cost-effective and efficient methods of reducing contamination in recycling and compost streams. Gaining a deeper understanding may include but is not limited to:

- Solid Waste Division MRF study implementation and analysis of results
- Contamination in the cart and analyzing audience behavior that influences sorting
- Contamination derived from the MRF and its processes
- Residuals and development of criteria to measure contamination

Task 5 Related Budget: TBD

Extension of the revenue sharing program beyond **July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023** will require WUTC approval based in part upon the results of this year's program and the submittal by Republic Services of another plan certified by King County. Republic Services must submit a new draft plan to King County no later than the week of **May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023** in order for certification to be considered. A concept discussion on the new plan will be conducted at the 3rd quarterly meeting with a follow up conference call the week of **June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023** to confirm the details before the actual plan is written and submitted. The final plan must be submitted to the WUTC no later than **June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.

Republic Services Authorized Representative

Date



6/10/21

~~General~~ Manager, Republic Services of Bellevue  
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General Manager, Republic Services of Kent



COUNTY CERTIFICATION

With this acknowledgement, King County hereby certifies this Revenue Sharing Agreement is consistent with the County's Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and the County's understanding of RCW 81.77.185.

King County Authorized Representative

Date

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**Attachment A: Timeline for Revenue Share Agreement**

June 15, 2021	Proposal for 2021-2023 Agreement Due to UTC
July 31, 2021	Part B: 2019-2021 Activities End
August 1, 2021	Part A: 2021-2022 Agreement Begins & new customer pass-back term goes into effect
October 13, 2021	Implementation Plan Due for Task 3-4
April 30, 2022	Part A: 2021-2022 Ends
May 1, 2022	Part B: 2022-2023 Begins
June 1, 2022	2021-2022 First Year Report Due to King County
June 15, 2022	2021-2022 First Year Report & Commodity Credits Filing Due to UTC
August 1, 2022	New customer pass-back effective
April 30, 2023	Financial accounting and Spend items for 2021-2023 Plan Deadline
May 15, 2023	Proposal for 2023-2025 Agreement Due to King County
June 1, 2023	Final Report for 2021-2023 Agreement Due to King County
June 15, 2023	Proposal for 2023-2025 Agreement Due to UTC
July 31, 2023	Part B: 2021-2023 Agreement Ends

