

## **City Council Adopts the 2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan**

City Council has adopted the [2019 King County Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan](#). Under the plan, Kirkland's residents and businesses have new recycling diversion, waste generation, and waste disposal targets to meet. ([See page 33 of this pdf.](#)) Kirkland is meeting some of the plan's targets but others will require additional effort and resources to reach.

The plan establishes a target recycling diversion rate of 70%. Currently Kirkland's combined single family, multifamily, and commercial recycling rate is about 46%. Kirkland residents currently throw away about 8.1 pounds of material each week, while the plan's waste disposal target would be 5.1 pounds. The plan also calls for lower waste generation, the total weight of waste each person produces (including trash, recycling and compost).

Under the plan, a new transfer station will be sited and built somewhere in the northeast County service area. This service area includes the cities of Kirkland, Redmond, Woodinville, and Sammamish. Modern transfer stations offer recycling services and acceptance of difficult-to-recycle items such as appliances, mattresses, fluorescent tubes/bulbs, polystyrene, yard waste, and sharps. Once the new station is built, the Houghton Transfer Station will be closed. The King County-led transfer station siting process will include opportunities for public involvement and comment.



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