

Background

This document provides a high-level update of monthly implementation activities for the [Environmental Sustainability Action Plan \(ESAP\)](#). The ESAP is the City's strategic roadmap to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and enhance Redmond's natural resources for future generations.

Key priorities for 2023-2024 include:

- **High Impact Initiatives:** Implement high impact programs and policies that advance progress towards ESAP goals.
- **Lead by Example:** Continue to drive rapid progress towards the Climate Emergency Declaration goals.
- **Sustainability Programming:** Run a transparent and inclusive sustainability program.

Updates

High Impact Initiatives

- Bring Your Own Cup Campaign: Redmond is partnering with Bellevue, Kirkland and Bothell to encourage reuse and reduce waste through the Eastside Bring Your Own Cup campaign. The campaign includes partnering with coffee shops to encourage patrons to bring their own cup. In return they can get a limited edition BYOC sticker, designed by a local artist, for their cup. Additionally, when patrons post about bringing their own cup to @eastsidebyoc on social media they are entered into weekly drawing for tickets to events like Mariners games and Marymoor concerts. A grand prize winner will win an e-bike! This effort is funded by a King County RE+ grant. For more information visit eastsidebyoc.com or contact Stacey Auer.
- May Styrofoam and Plastic Bag Doorstep Recycling Results: In May, the City partnered with Ridwell to provide free doorstep pickup and recycling of Styrofoam, and plastic bags and plastic film, for Redmond residents. The results are in! Overall, 1,384 households participated in the pickups. A total of 1,349 bags of Styrofoam (3,750 pounds), and 917 bags of plastic (1,072 pounds) were collected for recycling.
- Solid Waste Contract: In 2023, Public Works began a procurement process for a new Garbage, Recycling and Compostables Service Contract. In July, the Public Works Department requested Council authorization for the Mayor to execute a new contract with Recology. Services under the new contract will start January 1, 2026. This new solid waste and recycling services contract provides many enhancements over the current contract that will benefit Redmond residents and businesses, while moving the City closer to meeting our solid waste goals in the ESAP. Learn [more](#).

Sustainability Programming

- Derby Days: Sustainability staff and volunteers from the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee hosted a booth at Derby Days. Engagement highlighted the City's Energy Smart Eastside heat pump program and collected feedback to inform the 2025 refresh of the Environmental Sustainability Action Plan.



- Community Engagement Event – Keller Farm Tour: Redmond Public Works and Sustainability staff hosted a tour of Keller Farm on June 27. Attendees included members of the public and the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee. The tour is part of ongoing efforts to provide public engagement opportunities and raise awareness about the City's sustainability work.

